

# ACORD 2014 WORKSHOP

14-20 September 2014  
Queensland, Coolumb  
Australia

A workshop in clinical trials design for  
cancer researchers in all  
oncology disciplines

## WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND

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cancer researchers from the  
Asia Pacific Region

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Australia & Asia Pacific  
Clinical Oncology Research  
Development Workshop

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ACORD is a week-long intensive training program on clinical trials design for cancer researchers in all oncology subspecialties from the Australia and Asia Pacific region. Around 60 participants are selected through a competitive application process to attend the Workshop.

## SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

### LECTURES AND PRACTICALS

Daily plenary sessions provide participants with an overview of a number of relevant topics and skills, such as, ethics, statistics and quality of life.

### SMALL GROUP BY METHODS AND DISCIPLINES

Concurrent discussions in specialised areas of oncology, with a maximum of 12 participants allow for effective group interaction on each oncology discipline.

### PROTOCOL SESSIONS

Protocol Groups, each led by 3 Faculty, meet to discuss individual protocols and provide feedback on participants' progress over the week.

### OFFICE HOURS

Participants can schedule one-on-one time with Faculty Members to discuss their protocol

CONVENOR: Professor Martin Stockler  
NHMRC Clinical Trials Centre  
University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia

Please check the ACORD website for more information. [www.acord.org.au](http://www.acord.org.au)

## WHAT PEOPLE SAY ABOUT ACORD

"One of the best academic experiences ever! Highly recommended to all!"  
Medical Oncologist

"I still think back to some of the principles I was taught at the ACORD workshop during my research practice today."  
Oncology Nurse

"A truly rewarding experience. I will use my new-found skills to develop effective clinical trial ideas."  
Radiation Oncologist

"I am thrilled to leave the workshop with a complete protocol, undoubtedly enhanced by the input from my mentors."  
Psycho-Oncologist

## HOW TO REGISTER

### CAN I APPLY?

ACORD is open to candidates with training in medical, radiation, gynaecological, paediatric, geriatric, surgical oncology and psycho-oncology, palliative care, nursing, pharmacology, haematology, pathology, and allied health disciplines.

### HOW DO I APPLY?

On line at [www.acord.org.au](http://www.acord.org.au) Registrations will open from 4 November 2013 through to 24 February 2014.

You must write and submit a short concept outline (<500 words) for a proposed clinical research project that you will work on and develop into a full protocol at the workshop. You will also need to submit a letter of support from your supervisors, employers and/or referees, your curriculum vitae, and a statement of intent.

### WHAT DOES IT COST?

All participants are asked to pay a registration fee. Trainees and those in financial hardship are invited to apply for Fellowships:

- Trainee Fellowships are awarded to successful applicants who are in an oncology training program or doing a PhD. Covers travel, accommodation and meals
- Financial Hardship Fellowships are awarded to successful applicants from less developed countries who can demonstrate financial hardship. Covers travel, accommodation, meals and registration
- Fellowship recipients share their room with one or more other participants

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