



Haematology Clinical Trials Team

The Charlie's Leukaemia and Lymphoma Fund was created in 1998 to raise money for West Australian research into blood cancers, including gaining access to new drugs through clinical trials and studies to improve our understanding of these diseases. New treatments for blood cancers are increasing rapidly and it is vital that Western Australia remains at the forefront of new technological developments.

In 2019, we were again fortunate to have Jane Humby, the founder of the CLLF, running the annual Charlie's stall which was a huge success. Special mention also to Barney and Fleur from Bridgetown for their contribution from a gift wrapping fundraiser. In addition, a big thanks to all of our donors throughout the year, the CLLF would not exist without you and we are very grateful.

The CLLF made very important contributions to blood cancer research in 2019. Completion of significant studies into non-Hodgkin lymphoma at SCGH, led by Dr Chan Cheah, was made possible by funding from the CLLF. The national registries for lymphoma and myeloma, which provide essential information on these diseases in Australia, are both strongly supported by the CLLF.

The Fund is always looking to assist research into new technologies which may change the way we diagnose and treat blood cancers in the future. Personalised medicine is one such area and Dr Carolyn Grove was supported to explore how molecular genetics in

acute myeloid leukaemia can improve the precision of diagnosis and help select the best treatment. Dr Sara Hall from PathWest received support to further develop the Charles Day Tissue Bank, a repository of tissue samples from patients with blood cancer which are critical for future research. Ms Rosanna Soares-Mendes, a senior scientist at PathWest, was supported to research and implement the laboratory technologies required for cellular therapy for blood cancers. This exciting new treatment modality, which includes chimeric antigen-receptor T-cells (CAR T-cells), uses a patient's own blood cells to mount an immune response and kill blood cancers.

Finally, I would once again like to thank all of our supporters throughout the year and look forward to continuing our collaboration in 2020.

Gavin Cull, Director, CLLF



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Meet our team

The clinical trials department comprises nurses and clinical trials assistants who work with the medical staff to run clinical trials. Here we introduce two of our dedicated team.



Julie Crawford – Julie is a clinical haematologist and Head of Haematology at Charlies. She is a graduate of the University of Western Australia and completed a fellowship in Cell Therapy through the University of Edinburgh. She treats all forms of blood cancer with a particular focus on Hodgkin lymphoma and stem cell transplantation. She is a member of the Clinical Advisory Council for the North Metropolitan Health Board and the Clinical Association Executive at Charlies.



Andy Steele – Andy is the clinical nurse manager in the Haematology Day Ward. He is responsible for ensuring the day ward runs smoothly and provides the complex treatments required for patients with blood cancer. Andy is known for going out of his way to help patients and staff and is a troubleshooter extraordinaire. He would like his biography to be known as The BFG (you make up the words).

