**ANZCA Clinical Trials Network**

**Application for presentation at the 2025 CTN Strategic Research Workshops**

**Important dates and deadlines**

CTN Strategic Research Workshop – to be held face-to-face on 8-10 August 2025. Investigators wishing to submit an abstract will need to register for the meeting **prior to abstract acceptance**. Please note, investigators will need to be registered to attend in person for the August meeting held in Sydney. No virtual presentations or pre-recordings will be offered to investigators who cannot travel.

## Call for abstracts closing date

* Friday 16 June 2025

## Abstract author notification

* Mid July 2025

**Purpose**

To develop new research proposals by CTN members who are planning to develop pilot or feasibility studies for large multicentre trials, or to submit grant applications for multicentre trials that will be run in the network of ANZCA-accredited training sites.

The purpose of these sessions is to consider proposals for high quality trials that translate into safe and effective practice in anaesthesia, perioperative and pain medicine. Single-centre studies will only be accepted if they are specifically designed to lead to multi-centre research.

Abstracts will be triaged by the CTN Executive for presentation based on the following guidelines:

* The grant application deadline.
* The new proposal focuses on the preparation of a clinical trial (early concept development, feasibility study, pilot study, protocol development).
* Proposals that are not clearly linked to a future clinical trial will not be sent for review.
* Abstracts must state at least three key issues which you would like feedback from the group at the workshop.
* Proposals will be selected by the reviewers who they think will benefit the most from the discussion with delegates and align with the strategic aims of the CTN.
* Proposals will also be considered from principal investigators where they are seeking feedback on particular issues around the conduct of a trial that has already started in network.

**APPLICATION FORM**

Please email your completed application to the ANZCA CTN Manager at ctn@anzca.edu.au.

**PRESENTER DETAILS**

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| NAME |  |
| POSITION |  |
| DEPARTMENT |  |
| HOSPITAL |  |
| CONTACT EMAIL |  |
| CONTACT MOBILE |  |
| ANZCA/FPM STATUS |  Fellow  Trainee  Neither |
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| Year of completion of FIRST specialist qualification:  |

**PRESENTATION DETAILS**

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| TITLE |  |
| PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION | Check here [√] |
| Progress report on endorsed study |  |
| ANZCA CTN-funded pilot study progress or final report |  |
| ANZCA CTN endorsement |  |
| Endorsed study sub-study proposal\* |  |
| Multi-centre study proposal in development |  |
| Novice researcher multi-centre proposal in development |  |
| Endorsed study sub-study proposal |  |
| Another purpose (describe briefly) |  |

\* Such presentations need to be made by the chief investigators or with their approval

**Emerging Investigators Prize session**

**I wish to apply to present in the Emerging Investigators Prize session which will take place on Friday 8 August, from 3.30 to 5.30pm in Glenelg, South Australia**

Check here [√]

[ ] YES [ ] NO

If yes, please complete the following table

**Emerging Investigators Prize checklist**

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| **Eligibility questionnaire** | Answer Yes or No |
| **Are you the lead author of the abstract and responsible for the majority of the research design? (Yes / No)** |  |
| **Can you confirm that you have NOT been previously listed as Chief Investigator A (CIA) or Chief Investigator B (CIB) on a competitive Category 1 funding grant, except for ANZCA grants? (Yes / No)** |  |
| **Can you confirm that you have NOT been the Chief Investigator A (CIA) of a large multi-site study (≥ 5 sites)? (Yes / No)** |  |
| **Are you a fellow of ANZCA or the Faculty of Pain Medicine (FPM)? (Yes / No)** |  |
| **Are you an ANZCA or FPM trainee with a supervisor who is a fellow of ANZCA or FPM? (Yes / No)** |  |
| **Are you a fellow or trainee of another specialist medical college? \* (Yes / No)** |  |
| **Are you available to present in person on Friday, 8 August, from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM? (Yes / No)** |  |
| Any other comments |  |

\* Refer to 2025 Emerging Investigators Prize Guidelines for further details

These key words are modified from those used by the journal *Anesthesiology*. If the key word or phrase that describes your work is not listed here, please provide in the comments. By providing this information, you will help us assign a suitable mentor / spokesperson for your study and allocate groups for small group discussions.

