



Australian Government

Australian Trade and Investment Commission

# Why Australia

for Clinical Trials

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Quality. Speed. Cost.

# Australia is an ideal location for conducting clinical trials



Sophisticated health and medical research and environment



Quality transferable data



Cost-efficient

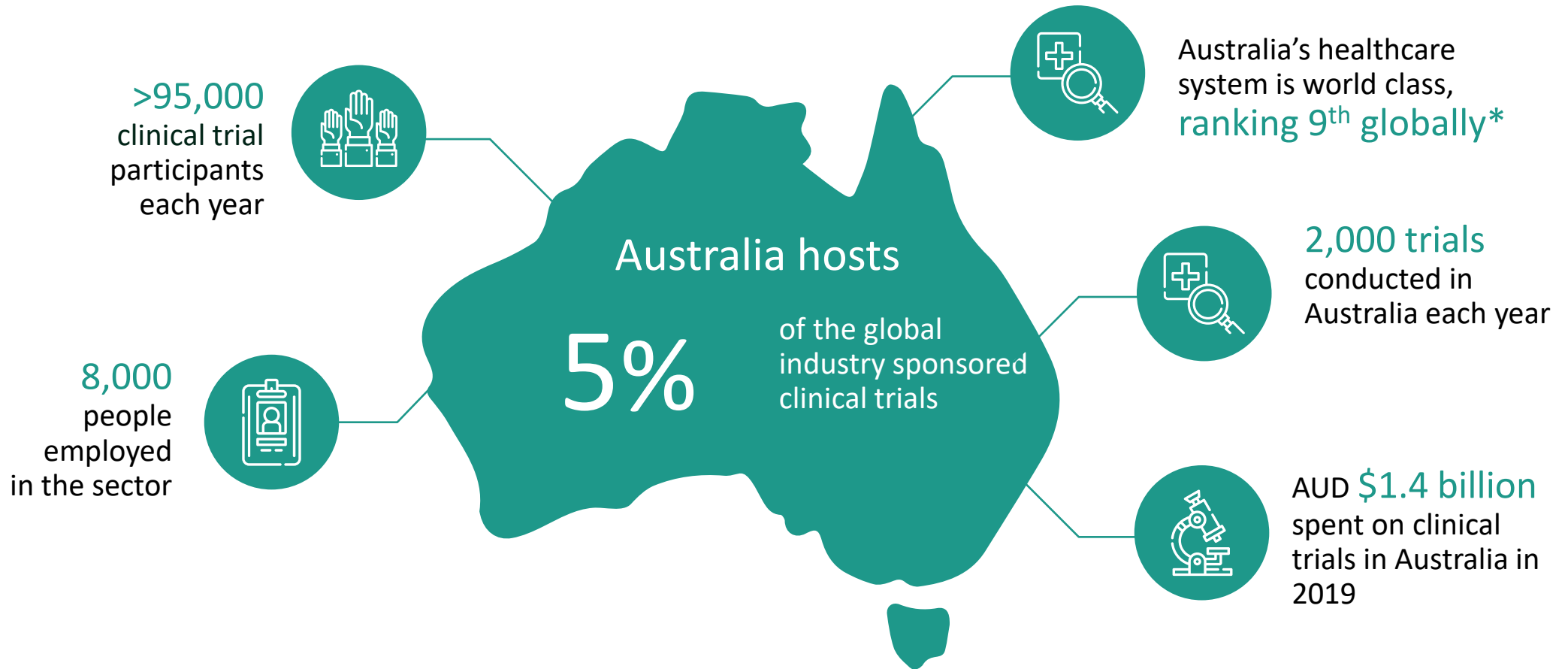


Rapid approvals and robust regulatory framework



An ethnically diverse patient population

# Clinical trials are part of a robust and diverse health and medical research ecosystem in Australia



Clinical trials

# Whole-of-government support for clinical trials

## Strong government commitment



and national action to ensure an efficient, high-quality and vibrant clinical trials environment

## A \$20 billion endowment fund



Medical Research Future Fund (MRFF) supports translational research and commercialisation

Includes \$750 million **Clinical Trials Activity Initiative** over the next 10 years

## National Mutual Acceptance (NMA)



a system for mutual acceptance of scientific and ethical review for multi-centre clinical trials conducted across multiple states

