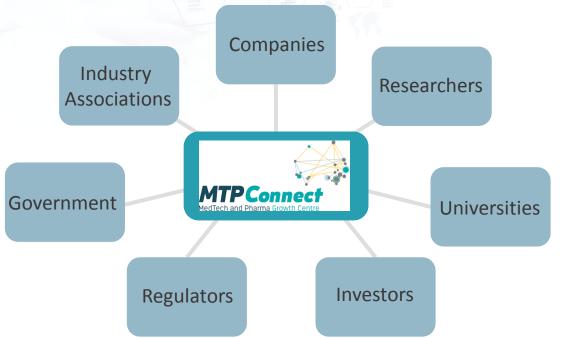




The Economic Benefit of Clinical Trials in Australia Sue MacLeman – CEO, MTPConnect

## MTPConnect's goal is to accelerate growth of Australia's MTP sector





#### **MTPConnect**

- Established by the Australian Federal Government
- Goal is to accelerate the rate of growth of the medical technologies, biotechnologies and pharmaceuticals sector to achieve greater commercialisation and establish Australia as an Asia-Pacific hub for MTP companies

#### **OUTCOMES**



**Regulatory reform** 



Improved access to global supply chains and international markets



Improved engagement between research and business



Improved management and workforce skills

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### MTPConnect's role



**MTPConnect** 

### TAKING ACTION

MTPConnect fosters
collaboration and
competition, shares
knowledge, and drives
links between Australia
and international
markets

### INDEPENDENT VOICE

MTPConnect works across industry, research and government to drive improvements in the sector

## **FUNDING** PROJECTS

MTPConnect jointly funds projects that address the Sector Growth Priorities and constraints and gaps identified in the sector







Up to

1,360

**TRIALS STARTED** in

2015 (ANZCTR)



\$1.1b

in **GROSS EXPENDITURE** 

on all ongoing trials in 2015



c.6,900

**JOBS SUPPORTED,** 

largely tertiary qualified

### Why Australia is attractive for clinical trials





## Sophisticated and scale research environment

- World class infrastructure
- Leading scientists, physicians and HCPs
- High standards of care
- Widespread use of high-end drugs, devices, diagnostics
- First-class clinical trials infrastructure and skills



## Robust and rapid regulatory environment

- Internationally recognised system for new drugs and devices
- Rapid clinical trials approval system -CTN/CTX
- Effective intellectual property (IP) rights protection system



#### Strong ties to Asian Markets

- Geographically close to Asia, similar time zones
- Strong ties with the Asia- Pacific region, supported by Free Trade Agreements (FTAs)
- Ethically diverse population and seasonal differences

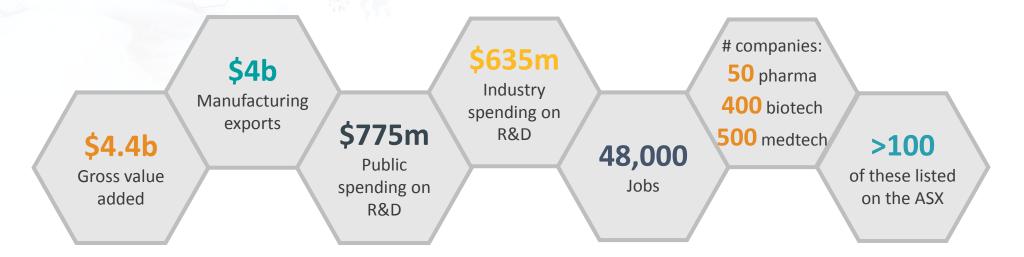


#### **Cost competitive**

- Globally cost competitive
- Competitive R&D tax incentive scheme that rewards investment in Australian R&D
- Rapid set up times (which reduces cost)

