



Advancing research
saving lives

Strategic Plan 2023-2028



Who we are

ANZGOG is the peak national gynaecological cancer research organisation in Australia and New Zealand.

Our vision is: **Advancing research, *saving lives***

The group has more than 1300 members representing clinical, allied health and pure research specialities, and includes community.

ANZGOG clinical trials are conducted at over 80 hospital sites and include both local and global collaborations to ensure the best research is available to improve life for women with a gynaecological cancer.



Our mission

To improve outcomes and quality of life for everyone with a lived experience of gynaecological cancer by conducting and promoting clinical trials and multidisciplinary research.

Our values



Excellence – We are committed to world-class standards, innovation and best practice across all aspects of our research and organisation.



Impact – Our research is driven by evidence of need and an ambition to change practice, improve outcomes and provide hope.



Equity – We are inclusive and strive to enable access to and benefit from our research for all.



Collaboration – we recognise the value of working together and encourage cooperation.



Openness – we are transparent and fair in all aspects of our governance and operations.

Strategic Goals: 2023-2028

Goal 1

CATALYSE innovative, practice-changing cooperative gynaecological cancer research.

Goal 2

EXPAND the reach, relevance and impact of our research.

Goal 3

ENGAGE, collaborate and share expertise and insights.

Goal 4

SUSTAIN a vibrant and efficient research organisation.

Approach to Achieving ANZGOG Goals

- Set research priorities in an informed way using data, the clinical trials matrix and insights from our lived experience community, clinical and scientific professionals.
- Embed translational research and research translation as inherent aspects of our research.
- Strengthen focus on the impact of ANZGOG research, reporting how our research is improving outcomes and quality of life for people with a gynaecological cancer.
- Consider the diverse geography and characteristics of Australia and New Zealand and consider what research can we do to better understand our patients and their needs.
- Balance ambition with a pragmatic view of what is feasible based on organisational, member and site capacity (prioritise quality over quantity). Track and report Strategic Plan progress and outcomes using meaningful metrics.

Goal 1

CATALYSE innovative, practice-changing cooperative gynaecological cancer research.

Strategies to achieve goals:

- 1.1 Deliver a diverse portfolio of high-quality gynaecological cancer research informed by evidence, community insights and opportunity for impact
- 1.2 Integrate clinical and translational (laboratory-based) research
- 1.3 Explore and use innovative trial designs and technologies
- 1.4 Proactively drive and participate in international research

Goal 2

EXPAND the reach, relevance and impact of our research.

Strategies to achieve goals:

- 2.1 Strengthen the focus on the impact of gynaecological cancer research
- 2.2 Increase involvement in and access to ANZGOG research in regional and rural areas
- 2.3 Develop and implement a goal-oriented plan to strengthen New Zealand engagement, capacity and participation in ANZGOG research
- 2.4 Increase and diversify recruitment to ANZGOG research

Goal 3

ENGAGE, collaborate and share expertise and insights.

Strategies to achieve goals:

- 3.1 Develop and implement a purposeful engagement strategy
- 3.2 Proactively share research insights and progress to create maximum value
- 3.3 Develop a formal program to develop Future Leaders including early and mid-career researchers
- 3.4 Strengthen engagement and collaboration with relevant partners and experts to build and enable diversification of research relevance and reach

Goal 4

SUSTAIN a vibrant and efficient research organisation.

Strategies to achieve goals:

- 4.1 Maintain effective, efficient and transparent operational and finance functions
- 4.2 Grow and sustain a diverse funding base
- 4.3 Develop and maintain effective and clear processes for membership and leadership renewal
- 4.4 Use targeted advocacy and lobbying to strengthen ANZGOG operations and research

Community Engagement Program

We are creating a model of community involvement at every step along our research process, ensuring community volunteers have a voice both within ANZGOG and our research, and more broadly alongside us with our primary stakeholders.

People with a lived experience of gynaecological cancer can participate in three areas of activity:



Flattening the Endometrial Cancer Curve



In response to the rapidly rising incidence of endometrial cancer in Australia and New Zealand, ANZGOG established the EnDomEtrial caNcer (EDEN) Research Initiative.

The EDEN Initiative shines a spotlight on endometrial cancer and the unmet needs of patients. Its goal is flattening the curve of endometrial cancer - improving survival - with five focus areas for its research:

- 1. Prevention, Risk Assessment, Early Diagnosis and Surgical Innovations**
- 2. Adjuvant and Recurrent Treatments**
- 3. Survivorship, Surveillance and Rehabilitation**
- 4. Translational Research**
- 5. Advocacy and Funding**