## Clinical trials

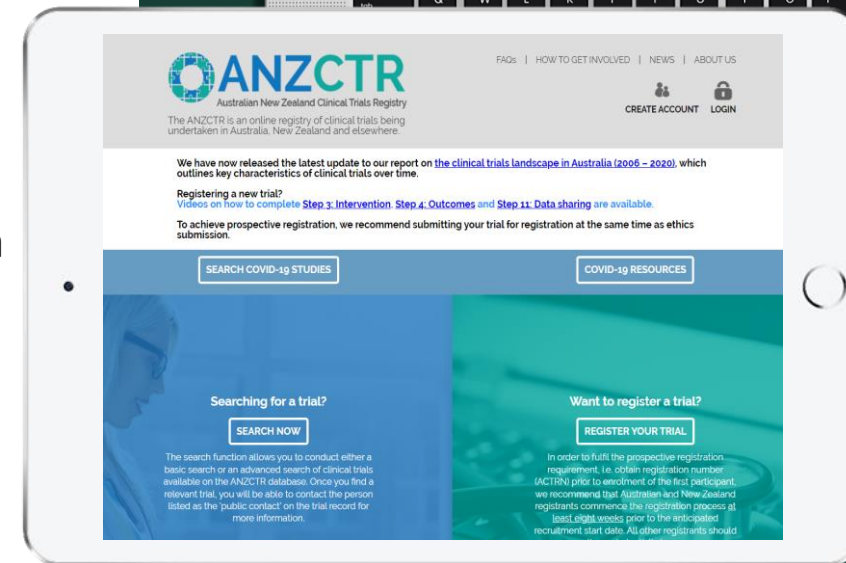
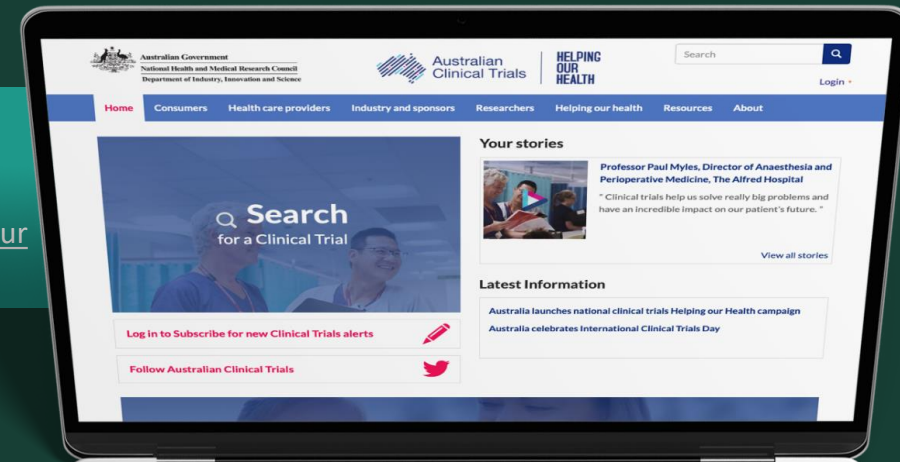
# Whole-of-government support for clinical trials

National resources to support getting started  
[australianclinicaltrials.gov.au/resources-clinical-trials-australia](https://australianclinicaltrials.gov.au/resources-clinical-trials-australia)

The Australian Government is strengthening and reforming the operating environment for clinical trials and research as a national priority, with the goal of making it easier for patients, researchers and sponsors to participate in and conduct trials.

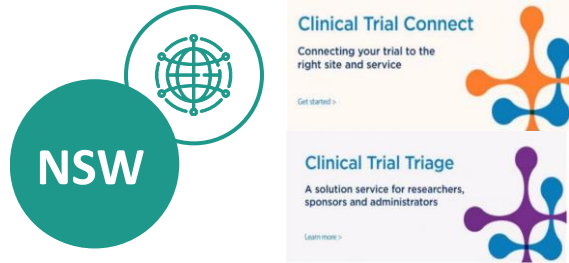
Government initiatives to support this include the:

- Proposed **National One Stop Shop** for Clinical Trials and Health Related Human Research Approvals (National One Stop Shop), a national, streamlined platform
- Proposed **National Clinical Trials Front Door**, a central access point
- **National Clinical Trials Governance Framework** a nationally consistent accreditation which embeds clinical trials into routine health service provision of health services undertaking trials



A searchable **clinical trials registry** accessible to the public  
[www.anzctr.org.au/TrialSearch](https://www.anzctr.org.au/TrialSearch)

# State government support for clinical trials



Connection to:

- Investigators and sites
- CROs, CMOs, Research Support Services
- NSW Health services eg: Biobank & Pathology
- Information and guidance on clinical trial delivery specific to Australia

Assistance with:

- Ethics & governance
- Regulatory matters
- Finance



Victorian Clinical Trials *Gateway*, provides:

