



IFM Joins ClinTrial Refer

We are pleased to welcome **Intergroupe Francophone du Myélome (IFM)** to the ClinTrial Refer community.

IFM is a European cooperative group in hematology which brings together clinicians, biologists and researchers in France, Belgium and Switzerland. IFM was established in 1994 to promote research on myeloma to improve its diagnosis, prognosis and treatment. It has conducted numerous phase 2 and 3 clinical trials since then. IFM's objective is to advance basic research on myeloma, through clinical approaches. Some of their best achievements were to bring Thalidomide, Lenalidomide maintenance to market, and to establish new standard of treatment like VTD induction, maintenance therapy and MRD as surrogate marker of PFS.



"Sharing real time updates on ongoing trials to the community was a continuous challenge for us, and joining ClinTrial Refer was a real opportunity. Thanks to the ClinTrial Refer team for set up assistance"

Dr Marie-Odile Petillon, IFM.



Please join us in welcoming Intergroupe Francophone du Myélome to the ClinTrial Refer community.

Trial Spotlight

As you may be aware from our previous announcements that ClinTrial Refer has launched a dedicated COVID-19 app to support researchers and patients with access to COVID-19 trials and to provide an overview of current COVID-19 clinical trial activity. There is a new trial listing in the app for a study seeking healthy volunteers. Please see details below and click on the link to learn more about the opportunity.



Participate in the Coronavirus Vaccine Study

Participate in a clinical study to test a potential vaccine for COVID-19. The goal of this study is to determine the safety of the vaccine and measure how strongly it triggers the body's immune response to COVID-19. This is a recombinant vaccine, so you will not be exposed to Coronavirus / COVID-19 by taking part in this study.

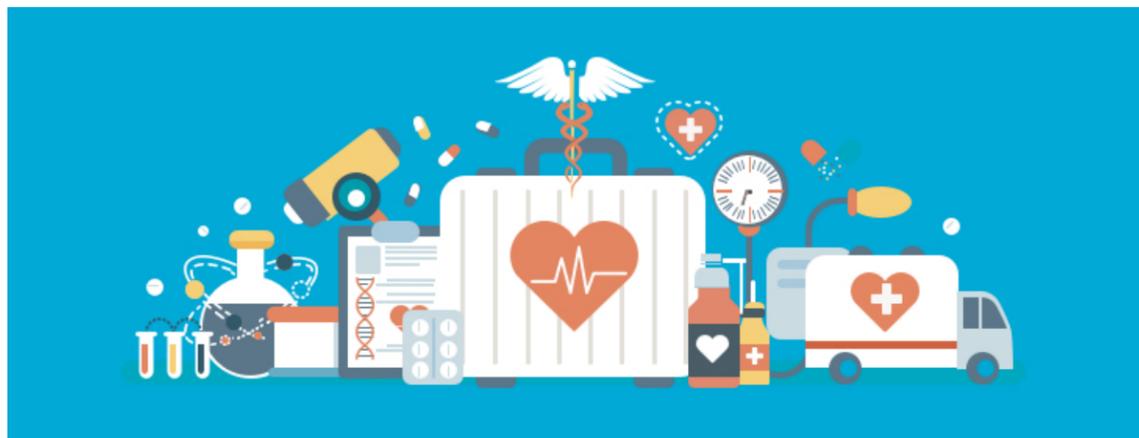
Participants in this research are reimbursed \$2,450 for their time and this clinical trial has been

For more details click [here](#).

Not all Heroes Wear Capes

International Nurses Day is celebrated annually on the 12th of May but this year the acknowledgement continues with the World Health Organization designating 2020 as International Year of the Nurse and Midwife. It couldn't be more timely to extend this recognition. The global pandemic has highlighted the extremely important and valuable role our frontline nurses play in the healthcare system but there are so many different roles that nurses hold that are equally important to protecting and servicing the health care needs of our communities. These include clinical nurse specialists, nurse educators and practitioners and of course our research nurses to name a few.

ClinTrial Refer would like to extend a big **THANK-YOU** to all the nurses who have chosen to invest in a profession that is at the centre of helping humanity at its most vulnerable. Thank you for choosing to spend your career improving the lives of others.



International Clinical Trials Day, May 20 was another important celebration that took place this month. May 20 marks the historical work of the first clinical trial by James Lind in 1747. His experiment demonstrated that oranges and lemons were a cure for scurvy.

International Clinical Trials Day is a perfect time to pause and acknowledge the amazing work of our research community to improve health and advance medical science.

ClinTrial Refer would like to thank all the clinical research professionals and clinical trial participants for their contribution to making the discovery of new medicines and therapeutic interventions possible. It is a collaborative effort that should be recognized and celebrated. **THANK-YOU.**

CT:IQ launches a new Clinical Trial Site Recruitment Guide



CT:IQ- is a collaborative group of stakeholders invested in improving the impact and quality of clinical trials in Australia. ClinTrial Refer is a member of CT:IQ steering committee and was part of the project team assigned to work on understanding the barriers to site recruitment and identifying solutions to those barriers that are broadly translational and applicable at the site level. CT:IQ has just launched the **Clinical Trial Site Recruitment**

Guide which is a culmination of that work. ClinTrial Refer is very grateful to have been part of contributing to the development of these recommendations and to have had the opportunity to work with an eminent team of leaders and experts in the clinical trials sector.

The guide provides a single source of information with practical recommendations, tools and resources to assist research sites with recruitment. It is aimed at site staff who are faced with the challenges of recruiting participants into clinical trials.

The key recommendations are grouped into four focus areas:

1. Accurate **STUDY FEASIBILITY** before taking on the trial
2. Upfront **STUDY START UP** and planning before recruitment starts
3. Understanding and selecting the most suitable **RECRUITMENT METHODS**
4. Ensuring **PARTICIPANT CONSIDERATIONS** are top of mind to maximise recruitment outcomes

The site recruitment guide can be accessed via the [CT:IQ website](#) as either a PDF document or an online learning platform called Teachable.

CT:IQ welcomes feedback on how useful this resource is and how future versions could be improved to enhance recruitment into clinical trials in Australia. Go in the draw for one of three **\$100 gift vouchers** for feedback provided by Friday 25 June 2020.

[Provide Feedback](#)

Would you like to be an inspiration for someone?

Share your story if you have taken part in a clinical trial or supported someone through a trial. Your stories and thoughts are important to us and can be a great encouragement to others. If you'd like to share a clinical trial story please email us at raheela@clintrialreferapp.com. We'd love to hear from you.



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