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UQ Centre for Clinical Research

Clinical Trial Support Unit

A 16-room dedicated research facility for the conduct of high-quality clinical trials



UQCCR

The University of Queensland Centre for Clinical Research (UQCCR) is a purpose-built research facility on the campus of one of Australia's largest hospitals, the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital (RBWH) in Herston, Brisbane. UQCCR offers state-of-the-art facilities to bring together leading health professionals, clinicians and scientists from around the globe to facilitate innovation and knowledge translation.

The Clinical Trial Support Unit (CTSU)

The Clinical Trial Support Unit (CTSU) is a custom-built clinical research floor with dedicated multi-purpose and specialty clinical rooms to suit a variety of different clinical research users. Located alongside the CTSU is the Herston Imaging Research Facility (HIRF), a facility available to give access to high-quality imaging equipment and allows for the rapid translation of research into practice.

Patient and participant safety during the conduct of high-quality research is our priority and all research undertaken in the CTSU is conducted by experienced research teams in accordance with national and international guidelines for good clinical practice and is approved by a Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) and local Governance Committee.

Since 2008 we have conducted over 120 clinical trials including over 10,000 participants across a wide range of health conditions including neurological Motor Neurone Disease, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease and Alzheimer's. Recent studies have expanded to infectious diseases and one study examining novel brain imaging techniques.

CTSU Services:

Infrastructure

- 16 specialty and multi-purpose clinical rooms with UQ and Queensland Health computer access
- Specialist 2-bedded procedure room with emergency trolley, AED, ECG and IV infusion equipment
- Day Unit capacity to conduct Phase I through to Phase 4 clinical trials
- Sample preparation and storage facilities
- Refrigerated centrifuge plus -20 and -80 freezers
- Secure document storage
- An open plan reception area, foyer/waiting room and Boardroom
- Access to shared facilities such as a staff kitchen and interaction area in addition to the clinical rooms

Trial set-up

Subject to study feasibility assessment, we have an in-house trial coordination team who can assist with:

- Working collaboratively with service -support departments, including RBWH Clinical Trials Pharmacy, Pathology Queensland and HIRF Imaging;
- Assisting with study documentation development and submission to obtain Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) and local Governance approvals.





Clinical expertise and support

The team can provide research experience and clinical support during trial visits including:

- Obtaining informed consent;
- Physical examination; vital signs; ECG; phlebotomy/blood sampling (e.g. pharmacokinetic studies); patient/participant reported outcome measures (PROMs); Concomitant medication assessment;
- Assisting in minor invasive procedures, including vaccination, lumbar puncture/ cerebrospinal fluid sample collection; muscle biopsy;
- Management of medical emergencies;
- Adverse Event identification, evaluation, reporting and follow-up; and
- Administration support including appointment booking and billing

Investigational Product Storage and Management:

Secure refrigerated and ambient Investigational Medicinal Product (IMP) storage facilities with 24/7 temperature monitoring:

- fully automated temperature monitoring hardware device
- web-based software system, accessible by research personnel
- temperature records can be produced by authorised users

Quality assurance and risk assessments

- All staff and study teams comply with ICH-GCP principles, UQ Policy and Procedures and relevant regulatory standards.
- A comprehensive risk assessment is undertaken before any participants are recruited or study activities commenced.
- Accommodating on-site monitoring and audit visits.

Mass Spectrometry Facility & Bioanalysis

UQCCR can offer a range of services within our mass spectrometry facility (MSF) as well as pharmacokinetic data analysis capability, both of which are NATA-accredited.

Bookings

- All clinical rooms can be booked on a per-session basis;
- Rooms can also be booked on a regular cycle or for exclusive use.