- Connections to Victorian clinical trial sites, contract research organisations and professional services
- Regional advice services
- Understanding core capabilities



Queensland Clinical Trials Coordination Unit (QCTCU), services include:

- Clinical Trial Liaison Service – single point of contact for sponsors to find a site for a clinical trial, or to locate service providers
- Research Ethics and Governance Service – provides advice and direction on ethical and governance issues
- Intellectual Property and Commercialisation Service – supports translation of research



South Australian clinical trials portal, includes:

- Information on conducting clinical trials in South Australia including information for researchers, for participants and sponsors
- List of clinical trial providers
- Support services

**AUSTRALIA**

01.  
Quality

## Quality

# A sophisticated medical research environment



1,342

medical technology  
and pharmaceutical  
companies



152

ASX-listed life sciences  
companies



>58

world-class medical  
research institutes



>40

universities focusing on  
clinical research



>50

clinical trial networks



>50

biobanks



73,000

people employed in  
research and MTP sector





## Quality

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# Quality data from Australian clinical trials is accepted in key jurisdictions



Data from studies conducted in Australia can be used to support international regulatory applications, including the US FDA and the European Medicines Agency (EMA)



Clinical trials conducted in Australia do not require US FDA Investigational New Drug (IND) application approval

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Speed

# Streamlined clinical trials notification scheme



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Cost-effective

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## Favourable exchange rate and a generous R&D tax incentive boosts Australia's attractiveness



Companies with an annual aggregated turnover of less than **A\$20 million** receive a **refundable** tax offset, equal to their corporate tax rate plus an **18.5% premium**



Companies with an annual aggregated turnover of more than **A\$20 million** receive a **non-refundable** tax offset and depends on intensity of the R&D expenditure as a proportion of total expenditure for the year.

- ❑ R&D intensity up to 2% receives a tax offset equal to the company tax rate plus **8.5% premium**.
- ❑ Additional R&D intensity above 2% receives a tax offset equal to the company tax rate plus **16.5% premium**.

\* Depending on turnover threshold corporate tax rate is either 25% (for small-medium businesses) or 30%.

## Cost-effective

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Reports show Australia is  
**28%**  
cheaper than  
the US before tax  
incentives, and  
**60%**  
cheaper after tax  
incentives, for early-phase  
clinical trials



Clinical trials

# An ideal location



Strong economic & cultural ties with Asia supported by Free Trade Agreements



Seasonal differences



Investigators, clinical networks and trial facilities of a global standing



Use of digital expertise and analytics in patient recruitment



Globally recognised key opinion leaders in major therapeutic areas



An ethnically diverse population



Contract manufacturing capabilities to support clinical trials

# Find out more

## AusBiotech

[ausbiotech.org](https://ausbiotech.org)

## Australian Clinical Trials

[australianclinicaltrials.gov.au](https://australianclinicaltrials.gov.au)

## Australian Clinical Trial Handbook

[tga.gov.au/publication/australian-clinical-trial-handbook](https://tga.gov.au/publication/australian-clinical-trial-handbook)

## Good Clinical Practice Inspection Program

[tga.gov.au/resources/publication/publications/ich-guideline-good-clinical-practice](https://tga.gov.au/resources/publication/publications/ich-guideline-good-clinical-practice)

## MTPConnect

[mtpconnect.org.au/](https://mtpconnect.org.au/)  
[Australia's Clinical Trials Sector \(2021\)](#)

## Medicines Australia

[medicinesaustralia.com.au](https://medicinesaustralia.com.au)

## Medical Research Future Fund

[health.gov.au/our-work/medical-research-future-fund](https://health.gov.au/our-work/medical-research-future-fund)

## National Statement

[nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/publications/national-statement-ethical-conduct-human-research-2007-updated-2018](https://nhmrc.gov.au/about-us/publications/national-statement-ethical-conduct-human-research-2007-updated-2018)





# Australia's R&D response to COVID- 19 global pandemic



**7 COVID vaccine candidates** being trialed in Australia



**200+ Covid-related research studies** being conducted throughout Australia



**Clinical trial activity resumed mid 2020**, thanks to Australian governments and MTP sector COVID response



The Australian Institute of Infectious Disease is the largest centre of excellence in the Southern hemisphere - **\$650 million** project



**Breakthrough and Innovation Funds** by State and Federal governments



The Australian Government invested over **\$350 million** to support vaccine research and development

# How Austrade can help



## Our assistance includes



Providing insight on  
Australian capabilities



Identifying potential  
Australian service  
providers



Helping international  
companies identify potential  
investigators and sites

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# Australia and Expo 2025



# 1988年のブリスベン万博

# Brisbane Expo 1988





Expressing the bright people, creativity and bounty of nature that are the source of Australia's energy