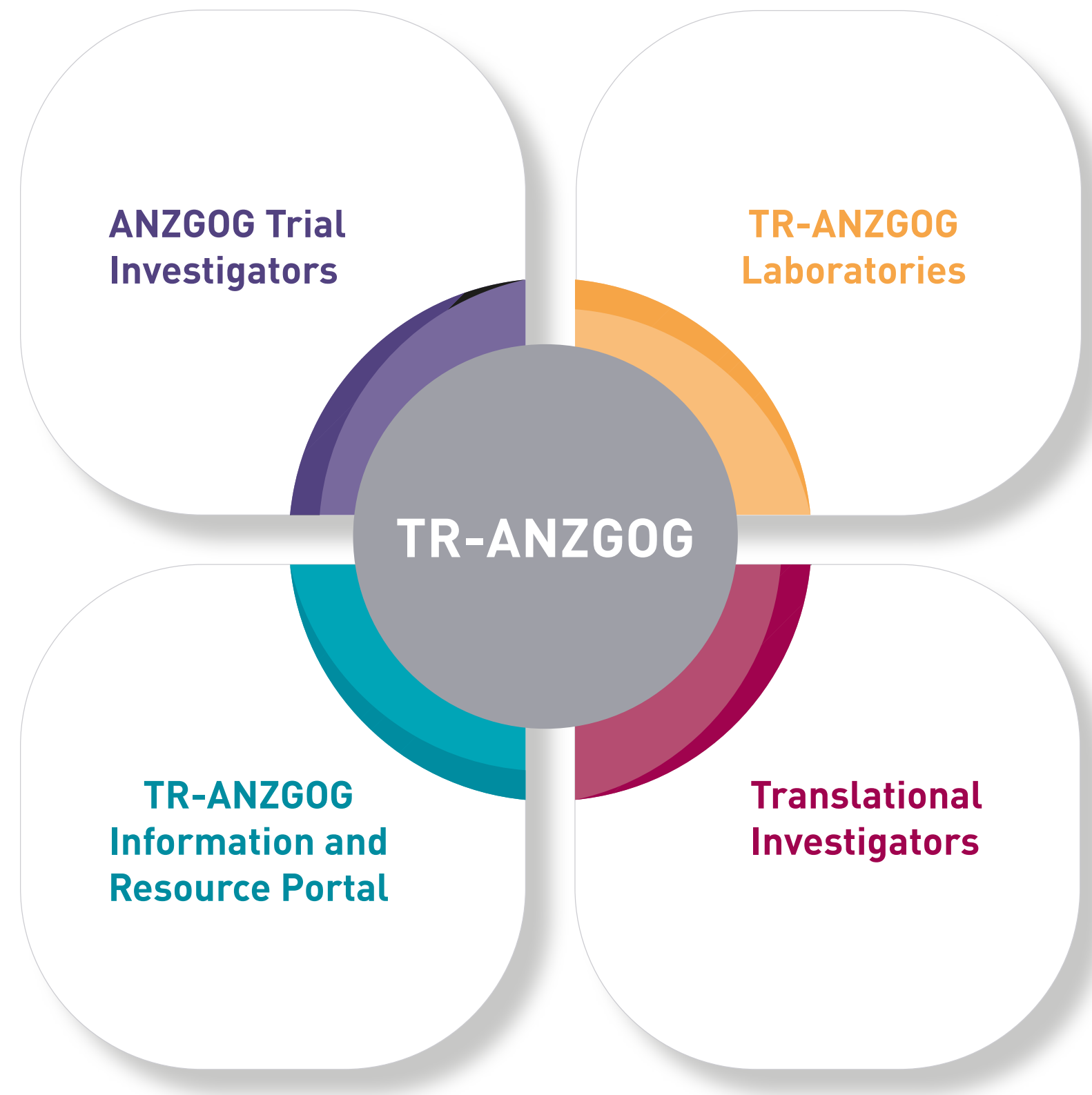
World Class Research Initiative



The Ovarian cancer Alliance for Signal-Seeking clinical trials (OASIS) Initiative matches molecular subtypes of ovarian cancer with targeted new therapies designed to improve women's lives, and aims to significantly shorten the cycle of clinical testing by:

- **Speeding Translation:** Strengthen existing links between laboratory and clinical researchers to accelerate the application of research findings.

- **Improving cost-efficiency:** Develop an infrastructure and culture that enables much more cost-effective trials.
- **Developing funding:** Establish a pool of funds, with proper governance oversight, to support the prompt initiation of signal-seeking studies once indicators are identified in the lab.



TR-ANZGOG

TR-ANZGOG is an ANZGOG translational research initiative to add value to important clinical trials in women with gynaecological cancers by supporting the collection and use of biospecimens for future research. This will help to find biomarkers that are associated with good response to trial drugs, and, if response is not as good as expected, to find out why.

Education

ANZGOG maintains a regular program of education initiatives:

- enabling bespoke training of student health professionals
- providing insights to the public about clinical trials in gynaecological cancer
- developing early-career researchers into the next generation of leaders.

ANZGOG is committed to fostering future leaders in research by providing outstanding education experiences led by current leaders.

This includes:

- annual Preceptorships across cancer types
- the Foundations in Gynaecological Cancer Series
- Annual Scientific Meetings with international speakers
- Pure Science Symposia
- Speciality workshops for craft groups including nurses, study coordinators and community volunteers.

This engagement of younger members ensures a sustainable future for ANZGOG and gynaecological cancer research.



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