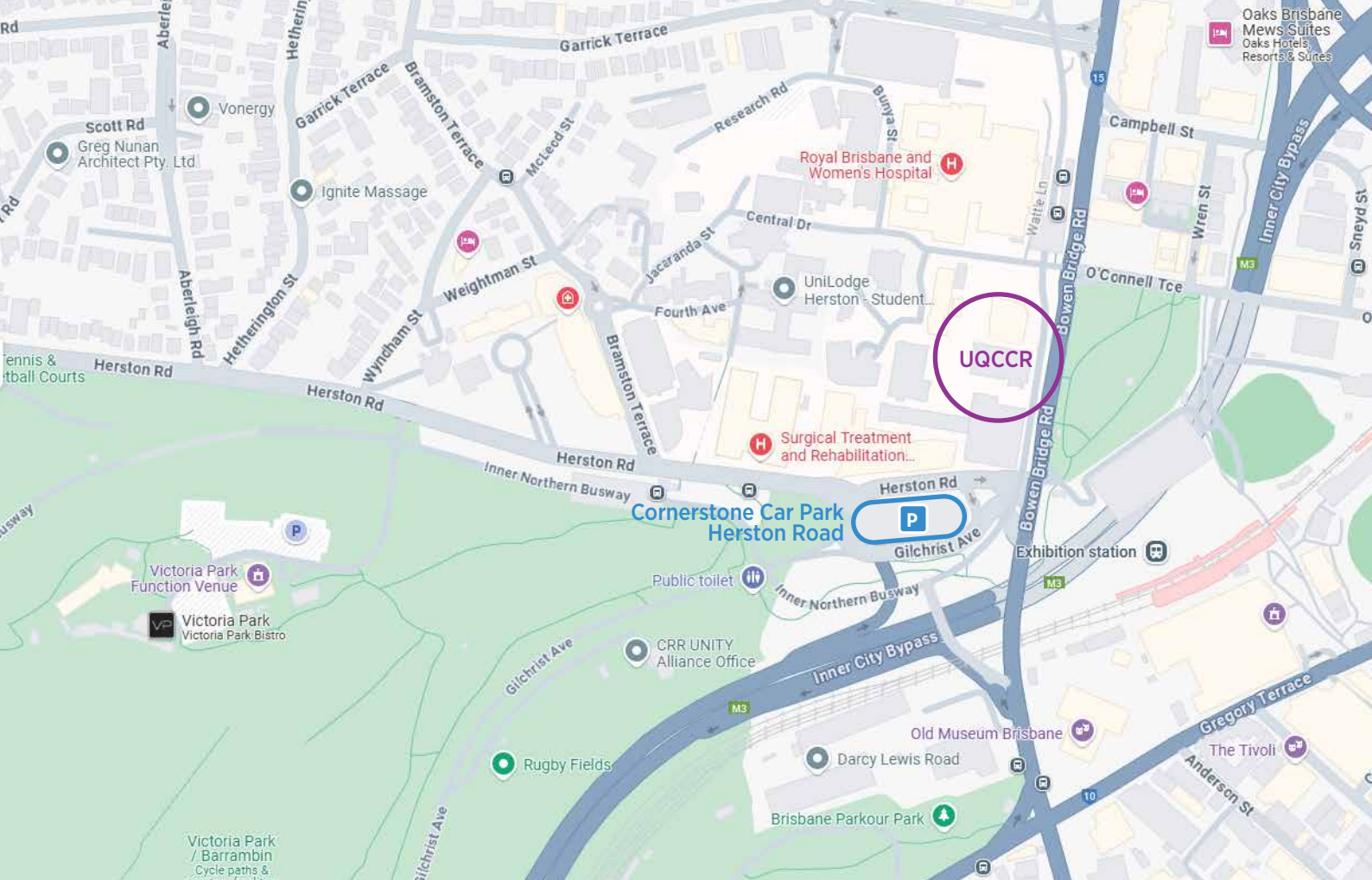
Morning session: 8am-12noon

Afternoon session: 1pm-5pm

Fees

UQCCR places no restriction on the number of patients that can be seen in a session; the same fixed fee will apply. This can be invoiced on a session-by-session basis or in advance, or as agreed with the CTSU Clinical Coordinator.





Get in touch:

Find out today if your study can be supported and delivered in the CTSU.

To obtain a fee structure, view the facilities or enquire about the booking process, please contact the CTSU Clinical Coordinator and/ or the Clinical Research Nurse to find out more:

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Where we are:

The Clinical Trials Support Unit (CTSU) is located on level 3 of the UQ Centre for Clinical Research (UQCCR) within the Herston Health Precinct.

UQCCR is accessible by bus, train, taxi and private transport. Major routes for public transport are located outside the hospital and at the RBWH Busway station. The closest carpark to UQCCR is the Cornerstone Carpark located at the junction of Gilchrist Avenue and Herston Road.

For more public transport information, routes and timetables please call the Translink Hotline phone number on 131230 or visit translink.com.au



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