

## Translational Research Grants Scheme – Round 8)

Round 8 of the Translational Research Grants Scheme (TRGS) opened on 19 February 2024. A memo to SWSLHD staff was sent on 23 February 2024.

In Round 8, there are four key priority research areas:

- Models of care
- Surgical innovation
- Locally identified needs
- Aboriginal and rural health

An information session will be hosted by OHMR on **Wednesday 6 March 2024** from 10am-1pm via Microsoft Teams. To register, please contact [SWSLHD-ResearchDirectorate@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:SWSLHD-ResearchDirectorate@health.nsw.gov.au)

For more details visit the TRGS website. Your EOI must be submitted to Rachel Goldrick at [SWSLHD-ResearchDirectorate@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:SWSLHD-ResearchDirectorate@health.nsw.gov.au) by no later than **5pm, Wednesday 15 May 2024** to be considered eligible for competitive review.

## Grant Success

Congratulations to Ingham Institute researchers on securing 2023 National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Ideas Grant funding.



**Ingham Institute**  
Applied Medical Research

**Dr Lucy Coupland** was awarded \$1.01m for research into fibrinolysis (the degradation of the fibrin network of blood clots) in the critically ill, with a key focus on rapid detection, characterisation and treatment discovery.

**A/Professor Tara Roberts** was awarded \$1.58m on research into combining liquid biopsy and radiomics to provide personalised management of PSMA-lutetium-177 treatment for metastatic prostate cancer patients.

## GCP Training for March - May 2024

Do you need to attend refresher GCP training? To register for a virtual session via Microsoft Teams, please email [Erfan.Jaberianfar@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Erfan.Jaberianfar@health.nsw.gov.au) or [SWSLHD-ClinicalTrialsSupportUnit@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:SWSLHD-ClinicalTrialsSupportUnit@health.nsw.gov.au).

- Wednesday 6 March 2024 from 1-3.30pm
- Friday 22 March 2024 from 9.30am-12pm
- Thursday 4 April 2024 from 1-3.30pm
- Friday 26 April 2024 from 9.30am-12pm
- Tuesday 7 May 2024 from 1-3.30pm
- Friday 31 May 2024 from 1-3.30pm



### Dr Abhijit Pal completes his PhD

Congratulations to **Dr Abhijit Pal**, Medical Oncologist at Liverpool and Bankstown Hospitals who received confirmation his PhD has been successfully awarded from the University of Sydney.

Abhi's PhD thesis is titled: *Informed Consent for Early Phase Cancer Clinical Trials – Helping Patients to Separate Hope and Hype* and can be viewed online [here](#).



### Information Session: SPHERE Funding 2024

SPHERE invites you to join an information session to address any queries you may have regarding the SPHERE Seed Funding Grant Scheme 2024 - Partnership Grant, the application for which opened on 12 January. The session aims to provide information and/or clarification, and we believe it will be highly beneficial if you are planning to put forward an application.

For more information, [click here](#). For the information session zoom link, [click here](#).



### Research Focus: Enhancing Patient-Reported Experience measurements with ethnically diverse communities

Patient-reported experience measures (PREMs) are used to drive and evaluate unit and organisational-level healthcare improvement, but also at a population level, these measures can be key indicators of healthcare quality. Current evidence indicates that ethnically diverse communities frequently experience poorer care quality and outcomes, with PREMs data required from this population to direct service improvement efforts. This review synthesises evidence of the methods and approaches used to promote participation in PREMs among ethnically diverse populations. To view the article visit the [International Journal for Equity in Health](#).

#### Updated Grant Funding

Check out the list of current grant opportunities here:

<https://www.swslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/ethics/grants.html>

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