

The aim of this document is to provide some resources that are available for consumers to help them engage in research and health care improvement activities at Western Health. Researchers and health professionals may also find the information contained on this page useful to assist consumers to prepare to engage in planned research activities.

### **VCCC Alliance**

[The Consumer Engagement Toolkit](#) was developed for consumers and researchers by the VCCC and Alliance Cancer Consumer Advisory Committee (CCAC) who had identified a need for a consumer engagement strategy, model and guiding documents to support effective engagement. This comprehensive toolkit offers a wide range of consumer partnership support to researchers and consumers including:

- Introduction Pack for researchers
- Consumer engagement in research: Top 10 tips for researchers
- Checklist for consumer considering involvement
- Educational videos for researchers and consumers

### **Melbourne Academic Centre for Health (MACH)**

MACH has provided extensive consumer and community involvement resources including below [webinars](#) to support consumers, community members, researchers and research organizations working in partnership to involve consumers in research.

- The Why, What, When and How of Consumer Engagement
- MACH Engaging Diverse Communities in Clinical Research
- Introduction to co-Design – what, why, who and how
- Doing co-design – methods, examples and practical tips
- Co-design for impact

### **Monash Partners Academic Health Science Centre**

Monash Partners has developed a series of six self-paced online training tools and resources to support the partnering of consumers and community in research. Please click [here](#) to access these free resources online.

### **WAHTN WA Health Translation Network**

WAHTN has developed [a Consumer and Community Involvement \(CCI\) Handbook](#) as part of an Australian Health Research Alliance national initiative funded by the Medical Research Future Fund to support researchers and consumers in consumer partnership in research.

[A free interactive introductory educational module](#) that provides information explaining community participation, involvement and engagement in health research. There are 3 parts to the module:

1. What is and what isn't Consumer and Community Involvement?
2. Why Consumer and Community Involvement is important?
3. A snapshot of Consumer and Community Involvement in practice

### **Australian Clinical Trials Alliance/CTIQ Consumer Videos**

The ACTA provides [an informative 3.30 min video](#) about “What are clinical trials/” and “What is randomisation?” in 11 different languages, as well as [researchers and consumers stories](#) regarding consumer involvement in research.

### **Telethon Kids Institute Western Australia**

The institute has developed [a free self-paced online course](#) for consumers to understand research and their role in research partnership; and [an introductory course](#) for researchers to learn the foundations of implementing consumer involvement in their research.

### **Health Consumers Queensland (HCQ)**

The HCQ Downloadable resources: [A Guide for Consumers Partnering with Health Organisations \(2018\)](#) and [A Guide for Health Staff partnering with Consumers \(2018\)](#) are available focusing on consumers partnering with health organisations. Topics include:

- The value of consumer partnerships
- How to become a consumer partner
- Roles and responsibilities
- How to prepare for committee meetings
- When a partnership is not working
- Looking after your wellbeing