Clinical trials achieve only a fraction of their potential. At any time, fewer than 5% of patients in Australia are in a trial - mainly because too few trials are available. This could change if more patients could become well informed advocates for clinical trials and decision-making partners - with clinicians - in designing and conducting trials and in helping ensure that reliable evidence is put into practice.

The workshop will explore plans to set up a training course to help patients achieve these goals.

The course - similar in concept to the popular Surf LifeSavers Bronze Medallion - is tentatively named ‘Saving Lives through Clinical Trials’. All who complete the course would be invited to be listed on a register of people who are willing to partner with professionals in developing and promoting clinical trials.

Australia needs many more clinical trials. Read more [here](#).

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**A workshop hosted by Dr Norman Swan**

9.30 am – 1.30 pm: 7th October 2015

Hilton Hotel, Sydney

Registration, including refreshments and lunch: $60

[$25 for students and non-health professionals]

A satellite meeting of the Australian Clinical Trials Alliance International Symposium, 7-10 October 2015

**Suitable for**

- Clinicians and researchers wishing to engage more fully with patients in the design and conduct of trials and to help equip them as partners.
- Patients, parents and others wishing to learn more about partnering with health professionals in all aspects of trials.

**The programme will include**

- Examples of successful partnership between patients and professionals.
- Small group sessions to brainstorm ideas for the training course; its style, content, audiences; embedding RCTs of teaching/learning strategies, qualitative studies of individuals’ experience; pitfalls; social media strategy; learning from existing initiatives; linking with other groups; building a training support network; crowdfunding; further events.
- Plenary session: conclusions and plans for next steps

**Invited participants**

Melinda Cruz, Kylie Pussell, Naomi Rohr: Miracle Babies Foundation; Anthony Keech, Adrienne Kirby, Ian Marschner, William Tarnow-Mordi, NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre; Beth Wilson, Former Victorian Health Services Commissioner; Anthony Brown, Adam Johnston, Health Consumers NSW; Zsuzsoka Kecskes, Canberra Hospital; Grant Holloway, The Australian; John Stubbs, CanSpeak; Nicole White, MissScriptID.com*; Annette Katelaris, University of Sydney; Rachelle Buchbinder, Monash University;* Jeffrey Braithwaite, Macquarie University;* Nicky Betts, Australian Medical Students Association;* Marlous Teh, Macquarie University Rotaract Club;* Nicole Gerrand, Hunter and New England Research Ethics Committee;* Anne McKenzie, University of Western Australia;* Coralie Wales, Western Sydney LHD*

* to be confirmed

A limited number of scholarships to assist with accommodation and travel costs will be available to students or people who are not health professionals.

To receive the final programme when available, to register, or to enquire about a scholarship or sponsorship, email: EPAPT@ctc.usyd.edu.au or visit the NHMRC CTC website at [www.ctc.nhmrc.edu.au](http://www.ctc.nhmrc.edu.au)

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