

## **OUT AND ABOUT IN THE NETWORK:**

### **The Australian and New Zealand Children's Haematology/Oncology Group (ANZCHOG) ASM:**

The conference theme for 2014 is "Improving patient care - from bench to bedside" and the PTNA will be represented at this event where WebSpirit's use in the ANZCHOG study RAPCV will be mentioned during the Trials Updates on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June. More information and registration: <http://www.anzchogmeeting.org/index.php>

### **Adelaide Grand Rounds:**

PTNA Committee member Professor Helen Marshall is planning a Grand Rounds presentation at Women's and Children's Hospital, Adelaide in the next few months. This will include information on WebSpirit and our Project Officer and / or Database Manager may attend this meeting to assist with the presentation.

### **Sydney Children's Hospitals Network Clinical Research Forums:**

Our Project Officer, Jennifer Thompson and Database Manager, Michael Emamooden partnered with NSW Better Treatments 4 Kids (BT4K) research network to present on WebSpirit and the challenges in capturing clinical trial data in ways that meet regulatory requirements according to ICH-GCP and the National Statement. These took place at both Sydney Children's Hospital and the Children's Hospital at Westmead in February 2014.

This edition we continue profiling our Committee members:

### **Professor Chris Cowell - PTNA Host Site Committee Member**

Director of Research, Sydney Children's Hospital Network, and Paediatric Endocrinologist, The Children's Hospital at Westmead, Professor Chris Cowell is a Conjoint Professor of the University of Sydney; staff specialist in paediatric endocrinology; and was Head of the Institute of Endocrinology and Diabetes from 2003-2010. He co-led the development of the Paediatric Trials Network Australia (PTNA) and hosts the PTNA Secretariat at the Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Chris's major current focus is in developing research strategies that will provide the most impact in improving health of young people. His own research interests are in prevention of metabolic effects of obesity and optimising bone health. Professor Cowell has >170 peer review publications. He has designed and conducted randomised controlled trials (RCT's) and an NHMRC part funded birth cohort study and is currently a Co-CI on a NHMRC funded longitudinal follow up study.



### **GRANT RE-SUBMISSIONS 2014**

**If you are re-submitting a grant proposal please consider calling or emailing our Database Manager for a WebSpirit quote to include in your data management budget.**

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## **NETWORK NEWS:**

### **PTNA Website Updated**

Our website has now been updated and now offers an easily accessed interface and more information and news. Please take a look at our updated site: <http://www.ptna.com.au>

### **PTNA member sites licensed to use MCRI Clinical Research Training Modules**

The Paediatric Clinical Trials Network is pleased to announce that a licensing agreement has been signed with the Murdoch Children's Research Institute (MCRI) to make the following MCRI developed training materials available for PTNA member site use:

Training: 6 training modules including electronic versions of facilitator notes, resources and workbooks  
Modules available for PTNA member site use have been designed to be facilitated over 6 weeks with 1 x 3.5 hour session per week.

1. Guidelines & Legislation in Research
2. Protocols – the Building Block of Research
3. From Ethics Approval & Beyond
4. Informed Consent Essentials
5. Good Clinical Practice (GCP) in Research
6. Bringing it together – How to successfully run your research project

The Sydney Children's Hospital Network (SCHN) will be running these modules across 6 weeks from early May 2014 and for more information on accessing these training modules at this or one of our other member sites please [EMAIL YOUR QUERY HERE](#)

### **Therapeutic Innovations Australia – PTNA Funding Application**

The PTNA submitted an application to TIA's Translating Health & Medical Research into Clinical Application through Enabling Capabilities (THMR) project in March 2014. Through this initiative TIA intends to provide salary support to capabilities such as the PTNA and Webspirit that were funded through the preceding research infrastructure project. TIA received 18 submissions for funding under this THMR NCRIS 2013 project and TIA's NCRIS Expert Advisory Committee will meet shortly to review funding requests. An announcement of outcomes will be made in May.

## **OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST:**

### **Tools for improving participant accrual - AccrualNet™**

The National Cancer Institute (USA) have a website dedicated to providing information, education and collaborative opportunities for improving clinical trial participant accrual. Recent news articles available on the site include: "Recruitment to clinical trials: a meta-ethnographic synthesis of studies of reasons for participation" and "Informed consent and clinical Trials: How to deal with vulnerable populations".  
<https://accrualnet.cancer.gov/>

**EdX – need to learn more?** EdX is a non-profit online initiative created by founding partners Harvard and MIT and offers interactive online classes from universities around the world. Online courses from MITx, HarvardX, BerkeleyX, UTx are available and topics that may be of interest include biology, chemistry, medicine, philosophy, physics, science, statistics and more. One recent course that may be of interest is Data Analysis for Genomics: <https://www.edx.org/course/harvardx/harvardx-ph525x-data-analysis-genomics-1401>

### **NSW Better Treatments 4 Kids (BT4K)**

The BT4K network is now offering free WebEx access to some of its clinical trials educational workshops. Visit [www.bt4k.com.au](http://www.bt4k.com.au) to see what opportunities are coming up.

**STUDIES CURRENTLY USING 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.

**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.

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

**PAEDS:** Surveillance for 6 different infectious diseases, vaccine preventable diseases or conditions associated with adverse events following immunisation. Lead site: The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

**STUDIES COMMITTED TO USING WEBSPIRIT:**

**NICE GUT:** RCT Nitazoxanide in the treatment of acute gastroenteritis among Australian Indigenous children. Lead site: Telethon Institute for Child Health Research/ Menzies School of Health Research

**POSTA:** Preschool OSA Tonsillectomy, Adenoidectomy Child study. Lead site: The Children's Hospital at Westmead

**TESTOV Pneumo:** Evaluation of the effectiveness of the 13-valent pneumococcal conjugate vaccine against pneumococcal pneumonia in children. Lead site: UNSW Sydney Children's Hospital

**HINT1:** High-flow nasal cannulae versus ambient oxygen for the treatment of newborn infants with early respiratory distress in non-tertiary special care nurseries – A multicentre, randomised controlled trial. Lead site University of Newcastle and Paediatric Department, Gosford Hospital

**Institutions using or about to start using WebSpirit:**

- Alice Springs Hospital, Alice Springs
- Christchurch Hospital, New Zealand
- John Hunter Childrens Hospital
- Menzies School of Health Research, Darwin and Alice Springs
- Monash Medical Centre, Melbourne
- Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Melbourne
- Princess Margaret Hospital, Perth
- Royal Darwin Hospital, Darwin
- Royal Hobart Hospital, Hobart
- Starship Children's Hospital, Auckland, New Zealand
- Sydney Childrens Hospital
- Telethon Institute for Child Health Research, Perth
- The Canberra Hospital, Canberra
- The Children's Hospital at Westmead
- The Mater Hospital, Brisbane
- The Royal Children's Hospital Brisbane
- The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne
- Women and Children's Hospital, Adelaide

**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](mailto:info@ptna.com.au)**

**WEBSPIRIT FAQ:**

Please enter your username and your password:

Username:

Password:

Login

[Forgotten Your Password?](#)

**Q: What do I do if I have forgotten my password?**

A: Don't keep trying to login as your account will be locked after five (5) failed attempts.

Stop and request a new password via the link "Forgotten your Password" under the login button.

If you have locked your account please contact:

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