



Australasian COVID-19 Adaptive Platform Trial (ASCOT) Seeking Consumer Representatives

The [Australasian COVID-19 Trial \(ASCOT\)](#) is seeking two consumer advisors to join the ASCOT Trial Steering Committee and the shared ASCOT/REMAP-CAP Consumer Representative Group. REMAP-CAP is another adaptive platform trial that ASCOT has partnered with to find the best treatment options for those hospitalised with COVID-19.

ASCOT is seeking two consumer advisors who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and have been admitted to hospital for treatment. Alternatively, the consumer advisors may have been a family member or carer who has supported a person hospitalised with COVID-19.

Background

The objective of the ASCOT trial is to identify the best combination of therapies to treat those hospitalised with COVID-19 but not requiring ICU-level support.

The trial is adaptive, meaning treatments are added or removed if shown to be ineffective or effective based on accruing data or external evidence.

The study is sponsored by the University of Melbourne and has participating hospitals across Australia and New Zealand.

Role

The consumer advisor will be:

- engaged in the ASCOT Trial Steering Committee, including meeting attendance (minimum 1-2 hours per month)
- attend Consumer Representative Working Group meetings (1 hour, quarterly)
- review patient-facing information, and
- review aspects of study design for input from a consumer's perspective.

Remuneration

The consumer advisor will be remunerated for their attendance at meetings and other hours in reviewing documentation as required, including meeting preparation.

Further Information and Questions

Please send any questions about the position to ascot-team@unimelb.edu.au

Expressions of interest

Please send your expressions of interest, including a current (short) CV to ascot-team@unimelb.edu.au

Please address the following questions in your expression of interest:

1. Please describe you or your relative's experience with COVID-19
2. Do you have experience in consumer advocacy or being a consumer representative for health related or research related fields? If yes, please describe.
3. What do you understand a clinical trial to be?
4. Why do you want to be involved in being a consumer representative for a clinical trial?