Information about the Translational Research Institute’s Clinical Research Facility (CRF) based at Princess Alexandra Hospital

The TRI Clinical Research Facility (CRF) is a multiuse research centre. It has been designed to provide the special facilities and equipment needed by clinical researchers. This is to help them to investigate the causes of disease, and to conduct research studies of new medicines and medical equipment.

The CRF is located on the Princess Alexandra Hospital campus. It is on Levels 4 and 5 of R Wing, directly across from the TRI building. It was opened for participants in December 2014. The facility has been designed as a restful environment, with light filled spaces and comfortable, spacious treatment rooms and waiting area. The clinic is not a healthcare facility; however it is situated within the main hospital building. This is to ensure the rapid access to emergency medical teams should this be needed.

If you are considering taking part in a research study that is being conducted in the CRF, the following information may be of interest to you. It will also help you to locate the research clinic on the PAH campus.

Before arriving at the clinic, the research staff working on your trial will provide you with any special instructions regarding your visit. For example, you may need to fast from food or refrain from vigorous exercise or smoking. Each study has different instructions that must be followed for that study. You will be asked to sign an Information and Consent Form if you agree to take part in that research study. This form must be signed before any research related procedures are conducted.

All clinical research studies at the PAH, including those that are done in the CRF, meet the requirements of International and Australian regulations. They are also checked and are approved by a registered Ethics Committee. The CRF is staffed by a small team of PAH employees who manage the facility and provide support to researchers.
When you arrive at the CRF reception area you will be asked to sign our visitors' book and to acknowledge the CRF Terms of Entry. You will be given a temporary ID card to wear during your visit. The researcher for your study will be contacted to let them know that you have arrived for your appointment.

The person in charge of each trial is called a Principal Investigator. He/she is responsible for making sure that any other researchers working on your study are properly qualified and trained to provide a high level of care to participants who are taking part in research studies.

The researcher for your study will remain with you during your visit to the CRF. Once your visit is complete, they will ensure you are ready for departure. The researcher will then give you any information about follow-up requirement and return you to the Reception desk.

**Map indicating the CRF position within hospital**

Princess Alexandra Hospital Campus Map

If you need to contact the CRF staff they are available between 8am and 4pm Weekdays. Phone 3443 7545 or 3443 7550.

**Directions to the CRF**

*Follow the red dots!*

- From the main hospital foyer walk past Starbucks and down the corridor to the end,
- through the doorway to your left at top of ramp,
- turn right then immediately left.
- Continue past the R-wing sign, and along the curve of the building
- to the ground level foyer of R-Wing. Take the lift up to Level 4 where the CRF Reception area is located.

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