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| AIRWAY and AIRWAY MANAGEMENT |  |
| ANAESTHESITICS (GASES, INHALATION, INTRAVENOUS & LOCAL) |  |
| BLOOD COAGULATION or TRANSFUSION |  |
| CANCER and MALIGNANCY |  |
| CARDIOVASCULAR (DRUGS, FUNCTION, DISEASE AND MANAGEMENT) |  |
| CHEMISTRY, BIOPHYSICS AND PHYSICS (drug related) |  |
| COMPLICATIONS |  |
| CRITICAL CARE |  |
| ENDOCRINOLOGY |  |
| EPIDURAL and SPINAL |  |
| FLUIDS, ELECTROLYTES and PLASMA SUBSTITUTES |  |
| GASTROINTESTINAL PHYSIOLOGY and PATHOPHYSIOLOGY |  |
| GENETICS and GENETIC DISORDERS, GENOMICS |  |
| IMMUNOLOGY, INFLAMMATION and INFECTION |  |
| METABOLISM and NUTRITION |  |
| MONITORING (CARDIORESPIRATORY, CNS) |  |
| NAUSEA and VOMITING |  |
| NERVE BLOCKS |  |
| NEUROPHYSIOLOGY, BRAIN, SPINAL CORD, PERIPHERAL NERVE, TRANSMITTERS AND RECEPTORS, SIGNAL TRANSACTION |  |
| OBSTETRICAL ANESTHESIA |  |
| OXYGEN and OXYGEN TRANSPORT |  |
| PAIN MANAGEMENT (CLINICAL, PAIN-RELATED PHARMACOLOGY, PAIN PHYSIOLOGY) |  |
| PAEDIATRIC ANESTHESIA and PAEDIATRICS |  |
| PHARMACOLOGY (PHARMACOKINETICS and PHARMACODYNAMICS) |  |
| POSTOPERATIVE CARE  |  |
| PREOPERATIVE ASSESSMENT and CARE  |  |
| PSYCHOLOGY, PSYCHIATRY and BEHAVIOR  |  |
| RESPIRATORY (DISORDERS, MANAGEMENT, PHYSIOLOGY) |  |
| RISK, OUTCOME and QUALITY MANAGEMENT |  |
| SLEEP and SLEEP DISORDERS  |  |
| STUDY DESIGN AND TECHNIQUES, LABORATORY |  |
| STUDY DESIGN AND TECHNIQUES, CLINICAL |  |
| SURGERY, MISCELLANEOUS  |  |
| TEMPERATURE REGULATION and MANAGEMENT |  |
| TRANSPLANTATION |  |
| VASCULAR PHYSIOLOGY |  |
| Other (please describe below) |  |
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**To help us triage applications, complete the following details**

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| **Please tell us what grant scheme you intend on applying for and deadlines (if applicable).**  |
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| **Please tell us what the study phase is / type of study** |
|  | Check here all that apply [√] |
| Early concept development for a potential multicentre clinical trial ie exploring biological mechanisms / basic science concepts |  |
| Pilot or feasibility study for a potential multicentre clinical trial (feasibility, scientific merit, study design and outcomes) |  |
| Multicentre clinical trial protocol development (study design, feasibility, budgets, protocol adherence, budgets, study outcomes etc) |  |
| Other (describe briefly) |  |

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| **Please tell us what specific issues or questions you would like feedback from the statisticians / expert trialists (if applicable)** |
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| **Please tell us what specific issues or questions you would like feedback from the craft group experts (if applicable)** |
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| **Please tell us what specific issues you would like feedback from the research coordinators / trial managers (if applicable)** ie CRF review, data collection / follow-up visits, feasibility, research coordinator time, funding etc. |
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| **Other feedback you are seeking or further comments** |
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| **Please tell us what consumer engagement you have had so far, if any, in the design of your study**  |
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## ABSTRACT GUIDELINES

Please use the following headings below as a guide when submitting your abstract and submit to Karen Goulding by emailing ctn@anzca.edu.au. You will be notified that your abstract has been received within three business days via email. Please contact (+61 (0)3 9903 0942) if you do not receive a notification that we have your abstract.

Please limit your abstract to a one-page Word document. Longer abstracts will be returned (before the deadline) or truncated.

**You may use the following headings as a guide**

Title:

Chief Investigators with presenting investigator underlined. Please give titles for all investigators:

Affiliations:

Aims and hypotheses:

Study design:

Eligibility criteria:

Measurements:

Outcome definitions:

Sample size calculation:

Feasibility:

Consumer engagement: brief description on consumer engagement up to this point (if applicable)

Collaborators / Research partners:

Three specific issues for discussion:

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact Karen Goulding on (03) 9903 0942 or emailing ctn@anzca.edu.au

## PRESENTATION GUIDELINES

Presenters will be allocated a session time for their presentation. A maximum of five slides is allowed for each presentation which must include one slide on specific issues to discuss.

To allow for adequate discussion time to address protocol development and feasibility, presenters will need to allocate no more than 60% of your allocated session time to present the proposal, with the remaining time reserved for discussion with colleagues.

The chair of the session will provide further guidance ahead of the meeting.

## THE USE OF IMAGES IN PRESENTATIONS

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