

# An interview with Dr Leah



**DR AMBER LEAH**

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## What appealed to you about becoming a principal investigator and working in clinical research?

Working as a Principal Investigator allows me to combine both my medical and scientific backgrounds. I enjoy the day-to-day work and seeing participants as well as the more academic side of research reviewing clinical and published data. I am also fortunate to be involved in review of early study development including reviewing draft protocols. As an Investigator I have had the opportunity to give direct feedback to sponsors on their study and protocol design, this early communication allows greater understanding between sites and sponsors and helps avoid early pitfalls in study start up.

## What are the types of trials you have worked on and do you have a favourite one or memorable moment?

To date I have worked on over 30 clinical trials with Paratus, I enjoy both high recruiting fast paced studies, such as some of our vaccine studies, as well as our longer more complex treatment trials. Last year I was able to present some of the important work we do at Paratus at ARCS, with a session on participant empowerment in clinical trials, an area of research that is very important to me.

## Where do you see Paratus Clinical heading in the next 2-5 years?

The future of Paratus and clinical trials in Australia is optimistic, there are significant incentives, fast start up processes, a skilled workforce, and a population keen on being involved in clinical research.

## Where do you see the future of clinical research heading?

I think the hard work and high quality of Paratus will continue to be recognised and we continue to become a preferred provider in the clinical trial space.