

# IIT Toolkit

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## CLINICAL TRIALS EXPANSION

- Registry Trials
- Investigator-Initiated Trials**
- Data Management
- Monitoring
- Risk Management
- Resources
- Support Mechanisms
- Glossary
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## Investigator-Initiated Trials

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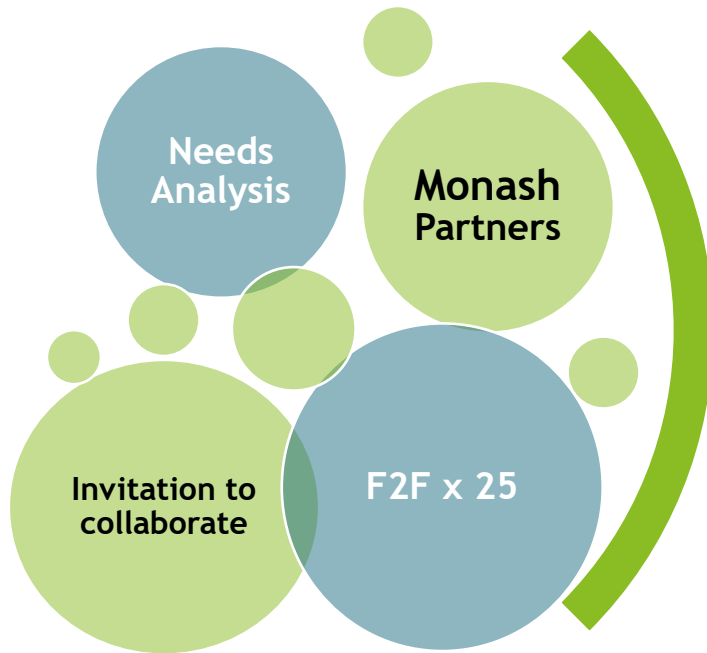
# Who is MACH Melbourne Academic Centre for Health ?

- Australian Health Research Translation Centre
- 19 research partners
- Identifies gaps in the Australian healthcare and health research systems
- Identifies priority areas
- Guides collaborative research programs



# The Steps

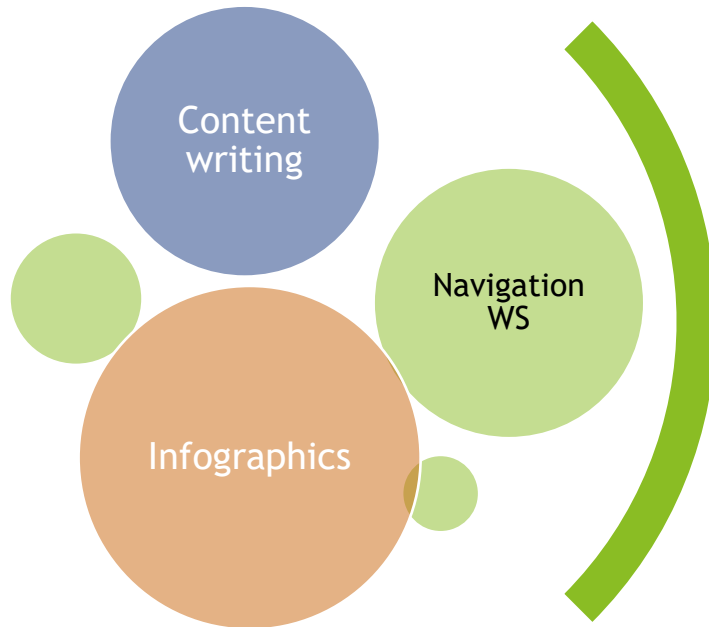
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**Website Development**

# What?

- Supporting Content
- Guiding principles
- Covers all stages of trial life cycle
- Reflect current applicable regulatory requirements
- User friendly

## Resources

- Guidelines
- SOPs
- Templates
- infographics

- Monitoring Safety
- Monitoring Trial Conduct
- Risk Management
- Data Management
- Budgets
- Feasibility
- Clinical Trial Lifecycle
- Roles and Responsibilities
- Resources
- Glossary of Terms

# How?



# Resources

## 46 Resources:

- 10 Templates
- 5 Operating Procedures (SOPs)
- 12 Guides/Plans
- 6 Process Flow Diagrams
- 13 Explanatory Infographics



### Clinical Trials Data Management Life Cycle

This infographic is a useful tool to assist Investigators to understand the data management processes that occur throughout the life cycle of a clinical trial.

Data management tasks begin during the protocol development phase and occur throughout all stages of the trial from clinical trial planning, through trial conduct/data verification/analysis, dissemination of results, and into the future with options for data sharing.

Trial close-out | Data management | Trial planning | Trial conduct

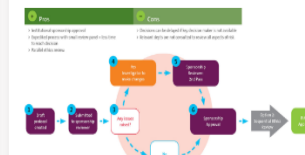
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### Level 2 Sponsorship Process with Committee

This approach uses a Sponsorship Committee to approve requests for institutional sponsorship of investigator-initiated trials. If the host institution/organisation conducts high risk trials, it may be appropriate that the institution's sponsorship approval process include a sponsorship committee to provide an appropriate level of assurance and adequate risk assessment.

