

# KEYPAD Trial News

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## KEYPAD Recruitment Update – September 2021

### \*\*SWEET 16 TO GO\*\*

We're very excited that three participants were recruited to the KEYPAD study since 1 August. Thank you to Dr Tom Ferguson and Caroline Stone at Fiona Stanley Hospital, Dr Abhishek Joshi and Rachel Doyle at Townsville Hospital and Dr Sarah Zardawi and Megan Walker at Calvary Mater for identifying and recruiting participants during the month.

The team is always happy to receive your queries so please keep your emails coming to [keypad.study@sydney.edu.au](mailto:keypad.study@sydney.edu.au)

### Site accrual

SITE NAME	PARTICIPANTS TO DATE
Calvary Mater Newcastle	11
Concord Repatriation General Hospital	8
St George Hospital	8
Sunshine Coast University Hospital	5
Royal Brisbane & Women's Hospital	4
Fiona Stanley Hospital	4
Flinders Medical Centre	3
Monash Health	2
Ballarat Oncology and Haematology Services	2
Townsville Hospital	2
Icon Cancer Care	1
GenesisCare (formerly Northern Cancer Institute)	1
Eastern Health / Box Hill	1
Border Medical Oncology	1
Peter MacCallum Cancer Center (closed)	1
St Vincent's Hospital (Sydney)	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>54/70</b>

### What is KEYPAD?

*Denosumab and Pembrolizumab in clear cell renal carcinoma: a phase II trial.*

#### STUDY CHAIR

**A/Professor  
Craig Gedye**



## Thoughts from a Trial Investigator – Laurence Krieger

*Over the past ten years, Laurence Krieger (Medical Oncologist and KEYPAD Site PI at GenesisCare) has been involved in just over 120 clinical trials. We asked Laurence a few questions about clinical trials. Below is a snapshot of this interview. The full interview will be made available later this year in the next edition of our ANZUP Consumer Magazine 'A little below the belt'.*



My first involvement with clinical trials took place as a junior doctor (Resident) during an oncology term and two studies stick in my mind. The first being the introduction of the chemotherapeutic agent, Irinotecan, for the management of advanced colorectal carcinoma and the second, the assessment of Sunitinib as first line therapy in metastatic clear cell renal carcinoma.

The experience excited me and ignited my interest in clinical trials for many reasons. First, the implementation of putting the science of drug development into clinical practice. Second, the hope of expanding therapeutic options for patients, not only to hopefully improve the outlook, (including cure rates), but quality of life too. Third, being on the forefront of gaining clinical experience with new treatment options to learn and confidently manage potential side effects and how to assess benefit. And finally, the positive experience that comes from engaging with patients on a mutual learning pathway. Patients often participate not only for their own benefit, but for those that will be diagnosed in the future. There is often a grateful positivity (even if a trial does not demonstrate the intended gain), that comes with advancing our understanding in the field so that we can pose the next set of questions that inevitably arise from answering one.

**And one tip I have learned to make trials work better is trusting and supporting your study coordinators/ nurses and team!**

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