

# Queensland Health Clinical Trial Strategic Action Plan: Report card — September 2024

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# In summary...

2022-2025

- ✓ The Clinical Trial Strategic Action Plan (CTSAP) 2022-2025 outlines Queensland Health's strategy to ensure a national and global competitive advantage for attracting clinical trials.

## Overview

### The CTSAP includes

- engagement and interaction with industry
- development of crucial clinical personnel
- standardisation of governance processes and reporting
- assessment of current clinical trial performance. This resulted in recommended actions to increase Queensland's competitive position as a location for clinical trials and to maximise the economic impact of clinical trials activities in the state

## These actions span:

### operational efficiency

- Implement the National Clinical Trials Governance Framework (NCTGF)
- Create a standard schedule of fees for each Hospital and Health Service (HHS)
- Have a single point of contact for clinical trials at each HHS
- Nominate dedicated clinical trials budget/contract staff

### Operational capacity

- Develop Junior Principal Investigators and Clinical Research Coordinators

### Research culture

- Record and publicly report key metrics for commercially sponsored trials
- Promote to Contract Research Organisations
- Engage with large pharmaceutical sponsors

## Implementation

### The Action Plan

The implementation process will begin early in 2022, with the proposed timeline of activities over four years through to 2025. HHSs will implement the Plan in alignment with the relative size and scope of their clinical trial activity, policies and research strategy. The Queensland Clinical Trials Coordination Unit (QCTCU) will provide guidance and coordination across HHSs.

QCTCU kicked off implementation with a series of educational sessions and workshops around the state. The focus then became local, with working groups at an individual HHS level or across HHS alliances, designing and driving localised implementation plans with collaboration through working groups established around particular action areas.

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2022–September 2024

COMPLETE



## ACTION 1

### Implement the National Clinical Trials Governance Framework (NCTGF) 2022- 2024

#### Activities:

- Identified and engaged key stakeholders, including executives, department heads, research staff, and non-research staff.
- Embedded NCTGF into the Research Strategy.
- Created a NCTGF Community of Practice.
- Participate in Cwth programs to support implementation.
- Formally established the Research Concierge Service across all recommendations in CTSAP.



## ACTION 2

### Create a standard schedule of fees for each Hospital and Health Service (HHS) 2022-2024

#### Activities:

- Established a CTSAP CoP to facilitate implementation.
- Created a SharePoint site for resource sharing to facilitate implementation.
- Expanded other jurisdictional experiences to facilitate implementation.
- Provision of ongoing support to HHSs to identify gaps, challenges and opportunities to meet CTSAP standard and assistance with business modelling with Clinical Trial Hubs.



## ACTION 3

### Have a single point of contact for clinical trials at each HHS 2022-2024

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## ACTION 4

### Nominate dedicated clinical trials budget/ contract staff 2022 - 2024

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## ACTION 5

### Develop Junior Principal Investigators and Clinical Research Coordinators 2022–September 2024

#### Activities:

- Design training modules on research methods, ethics, and governance practical applications, mass scale on iLearn.
- Development and delivery of Concept to Close Clinical Trials Training Course, mass scaling on iLearn.
- Development and delivery of grant writing workshops.



## ACTION 6

### Record and publicly report key metrics for commercially sponsored trials 2023- September 2024

#### Activities:

- Developed the Queensland Public Hospital Health and Medical Research Activities 2019 – 2024 Report.
- Operational improvements to enhance research publication outputs on the Database of Research Activity (DoRA 2.0).



## ACTION 7

### Promote to Contract Research Organisations September 2024 – December 2024

#### Activities:

- Planning for promotional and communications activities from 2025 onwards e.g. Research Showcase, ARCS .
- Redefined, refreshed and enhanced the Queensland Clinical Trials Portal, a one-stop-shop for clinical trials, research and development programs.



CURRENT POSITION

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January 2025 onwards

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Action 8

## Engage with large pharmaceutical sponsors January–March 2025

### Activities:

- Planning for promotional and communications activities from 2025 onwards e.g. Research Showcase, ARCS.
- Drive uptake on the Queensland Clinical Trials Portal.

## Monitoring and Evaluation

April 2025 onwards

### Activities:

- Real time dashboard development
- Monitor research KPIs to measure impact.
- Conduct regular assessment and feedback sessions, report findings to stakeholders.
- Draft a monitoring and evaluation report.

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