



# AUSTRALASIAN KIDNEY TRIALS NETWORK

The AKTN is pleased to announce it will providing **two scholarships (\$500 each)** to assist clinical investigators in attending the NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre Concept Development Workshop for Clinical Investigators

## **Who should attend?**

These one day workshops will help clinical investigators develop new clinical trial concepts and will provide information, advice and guidance on how to develop a concept outline from an initial idea or clinical question by specifying a suitable aim, objectives, population, interventions, study design, outcome measures, sample size, analysis plan and funding strategy, as well as further tips and hints on developing your proposal into a funding application and full study protocol.

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## **When will they be held?**

10<sup>th</sup> July 2009: 9am to 5pm (Sydney)

25<sup>th</sup> September 2009: 9am to 5pm (Sydney)

## **Applications must contain the following components:**

1. Outline (one page maximum) of the clinical research protocol you intend to develop during the Workshop, including title, background, study design and target population, outcome measures.
2. Curriculum Vitae (one page maximum), including your qualifications, research background, a brief statement on why you wish to participate and how this workshop will help your research career, and your research goals for the next five years.
3. Submit to application directly to AKTN Operations Secretariat Manager ([m.starfield@sph.uq.edu.au](mailto:m.starfield@sph.uq.edu.au)) or call 07 3240 6133 for further information.

# Concept Development Workshop for Investigators

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2009

## *Concept Development Workshop for Clinical Investigators*

This one day workshop will help clinical investigators develop new cancer clinical trial concepts. It will provide information, advice and guidance on how to develop a concept outline from an initial idea or clinical question by specifying a suitable aim, objectives, population, interventions, study design, outcome measures, sample size, analysis plan and funding strategy, as well as further tips and hints on developing your proposal into a funding application and full study protocol.

### *Who should attend?*

This workshop is designed for investigators who have an idea for a clinical trial and are suitably qualified individuals pursuing clinical research. Investigators from any cancer therapeutic area or discipline are able to attend.

***Workshop Registration – Please register your interest by COB Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2009 as there are a limited number of spaces in the workshop.*** A fee of \$100 will be payable at registration to offset administrative costs. Travel expenses to the workshop will be the responsibility of the participant.

### *What should you do to prepare?*

Each participant will be required to bring a concept outline for a study or a protocol currently being written. This will be developed further during the workshop. A template concept outline is provided for each participant to complete on registration.

***A draft concept outline for your study must be submitted for review by the workshop faculty by COB Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> of April 2009.***

## *Workshop Faculty*

The workshop faculty based at the NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre has extensive experience and expertise in the development of cancer clinical trials, teaching clinical trials methods, statistical design and analyses.

Professor John Simes, Clinical Director of the CTC  
Associate Professor Martin Stockler, CTC Oncology Co-Director  
Dr Corona Gainford, Oncology Research Fellow  
Ms Diana Zannino, CTC Biostatistician  
Mr Chris Brown, CTC Biostatistician  
Dr Wendy Hague, Clinical Trials Program Director  
Ms Danielle Miller, Oncology Program Manager  
Mr Angus McDonald, Strategic Research Assistant

## *Workshops to follow in 2009:*

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2009

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2009



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## *Workshop Sponsors*

This workshop is being convened by the NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre at the University of Sydney in collaboration with the Cancer Institute NSW.

## *Venue & Times*

The first of three workshops in 2009 will be held at the NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre in the Medical Foundation Building Auditorium at 92-94 Parramatta Rd, Camperdown NSW 2042. The workshop will commence at 9 a.m. and finish at 5 p.m.

## *Draft Workshop Program*

The program will include a number of interactive sessions and topics including:

- *Structure and Purpose of a Concept Outline*
- *Developing a Health Intervention*
- *Trial Design and Sample Size Calculations*
- *Specifying Suitable Target Populations*
- *Outcomes*
- *Feasibility and Funding Strategies*

The program format will consist of a combination of presentations, exercises and interactive group discussions. Participants will work on their proposed concepts throughout the day and present them for discussion and feedback in 3 small group sessions supported by faculty experts.

## *Further Information*

**NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre**

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