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Paratus Clinical Research and Clinical Trials Institute Announce Strategic Partnership to Advance Clinical Research in Australia

20th March 2025 – Paratus Clinical Research, a leading clinical trial site network in Australia, and Clinical Trials Institute (CTI), a premier private practice research centre, are pleased to announce a strategic partnership aimed at enhancing clinical trial capabilities across Australia. This collaboration will leverage both organisations' strengths to streamline research operations, expand patient recruitment, and accelerate access to innovative treatments.

Paratus Clinical Research, with its established network of research-dedicated facilities across the East Coast of Australia, brings extensive experience in conducting Phase I-IV clinical trials in key therapeutic areas. Since its inception in 2015, Paratus has facilitated over 150 clinical trials for world-leading pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and contract research organisations. Its robust infrastructure, experienced investigators, and centralised operational model ensure efficiency and quality in clinical research delivery.

Clinical Trials Institute, launched in early 2024, is a fast-growing clinical research centre based in Geelong and Torquay, Victoria. As part of the Geelong Medical & Health Group (GMHG), CTI operates within a comprehensive medical framework, integrating cuttingedge research facilities with a vast patient database of over 350,000 individuals. CTI's clinics are strategically positioned outside Melbourne, providing access to more remote areas of Victoria, which is essential for reaching diverse patient populations in need of innovative treatments. With a focus on bridging local healthcare with global research, CTI is positioned to drive significant advancements in clinical trial execution.

Enhancing Research Capabilities and Patient Access

This partnership between Paratus and CTI will create an expanded research network with greater reach and efficiency. Key benefits of this collaboration include:

- **Expanded Rural Access:** CTI's network of clinics outside Melbourne provides access to rural and regional patient populations, broadening clinical trial reach.
- **Integrated Clinical Expertise:** Assisting CTI's experienced general practitioners and rural healthcare professionals with Paratus Clinical's established research infrastructure and operational knowledge.
- Increased Patient Recruitment: Leveraging Paratus' national database and CTI's extensive patient network to enhance participant access to innovative treatments.

- **Faster Study Start-Up:** Optimising feasibility, ethics approvals, and site activation to ensure timely trial initiation.
- Improved Research Quality: Combining expertise in Good Clinical Practice (GCP) compliance, digital trial management, and investigator oversight to uphold the highest industry standards.
- **Strategic Expansion:** Strengthening Australia's position as a hub for global clinical research by increasing trial capacity and geographic coverage.

"We are excited to partner with Clinical Trials Institute to further our shared mission of advancing medical research and improving patient outcomes," said Matt Clacy, Chief Commercial Officer at Paratus Clinical Research. "By integrating CTI's rural healthcare expertise with our established research infrastructure, we are ensuring clinical trials reach a broader range of patients across Australia."

Jim Green, CEO & Director of Clinical Trials Institute, added, "This partnership aligns with our vision of integrating research with frontline healthcare to deliver cutting-edge treatments. By working with Paratus, we are expanding our ability to bring new therapies to patients in both metropolitan and rural areas."

The collaboration is set to commence immediately, with both organisations actively working on joint clinical trials and research initiatives.

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