## The medtech, biotech and pharmaceutical sector in Australia is diverse



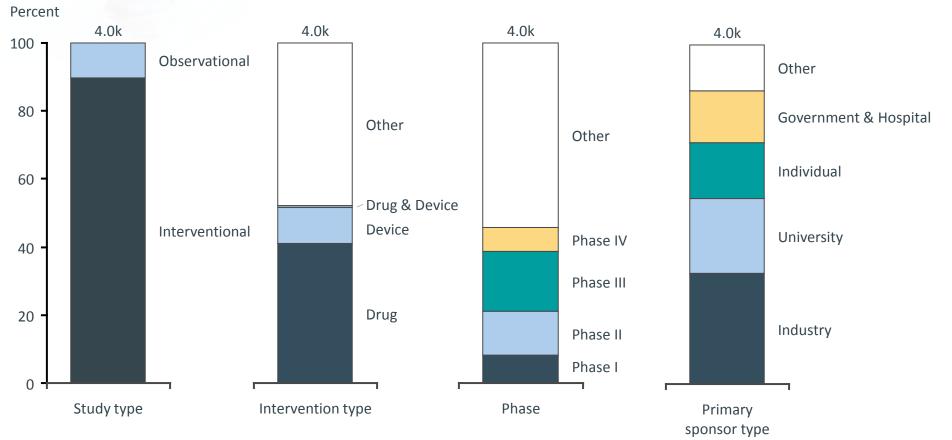


- 50 Clinical Trial Networks
- 40 Universities
- 30 Contract Research Organisations
- Plus thriving industry of clinical trial support services including Biobanks, Phase I units,
   central laboratories, industry bodies, NFPs, Government Departments

## The majority of trials in Australia are interventional trials sponsored by a range of sector participants

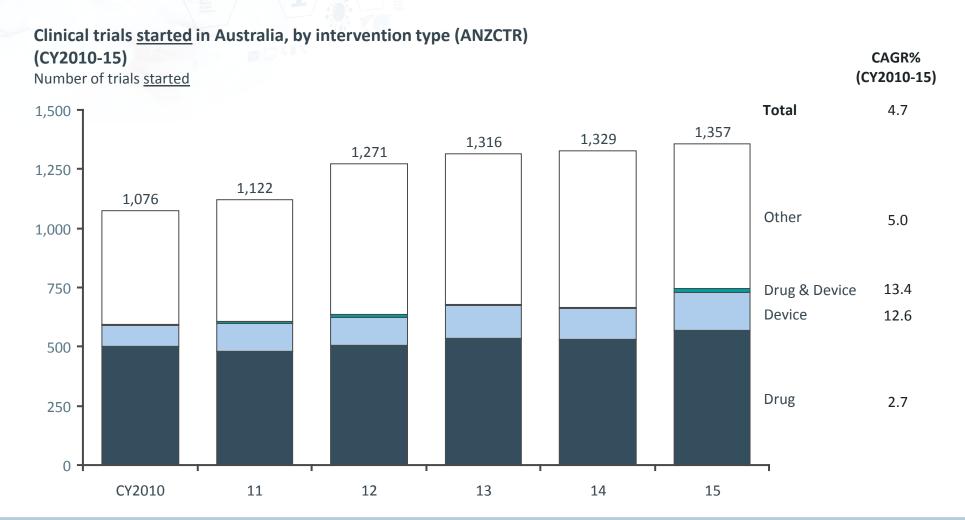


Clinical trials <u>started</u> in Australia (ANZCTR) (CY2013,14,15)



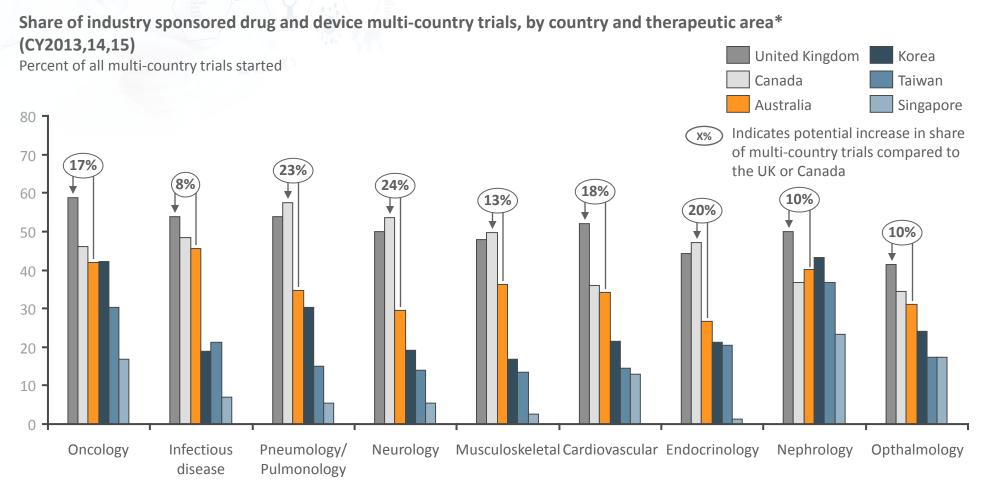
## Drug and device trials make up the majority of studies and have experienced strong growth





