



In 2001, Cancer Council NSW established Cancer Trials NSW, a program aimed to enhance the recruitment of participants to multicentre, public interest cancer clinical trials throughout NSW.

The program was funded by Cancer Council NSW to procure the positions of cancer trials coordinators in cancer treatment centres and provide training to trial coordinators. Funding also promoted wider access to clinical trials, particularly in regional and rural areas.

Cancer Council NSW entered a five-year funding agreement in 2005 with the Cancer Institute NSW program, which provided additional infrastructure to clinical trials in NSW and significantly increased the number of trial coordinator positions. While the majority of the program is funded by Cancer Institute NSW, in the financial year 2010–11, Cancer Council NSW's contribution represented 18 per cent of the total joint investment in the NSW Cancer Trials Network.

The partnership agreement has officially come to an end. However, Cancer Council NSW will work collaboratively with the Cancer Institute NSW to explore opportunities to contribute to clinical trials in NSW in line with the Cancer Council NSW research strategy.

Over the past five years, through a well-developed yet flexible research strategy, the Cancer Council NSW research portfolio has expanded significantly. As a result, one third of all projects outside the Cancer Institute NSW program now support clinical research and clinical trials.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the great value that we have seen in supporting the development of the Cancer Institute NSW program that is dedicated to finding new and better ways to treat cancer and thank those involved for their contribution to cancer clinical trials in NSW.

The Cancer Institute NSW is currently reviewing the NSW Cancer Trials Network *Cancer Clinical Trials Staff Grant* applications for commencement on 1 January 2012. Applicants will be notified shortly of the outcome of these applications. In the interim, if you have any questions, please contact Niki Sansey, Clinical Trials Manager at the Cancer Institute NSW: Tel: 8374 3548 or [niki.sansey@cancerinstitute.org.au](mailto:niki.sansey@cancerinstitute.org.au).

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