

PRESS RELEASE

Paratus Clinical Opens New Clinical Research Site in Northcote, VIC, Expanding Access to Innovative Therapies

26th May 2026 – A new clinical research site is set to open in Northcote, VIC, further strengthening Melbourne's position as a leader in medical research and innovation. This new facility will integrate experienced psychiatrists and scientists from an academic background with extensive expertise in clinical research, including pharmacological-assisted psychotherapy. The site will include both psychiatric and psychological clinical research and primary care trials, broadening the scope of research and expanding access to innovative treatments for a wider patient population. Also enabling new research with psychedelic compounds, through purpose-built rooms within the facility.

The site will be led by a distinguished team of researchers and research doctors, including Professor Paul Fitzgerald and Associate Professor Bernadette Fitzgibbon, both of whom bring a wealth of experience in pioneering psychiatric and psychological research. Professor Fitzgerald, is a qualified psychiatrist with a Master of Psychological Medicine and a PhD in research and has spent 25 years conducting clinical trials developing and evaluating new treatments for psychiatric disorders, including neurostimulation such as transcranial magnetic stimulation, and novel pharmacological agents. Associate Professor Fitzgibbon previously served as the Deputy Director of the Monarch Research Institute within Monarch Mental Health Group and is also an adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Monash University and the School of Medicine and Psychology at the Australian National University. Her research focuses on novel therapeutic approaches for mental health and chronic pain conditions.

Designed to facilitate both psychiatric clinical research and generalist clinical trials, the Paratus Clinical Melbourne site will enhance access to innovative treatment options across multiple therapeutic areas.

The site will also welcome Dr. Yair Edinburg as the full-time Principal Investigator for primary health clinical trials. Dr. Edinburg brings experience in conducting clinical research and overseeing large-scale trials. As the current lead Principal Investigator at Paratus Clinical's Western Sydney site, he has successfully led multiple studies focusing on new treatments and vaccines. His expertise will be instrumental in driving high-quality research outcomes and expanding clinical trial opportunities in Melbourne.

"This new research site represents an exciting step forward in advancing psychiatric and general clinical research in Australia," said Professor Paul Fitzgerald. "By integrating expertise from academic and clinical settings, we can accelerate the development of new treatments that have the potential to transform patient care."

"Paratus Clinical is committed to expanding access to innovative clinical research and ensuring patients have opportunities to participate in cutting-edge trials," said Matt Clacy, Chief Commercial Officer of Paratus Clinical. "The launch of this site in Northcote marks an important milestone in our mission to bridge the gap between research and patient care, particularly in both psychiatric and primary care trials."

The establishment of this facility aligns with a broader commitment to expanding clinical trial capabilities in Victoria, providing greater opportunities for patients to participate in groundbreaking research. The site will collaborate with leading academic institutions, healthcare providers, and industry partners to drive innovation in clinical trials and improve health outcomes.

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