

The new PTNA team based at the Kids Research Institute, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, NSW are:

Jennifer Thompson – PTNA Network Project Officer

Jennifer has recently joined the PTNA team as Project Officer responsible for facilitating communication within and outside the Sydney Children's Health Network (SCHN). Her previous position was as a Senior Trial Coordinator with the NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre at The University of Sydney where she managed and monitored clinical trials for the Australian & New Zealand Urogenital and Prostate Cancer Trials Group (ANZUP). Prior to that Jennifer had worked with Pfizer Australia in their clinical research department.

Jennifer is responsible for providing secretariat facilities and promotion for the Paediatric Trials Network Australia (PTNA) as well as encouraging and facilitating further use of the WebSpirit database by PTNA members.

Please feel free to contact her for further information on PTNA at info@ptna.com.au or +61 2 9845 3017.



Michael Emamooden – PTNA Database Manager

Michael has been with the PTNA for 4 months overseeing the implementation of the WebSpirit Database. WebSpirit has been developed for PTNA members to be used as both a Data Management and Project Management tool.

Prior to joining the PTNA Michael worked for many years with AstraZeneca Australia in their clinical research department as a Clinical Systems and Data Manager where he was responsible for the departmental use of various computerised systems as well as being in charge of a small data management team.

Michael is also based at The Children's Hospital at Westmead and can be contacted for further information on WebSpirit at webspirit@ptna.com.au or +61 2 9845 1329.



NETWORK NEWS:

Better Treatments 4 Kids (NSW) Network (BT4K) ran a successful Researcher Writing Workshop in July 2013 and a General Researchers Training Day in August 2013, both of which were well attended.

Feedback forms from the Researcher Writing Workshop were extremely positive and attendees indicated they found the practical component of the workshop particularly helpful.

BT4K will be running further training workshops in 2014, including Consumer Workshops and most likely another Researcher Writing Workshop. Please email info@bt4k.com.au to make sure you are on the email list to receive notification of the training dates.



If you have news or information on training opportunities you would like to share with the PTNA membership please feel free to email info@ptna.com.au

WebSpirit was officially launched in July 2013 and is already being used in 4 studies across 25 institutional departments.

- WebSpirit is being used to house Study Master Files at SCHN.
- WebSpirit is about to be used in a Surveillance study, demonstrating the flexibility of the system to be used outside of a traditional protocol visit design.

Studies currently utilising WebSpirit:

COMBAT CF: A Phase 3, multi-centre, randomised, placebo-controlled study of azithromycin in the primary prevention of radiologically-defined bronchiectasis in infants with cystic fibrosis Lead Site: Queensland Children's Medical Research Institute

DMD: Clinical trial of Zoledronic acid (Aclasta) in children and adolescents with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Lead site: Murdoch Children's Medical Research Institute

Rap-CV: Phase I study of Vinorelbine, Cyclophosphamide and Rapamycin for Recurrent Malignancies in Children. Lead site: The Children's Hospital at Westmead

ZAP: Bisphosphonate Treatment in Childhood Femoral Head Avascular Necrosis due to Perthes Disease. Lead site: The Children's Hospital at Westmead

Institution	Department	Investigator	Study
The Royal Children's Hospital Brisbane	Respiratory	Claire Wainwright	COMBAT CF
The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne	Respiratory	Phil Robinson	COMBAT CF
The Mater Hospital, Brisbane	Respiratory	Carolyn Dakin	COMBAT CF
Sydney Childrens Hospital	Respiratory	Adam Jaffe	COMBAT CF
The Children's Hospital at Westmead	Respiratory	Peter Cooper	COMBAT CF
Monash Medical Centre, Melbourne	Respiratory	David Armstrong	COMBAT CF
Women and Children's Hospital, Adelaide	Respiratory	Andrew Tai	COMBAT CF
Christchurch Hospital, New Zealand	Respiratory	Philip Pattemore	COMBAT CF
Starship Children's Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand	Respiratory	Catherine Byrnes	COMBAT CF
Princess Margaret Hospital, Perth	Respiratory	Barry Clements	COMBATCF
Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Melbourne	Endocrinology	Margaret Zacharin	DMD
The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Sydney	Endocrinology	Craig Munns	DMD
Sydney Children's Hospital, Sydney	Endocrinology	Helen Woodhead	DMD
Princess Margaret Hospital, Perth	Endocrinology	Aris Siafarikas	DMD
The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Sydney	Oncology	Geoff McCowage	Rap-CV
Women and Children's Hospital, Adelaide	Oncology	Heather Tapp	Rap-CV
The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne	Oncology	Francoise Mechinaud	Rap-CV
Sydney Childrens Hospital	Oncology	David Ziegler	Rap-CV
Princess Margaret Hospital, Perth	Oncology	Catherine Cole	Rap-CV
John Hunter Childrens Hospital	Oncology	Frank Alvaro	Rap-CV
Monash Medical Centre, Melbourne	Oncology	Peter Downie	Rap-CV
The Royal Children's Hospital Brisbane	Oncology	Wayne Nicholls	Rap-CV
Starship Children's Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand	Oncology	Stephen Laughton	Rap-CV
The Children's Hospital at Westmead	Endocrinology	Chris Cowell	ZAP
The Royal Children's Hospital Brisbane	Orthopedic	Geoff Donald	ZAP
Princess Margaret Hospital, Perth	Endocrinology	Aris Siafarikas	ZAP
The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne	Endocrinology	Margaret Zacharin	ZAP
Women and Children's Hospital, Adelaide	Orthopedic	Bruce Foster	ZAP

WEBSPIRIT FAQ:

Q: Do all of the participating sites in a study need to be members of PTNA?

A: No. The lead site (controlling the funding of the project) does need to be a member of PTNA however the participating sites do not necessarily have to be members.