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### Level 1 Sponsorship with No Committee

This approach provides a high-level overview of the processes an organisation can implement in order to provide a minimum level of assurance and adequate risk assessment for investigator-initiated trials.

The Principal Investigator applying for institutional sponsorship submits their application, including their draft protocol, to the institution's Research Office. Depending on the institution, the application for sponsorship may be approved before the investigator can submit an application for ethical and/or governance review, or alternatively, ethics review may occur in parallel with sponsorship review.

Risk | Sponsorship | Trial planning | Trial conduct

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### Life Cycle of a Clinical Trial

The Sponsor-Investigator and clinical trial team, including co-investigators, study coordinators, research nurses, trial pharmacists and other supporting department staff, have responsibilities for the delivery of clinical trials that generate high-quality data in a safe environment.

It is useful to understand these responsibilities in terms of the four main stages of a clinical trial: planning and design, conduct, data analysis and dissemination of

Likelihood	Insignificant consequences	Minor consequences	Moderate consequences	Major consequences	Catastrophic consequences
Almost certain	Low	Medium	High	High	High
Likely	Low	Medium	High	High	High
Possible	Low	Medium	Medium	High	High
Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High

### Risk Impact Assessment Matrix

The Risk Impact Assessment Matrix can be used to assign an impact rating (low, medium, high) to individual risks identified for a trial.

The matrix uses the consequence of the risk (insignificant, minor, moderate, major, catastrophic) and the likelihood of it occurring, to assign the risk impact. Any risks considered to have medium or high impact should have a mitigation and management plan.