## Australia is globally competitive in a number of complex disease areas





### **Australian CRO Experience is Significant**



- Experience across all trial phases
- Expertise in FTIH, Proof of Concept and pivotal studies
- Studies conducted to international standards and regulations
- Provide full-service trials and/or specialist services as needed
- Well networked with industry stakeholders
- Able to work with other international CRO partners and Sponsors
- Have worked with and access to complex populations



















**AKESA Pharma** 

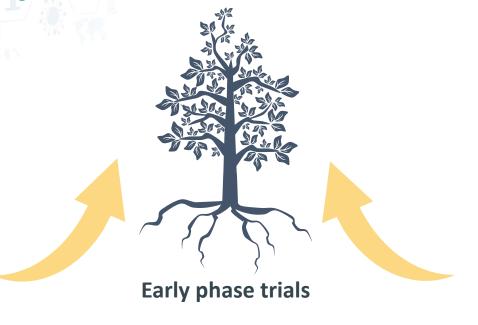
# Early phase trials are supported by dedicated infrastructure systems







Biobanks and specialised disease databases





Medical Research
Institutes with early
phase specialties



Clinical trial networks with access to leading physicians



Fast and efficient approvals

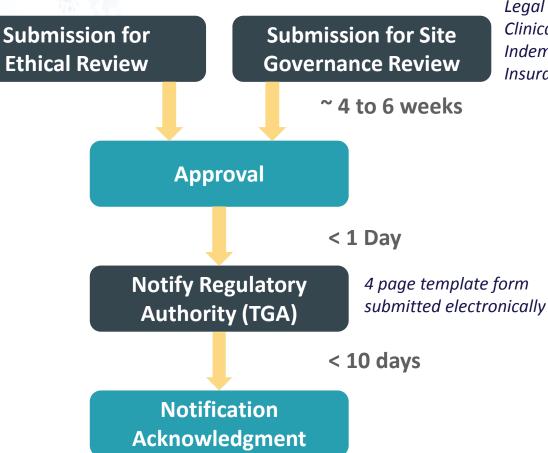


Searchable clinical trials registry accessible to the public

### The Approval Pathway is efficient for all trials



Study Documents inc. Protocol, Investigator Brochure, Informed Consent

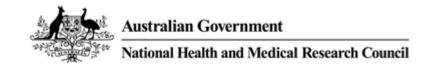


Legal Documents inc.
Clinical Trial Agreement,
Indemnity Agreement,
Insurance Coverage

### **Ethical guidelines (HREC)**



- Human Research Ethics Committee (HRECs) play a central role in the Australian system of ethical oversight of research involving humans.
- HRECs review research proposals involving human participants to ensure that they
  are ethically acceptable and in accordance with relevant standards and guidelines.
- There are more than 200 HRECs in institutions and organisations across Australia.
- HRECs are guided by relevant standards. Standards include those in the <u>National</u> <u>Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research</u> (the National Statement) issued by NHMRC
- In 2014, c.90% of multi-center ethics approvals by NHRMC certified ethics committees were completed within 60 calendar days



# Data quality and data acceptance in key jurisdictions



Tradition of excellence in medical research

Full range of trials conducted by local and international sponsors

Clinical data compliance with the highest international standards

National focus on continual improvement through reforms and innovation

Clinical data from trials in Australia is accepted and respected in key jurisdictions globally, e.g. FDA & EMA

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I decided to participate in a clinical trial to not only help women today but to also help future generations. I would

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