

ClinTrial Refer – a mobile app for iOS and Android platforms

Building Partnerships

Introduction

There are significant challenges associated with recruiting patients to haematology clinical trials:

- rarity of diseases
- complexity of trials
- limited site locations
- haematologist knowledge of current trials and locations

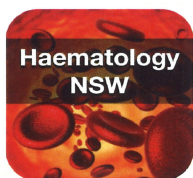
Aim

The Haematology Clinical Research Network (HRCN NSW/ACT) aimed to develop a mobile application to facilitate clinician and patient access to current recruitment for trials, and improve trial participation by increasing referrals.

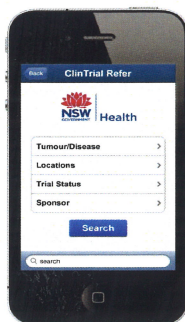
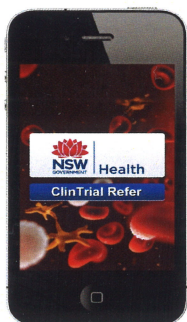
Method

The HCRN networked to develop a free, simple and effective app.

With the key search filters of Disease, Location and Sponsor, the app has an easy to navigate portfolio of currently recruiting haematology trials, with listing of inclusion and exclusion criteria; direct links to ClinTrials.gov; and a lay summary.



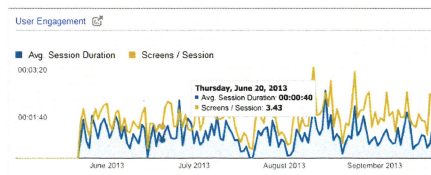
ClinTrial Refer is free to download from the App Stores.



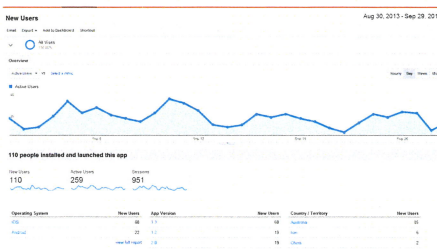
Users can filter searches by disease, location, trial status or sponsor.

Results

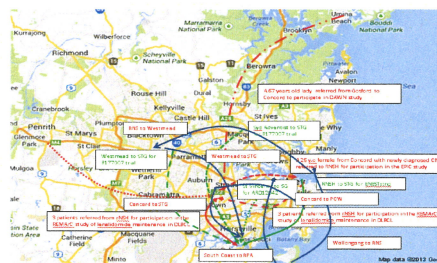
- the app went live in May 2013, on iOS and Android platforms



- high user acceptance: 91% users are repeat users and in NSW 290 users returned for an average of 11 sessions

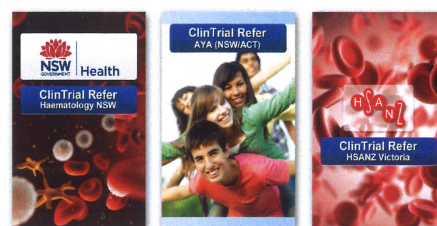


- increased cross-referral with an additional 40+ screened patients for clinical trials, a >300% increase over previous referral patterns



Patients are being recruited across hospital sites to access life saving research treatments.

- transferable: it has already been duplicated for other research portfolios



HSAZ Victoria and the Adolescent and Young Adult Network apps are nearly ready for launch.

Conclusion

ClinTrial Refer is a readily accessible, smart-phone application (app) which has transformed cross referral activities to research trials in NSW/ACT.

With collaboration between all units, we have facilitated culture change, and made significant improvements which are benefiting our patients. The technology can be duplicated for other disciplines both nationally and internationally.

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ClinTrial Refer

Lymphoma Australia, CEO Sharon Millman recently attended the launch of a new free app titled Clin Trials Refer at Concord Hospital. Clin Trials Refer supplies a current listing of active and pending haematology clinical research trials in NSW and ACT. The app will be updated monthly, with trial location sites, and contact details for the trial you are interested in knowing more about.

Lymphoma Australia has found from speaking with many patients that the process of finding a Lymphoma trial relevant to your subtype can be a very confusing and time consuming process. According to Lymphoma Australia CEO, Sharon Millman, this app is simple to use and the information can be easily discussed with your treating doctor.

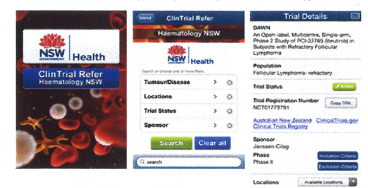
Clin Trials Refer is the result of the tireless work of the development team at the Haematology Clinical Research Network NSW. (Read more from the Media Release [HERE](#))



ClinTrial Refer Launch with Lymphoma Australia

New App on iPhone and iPad

Now Available from the App Store ([Click Here](#)) Screenshots of the app below.



Consumer Group Acceptance- The Lymphoma Australia Website features ClinTrial Refer for its consumers.

Acknowledgements

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