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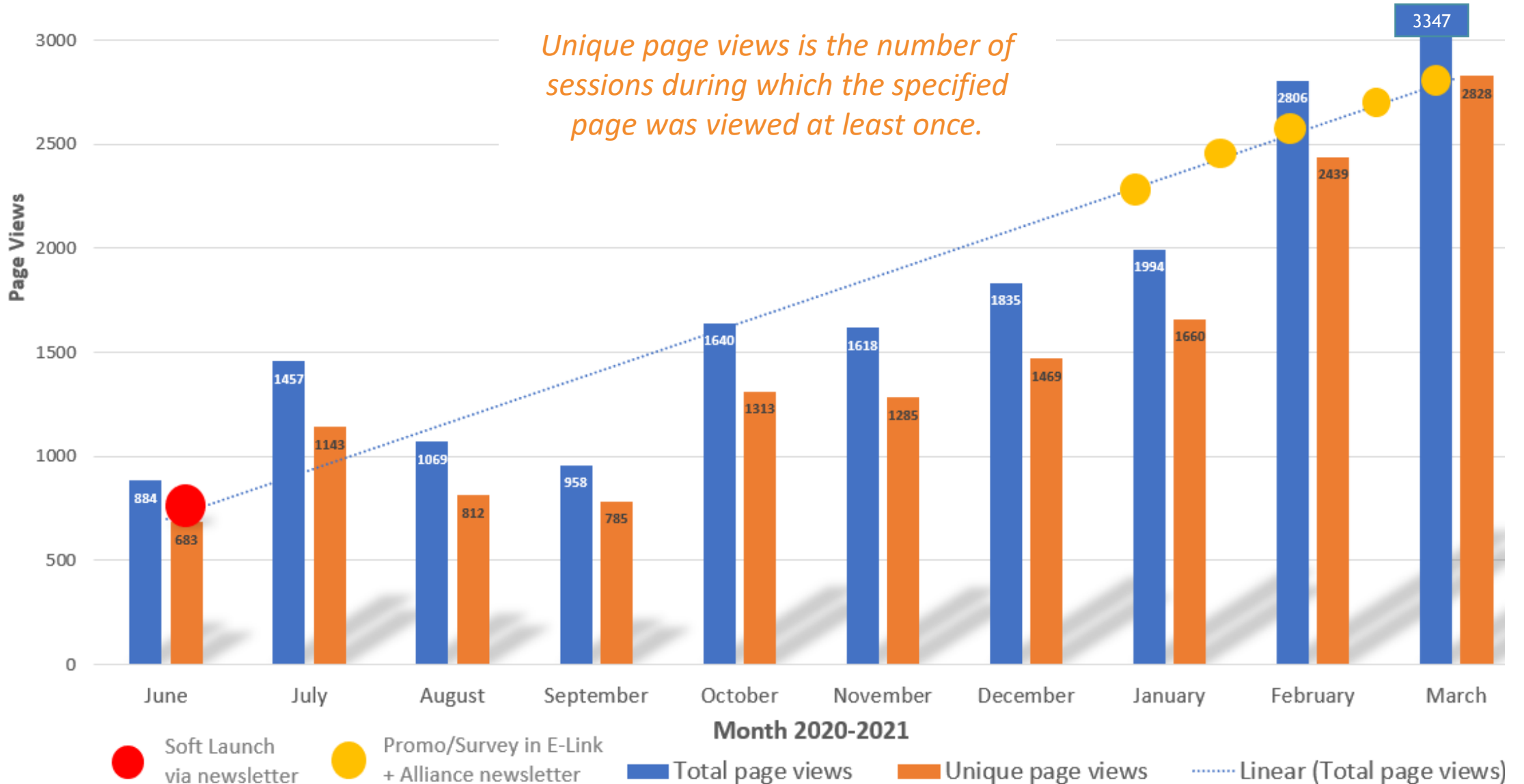
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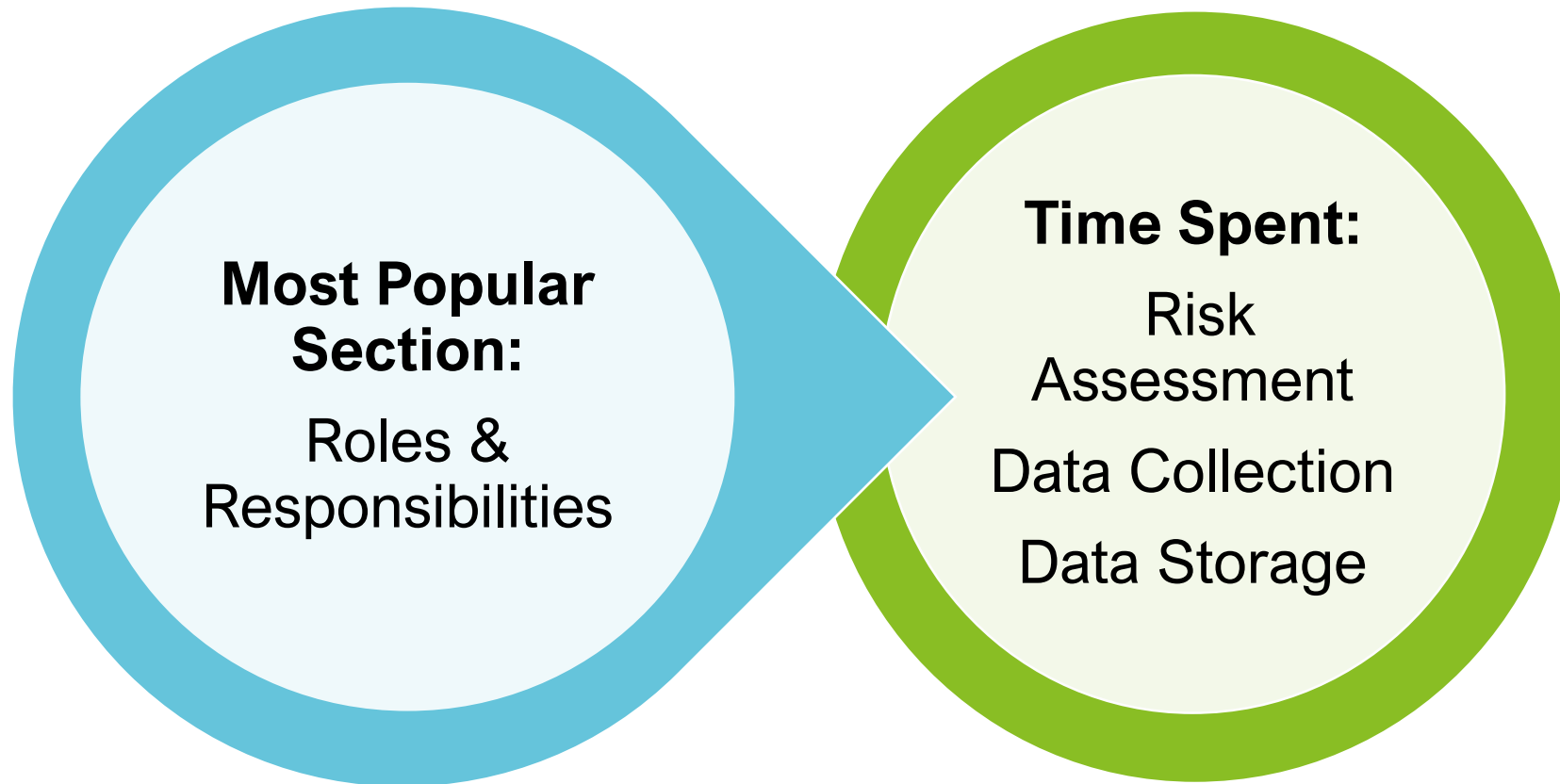
### Institutional Sponsorship and Approval of Investigator-Initiated Trials SOP

Describes a risk-based approach organisations may use to determine if they are willing to sponsor an investigator-initiated trial. Successful applications will be issued with a Certificate of Sponsorship (signed by a representative of the committee and the Sponsor-Investigator) that outlines the tasks that the sponsoring institution has delegated to the Sponsor-Investigator as a

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### Toolkit

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### IIT resources for researchers



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initiated trials.

The VCCC has partnered with the Melbourne Academic Centre for Health (MACH), and with assistance from the Melbourne Children's Trials Centre, to develop a suite of resources to support researchers conducting investigator-



## GOOGLE: Investigator Initiated Trials

<https://www.viccompcancerctr.org/what-we-do/clinical-trials-expansion/investigator-initiated-trials/>



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