

Clinical Trials Unit

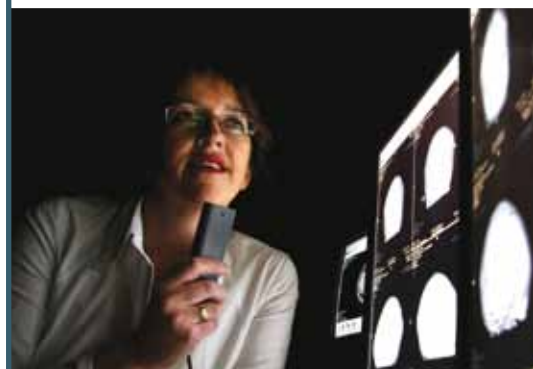
The Clinical Trials Unit of the Bay of Plenty Clinical School undertakes pharmaceutical trials, medical device trials and research projects in New Zealand's Bay of Plenty.

Established by the Bay of Plenty District Health Board (BOPDHB) in 2007, the Bay of Plenty Clinical School provides the regional health workforce with clinical training, facilities, resources and support for clinical trials and research projects.

The Clinical School has an experienced research team with a proven track record. It employs a Head of School, an experienced research manager, a business manager and an administrative team that coordinate trials with the DHB's extensive pool of clinical specialists and research nurses. The School's research register currently lists 90 clinical trials and research projects being undertaken by BOPDHB staff.

Associate Professor Peter Gilling heads the Clinical School and the Clinical Trials Unit. Peter became a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons in 1991 and has significant research experience, primarily as principal investigator in both national and international trials – both pharmaceutical and medical device-related. Our research manager, Rana Reuther, is a Certified Clinical Research Coordinator (CCRC) with the ACRP (Association of Clinical Research Professionals).

The Clinical Trials Unit operates through an independent charitable research trust and all funds raised through trials and research are used to support clinical training and research initiatives throughout the region.



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We offer:

- ▶ **Extensive clinical infrastructure** – Bay of Plenty is the seventh largest district health board in New Zealand, providing primary and secondary healthcare services to 204,000 people in the Eastern and Western Bay of Plenty. The board employs some 3,130 staff, including 162 senior medical staff, and is the largest employer in the Bay of Plenty.
 - Secondary care services are provided from a 346 bed hospital in Tauranga and a 120 bed hospital in Whakatane.
 - 48,000 inpatient/daystay admissions and 269,000 outpatient visits were provided during 2008/2009.
- ▶ **A wide range of specialties that undertake trials/projects** – All medical and surgical specialties (except neurosurgery & cardiac surgery), specialist services for older people, paediatrics and neonatal care, obstetrics and gynaecology, intensive care and coronary care, emergency medicine, radiology (including interventional radiology), community-based health and disability services, public health services, community child and youth health and mental health services.
- ▶ **A quality focus** – Modern facilities, including dedicated temperature-controlled drug and vaccine storage facilities, are provided at both hospital sites along with the full range of clinical and non-clinical support services. BOPDHB is striving for Health Excellence based on the Baldrige health care criteria for performance excellence and our research teams implement the principles of Good Clinical Practice.
- ▶ **Client diversity within a single region** – The Bay of Plenty has a diverse population with marked differences between East and West. The Eastern Bay of Plenty has a young population, a high proportion of Māori, a high rural population, slow population growth and a high level of poverty. The Western Bay of Plenty has an older population with a lower proportion of Māori, (although larger than the east) one of the fastest population growth rates in New Zealand and generally higher socio-economic status.



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