## AUSTRALIA'S THEME

### 「Chasing the Sun — 太陽の大地へ」

**オーストラリアのエネルギーの源である、  
明るい人びと、創造性、自然の恵みを表現。**

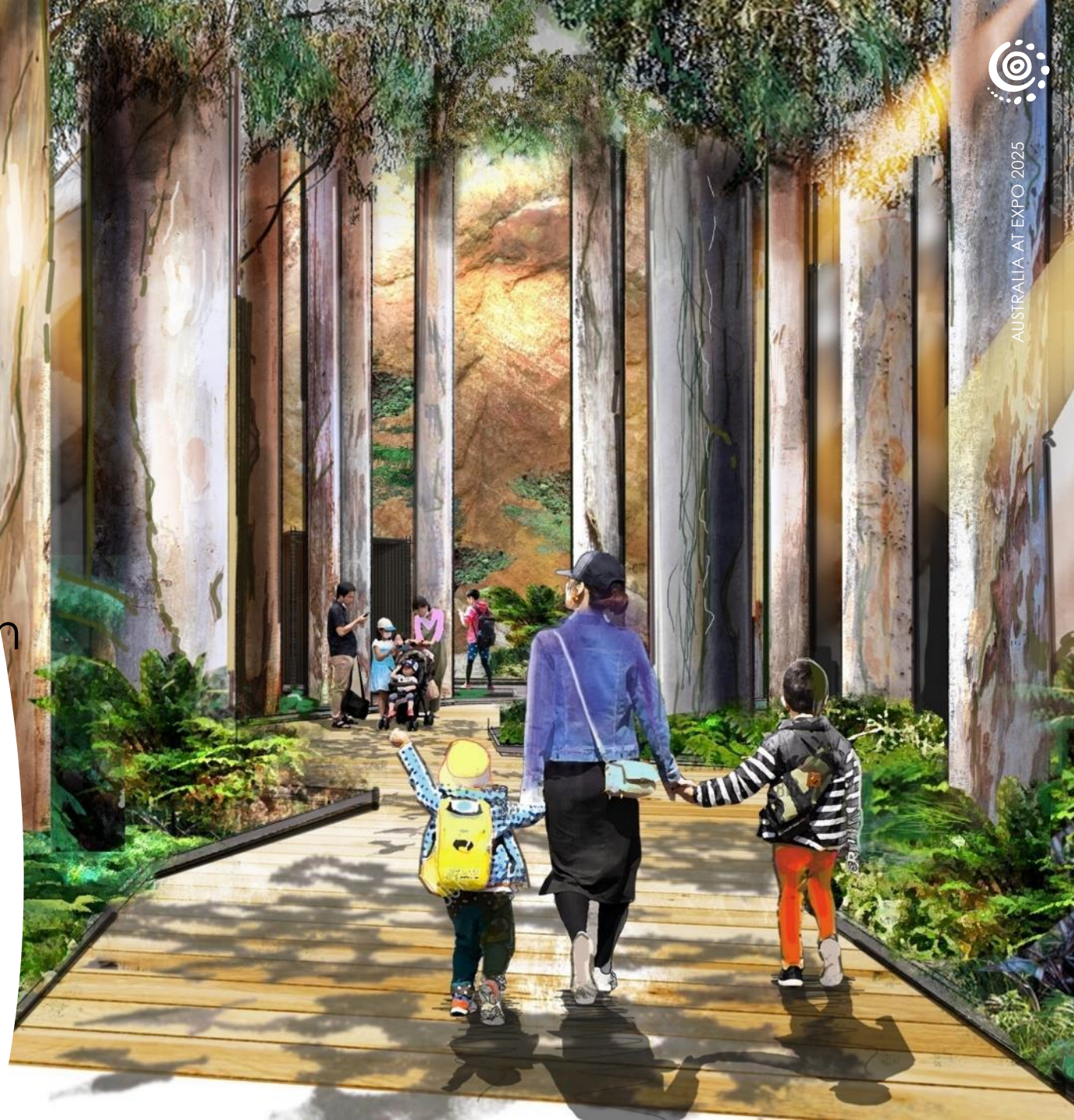
Representing the optimistic people,  
creativity and boundless nature that are  
the source of Australia's energy



## CULTURAL PROGRAM

### Visitor Experience

- ユニークな没入型アドベンチャー
- Unique visitor experience through Australian land, sky and sea country





**Thank you**

