2021 Conference Program



From pandemic to recovery – building Australia's competitive advantage post COVID



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About the ARCS Conference

For over 35 years, ARCS Australia has been bringing together a vibrant and diverse community of professionals working in academia, government, biotech and pharmaceutical companies, hospitals and healthcare settings and other organisations to showcase and support the development and regulation of therapeutic goods.

Delegates come from a cross-section of the healthcare sector including clinical research, regulatory affairs, pharmacovigilance, medical affairs/MSLs, medical technology, health economics and quality/ GMP. They include senior executives through to recent graduates.

This pandemic has exemplified the need for translational medical research, clinical trials and key infrastructure that can be mobilised in a time of crisis. On top of this we have an ageing population and rising prevalence of chronic diseases, juxtaposed with a need for critical infrastructure investments, technological advancement, evolving care models, staff shortages, and the expansion of healthcare systems in developing markets. These elements create opportunity and uncertainty.

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The 2021 ARCS Annual Conference brings together industry, regulator, academia and researchers to educate, network and unite in a time of change. It will provide essential and timely information in each of the key educational areas – particularly as we traverse the issues associated with the COVID-19 pandemic as well as other local and international issues. A strong and compelling line up of international speakers will provide a global perspective joined by high profile Australian experts.

The program has been developed with input from the broader sector to ensure it focuses on areas of greatest need for those working in clinical research, pharmacovigilance, regulatory affairs for and timely access to medicine and devices and patient and consumer representatives.

Refer to the key streams below to identify sessions in the program:

Clinical Research	
Medicines and medical devices reimbursement	
Pharmacovigilance	
Innovations in R&D	
Regulation of prescription and non-prescription medicines	
MedTech start-ups/SMEs stream	
Careers stream	

Day 1: 7 June 2021



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Time		sion Stream			
0.00	A01. A national approach to clinical trials: A fede	ral update			
9:00	A02. Clinical session to be announced				
10:15	A03. MD reimbursement session to be announced A04. Pharmacovigilance session to be announced				
	A05. Innovations in R&D session to be announced				
	A06. Innovations in R&D session to be announce	ed			
	A07. Session to be announced				
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11:00	A08. A national approach to clinical trials: State update (part 1)				
-	A09. Clinical session to be announced				
12:00	A10. MD reimbursement session to be announced				
	A11. Partnerships & collaborations in pharmacovigilance				
	A12. The evolving role of Real-World Evidence in Australia – where are we now (part 1)				
	A13.Innovations in R&D session to be announced				
40.00	A14. Session to be announced				
12:00	Lunch				
13:30	Lunch				
	A15. A national approach to clinical trials: State update (part 2)				
13:30	A16. Costing clinical trials for industry & investigator-initiated trials				
_ 14:30	A17. Robotic surgery outcomes from different platforms				
14:30	A18. Pharmacovigilance in action				
	A19. Putting precision medicine in context (part 1)				
	A20. Innovations in R&D session to be announced				
	A21. Session to be announced				
14:30					
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14:45					
14:45	A22. A national approach to clinical trials: Pulling it all together				
-	A23. Resource compliance & governance in clinical trials - Stretching the rubber band				
15:45	15:45 A24. MSAC guidelines update				
	A25. Pharmacovigilance reflections on 2020				
	A26. Putting precision medicine in context (part 2	·			
	A27. Innovations in R&D session to be announce	ed			
	A28. Session to be announced				
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15:45	Afternoon Tea				
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Day 2: 8 June 2021



Time	Session	Session Stream				
	B01. General update on manufacturing - regulations	and process				
	B02. Regulatory prescription medicines session to be announced					
9:00	B03. Regulatory device session to be announced					
- 10:15	B04. How eConsent is being used in Australia to sup	port clinical trials				
10:15	B05. Trial start up with the end in mind (part 1)					
	B06. How the customer determines product development and business strategies for medtech start-ups					
	B07. Session to be announced					
	S01. Session to be announced					
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11:00						
	B08. Clinical trial manufacturing					
44.00		B09. Regulatory prescription medicines session to be announced				
11:00 _	B10. Medical technology sector update					
12:00	B11. International & national initiatives improving clinical trials in Australia					
	B12. Trial start up with the end in mind (part 2)					
	B13. An overview of regulatory requirements for medical device start-ups for Australian and international					
	markets					
	B14. Session to be announced					
	S02. Session to be announced					
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13.30	B15. Counterfeit and illegal importation					
13:30	 B16. Regulatory medicines session to be announced B17. ELLMDR: Are we there yet (part 1)? 					
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14:30	B19. Remote monitoring in a post-COVID world: The collaborative approach (part 1)					
	B20. The critical importance for medtech start-ups of embracing quality management in medical device					
	development					
	B21. Session to be announced					
	S03. Session to be announced					
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- 14:45	Session change over					
	B22. Supply chain management during pandemic – 2020 review					
14:45	B23. Regulatory medicines session to be announced					
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15:45	B25. National Clinical Trial Governance Framework (part 2)					
	B26. Remote monitoring in a post-COVID world: The	· ,				
	B27. Considerations for medtech start-ups when raising capital					
	B28. Session to be announced					
	S04. Session to be announced					
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Day 3: 9 June 2021



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9:00	C01. Appealing a TGA decision - tips and tidings				
9.00	C02. Accelerated regulatory approval pathways for new medicines in Australia				
10:15	C03. Medicinal cannabis product regulation in Australia				
	C04. Regulating software: A moving goal post				
	C05. Update from the Office of HTA and Medicines Australia				
	C06.Innovations in R&D session to be announ	liced			
	C07. Session to be announced				
10:15					
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11:00					
11:00	C08. Labelling updates: New CMI and PI requirements				
-	C09. Prescription medicines sector update				
12:00	C10. Regulatory non-prescription medicines session to be announced				
	C11. The race for Point of Care COVID test				
	C12. Consumer-led evidence development to inform reimbursement value judgement				
	C13. Innovations in R&D session to be announced C14. Session to be announced				
12:00					
-	Lunch				
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40-00	C15. Embracing international work sharing				
13:30	C16. eSubmission regional developments & u	pdates (AU, China and APAC)			
	C17. Non-prescription medicines sector update				
	C18. Custom made medical devices				
	C19. Spotlight on reimbursement of rare diseases				
	C20. Innovations in R&D session to be announced C21. Session to be announced				
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-	Session change over				
14:45					
44.45	C22. Panel discussion with regulatory leaders				
14:45	C23. Medicine Shortages Information Initiative				
15:45	C24. Clinical evidence requirements for compl	•			
	C25. Regulatory device session to be annound				
	C26. Registration & reimbursement of gene ar	nd cell therapies: Opportunities and challenges?			
	C27. Innovations in R&D session to be announced				
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