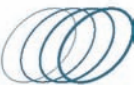


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Australia & Asia Pacific  
Clinical Oncology Research  
Development Workshop

31 August – 6 September 2008  
Sunshine Coast Queensland Australia



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# The Workshop

The Medical Oncology Group of Australia (MOGA) announces the 2008 Australia and Asia Pacific Clinical Oncology Research Development Workshop (ACORD).

This Workshop, held every two years since 2004, maintains a substantial position in oncology education due to its unique international focus and provision of hands-on collaboration and guidance by a world renowned faculty.

The Workshop aims to strengthen clinical trials design to promote excellence in oncology research in the Australia and Asia Pacific Region. This commitment is made possible through the partnership of MOGA, the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), the European Society for Medical Oncology (ESMO) and the Clinical Oncological Society of Australia (COSA).

## Workshop Goals

- Imparting principles of good clinical trial design which yield clear results to apply in the clinic and future research
- Exposing participants to the full spectrum of challenges in clinical research, from conventional antineoplastic agents and multidisciplinary treatment regimens to biological therapy
- Encouraging participants to continue clinical research
- Cultivating well-trained, experienced researchers to propel the region forward in cancer therapy and prevention through clinical trials, medical practice and patient care
- Fostering collaboration and facilitation of clinical trials in the region

## Material

The Workshop contains a variety of educational components which will aid participants in successful protocol design, including:

- Protocol development sessions where participants will present and discuss their clinical trial proposals in detail
- Lectures by faculty will present specific topics aimed to give participants an essential overview of the principles of designing and conducting high-quality clinical trials
- Small group discussion sessions provide time to address a variety of clinical trials and address specific relevant issues
- One-on-one sessions provide individual counselling and advice on protocol and career development

Session topics may include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- Global cancer research
- Principles of clinical trials design
- Phase I-III trials
- Basic biostatistics
- Epidemiology
- Meta-analysis and systematic review
- Principles of pharmacology
- Defining clinical benefits
- Multi-modality trials
- Clinical trials of biological agents
- Ethics and research
- Qualitative research
- Supportive care and quality of life research
- Translational research

# Applications

- Available online from 1 November 2007 and will close on 28 February 2008 – no late applications will be accepted
- Only online applications will be considered
- Please visit [www.acordworkshop.org.au](http://www.acordworkshop.org.au)

# Selection of Participants

- 60 participants are selected through a competitive application process by the Advisory Committee
- Interested candidates with training in medical, radiation, surgical and psycho-oncology, palliative care, pharmacology or related disciplines are encouraged to apply

# Fellowships

- Training – successful applicants who are currently training in oncology will receive a Fellowship including registration fees, limited travel expenses, accommodation and meals
- Financial Hardship – successful applicants who have completed training in oncology may request consideration for a Fellowship and must provide supporting information
- Participants receiving a Fellowship will be placed in shared accommodation with other participants

# Faculty

The ACORD faculty includes some of the leading world experts in clinical trials design and oncology. Previous Workshop faculty has included Presidents of ASCO (Dr. Margaret Tempero) and AACR (Dr. Karen Antman) and leading cancer researchers around the world including:

**James Abbruzese**, MD Anderson Cancer Centre, Houston, USA  
**Stephen Ackland**, Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Newcastle, Australia  
**Zeba Aziz**, Allama Iqbal Medical College, Lahore, Pakistan  
**David Ball**, Peter MacCallum Cancer Institute, Melbourne, Australia  
**Elaine Beller**, Queensland Clinical Trials Centre, Brisbane, Australia  
**Mark Buyse**, Institute for Drug Development SC, Brussels, Belgium  
**Gail Eckhardt**, University of Colorado Health Science Centre, Denver, USA  
**Adrian Esterman**, University of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia  
**Peta Forder**, National Health and Medical Research Council Clinical Trials Centre, Sydney, Australia  
**Chris Frampton**, Christchurch School of Medicine and Health Services, Christchurch, New Zealand  
**Michael Green**, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Melbourne, Australia  
**Susan Hilsenbeck**, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, USA  
**Timothy Hughes**, Institute of Medical and Veterinary Science, Adelaide, Australia  
**Bogda Koczwara**, Flinders Medical Centre, Adelaide, Australia  
**Kim Lyerly**, Duke Comprehensive Cancer Centre, Durham, USA  
**Ian Olver**, Cancer Council of Australia, Sydney, Australia  
**Nick Pavlakis**, Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney, Australia  
**Purvish Parikh**, Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai, India  
**Martin Stockler**, National Health and Medical Research Council Clinical Trials Centre, Sydney, Australia  
**John Simes**, National Health and Medical Research Council Clinical Trials Centre, Sydney, Australia  
**Ian Tannock**, Princess Margaret Hospital, Toronto, Canada  
**Patrick Therasse**, Cancer Immunotherapeutics at GlaxoSmithKline Biologicals, Rixensart, Belgium  
**Benny Zee**, Centre for Clinical Trials, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

The faculty for 2008 workshop will include many of the previous faculty as well as new members.

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