



# TrialChecker

*safeguarding subjects in clinical trials*



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## TrialChecker allows authorised staff in Clinical Trial Centres (CTCs):

- to verify whether a volunteer or patient (also known as a subject) has previously been in a clinical trial; and
- to assess the impact of this subject's clinical trial history on the decision whether or not to enrol the subject in the new clinical trial.

## The purpose of TrialChecker is:

- to safeguard the safety of volunteers and patients (subjects) by avoiding inappropriate simultaneous participation in multiple trials or too frequent participation;
- to safeguard investigators and/or clinical research organisations by providing another level of checking the eligibility of the volunteer or patient (subject) prior to trial participation; and
- to increase general public awareness of clinical trials.

## Why use TrialChecker?

- **Independent Verification**  
In the absence of TrialChecker, there is no independent way of verifying whether or not the person's response is in conflict with the requirements of the (new) trial suggested by the clinician or research nurse.
- **Risk Reduction**  
Using TrialChecker reduces the risk:
  - of including ineligible subjects;
  - of the subject being exposed to another experimental drug or device too soon; and
  - to organisations undertaking clinical research.

## How does TrialChecker work?

If your organisation is in Queensland and is actively involved in conducting clinical trials and you qualify\* for QCTN Membership, you will receive web-based access to TrialChecker with your membership. You can record some basic clinical trial characteristics (e.g. protocol title) and during recruitment you can enter a few subject details and verify whether or not he/she has a history of participation in clinical trials and, if so, you can view the corresponding trial characteristics.

## Are my subjects' details visible to other QCTN members?

No.

The subject details are not visible to other QCTN members, which means that other QCTN members cannot approach your subjects for their own trials. The subjects' details are only used as a key to find clinical trials in which he/she participated previously or is currently, allowing you to make an informed decision about inclusion or exclusion of the subject in your trial in conjunction with the other protocol criteria.

## How can I access TrialChecker?

Clinical trial centres must be members of QCTN to use TrialChecker and nominated staff members must be registered with QCTN for authorised and secure access. QCTN's role is to administer the TrialChecker. There is no fee to members for using TrialChecker.

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