

# Investigator Spotlight



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Dr. Bull graduated from the University of Wales (UK), completing his medical training in a number of hospitals in the UK. After which, he completed further training in Psychiatry and holds MRCPsych from the Royal College of Psychiatrists and a Postgraduate Degree in Psychiatry. He has also completed Fellowship with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners and holds FRACGP. He is the Principal Investigator at Paratus Clinical Brisbane and also oversees the co-located primary care practice's.

**How long have you been involved in clinical research and what appealed to you about becoming a principal investigator?**

I have been involved in clinical research for 5 years. It was a short stint as a sub-investigator until I had the opportunity to act as principal investigator on a number of trials, so it was a quick and exciting learning experience. The main appeal was being involved in a number of aspects of clinical trials, from study selection, SIVs and then also the direct clinical care. It's therefore such a varied and enjoyable role.

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

I have worked on a range of trials across a number of domains such as infectious diseases, vaccines studies, gastroenterology, mental health and obesity among others. A memorable time is working on an instant flu test for a small Brisbane company called Ellume. A few years later, Ellume are making headlines after a nine figure dollar order from the US government for their Covid-19 rapid tests.

**Where do you see Paratus Clinical Brisbane heading in the next 2 years?**

Paratus Clinical has really grown from strength to strength and carved out an impressive role for itself within clinical trials. Working with big sponsors such as Pfizer and Moderna have really shown the adept capabilities of Paratus Clinical. In 2 years time I see Paratus Clinical Brisbane being at the forefront of clinical research in Queensland, which is especially impressive since our Brisbane site is only 1 year old!

**Where do you see the future of clinical research in a post-Covid world?**

I think the public's perception of clinical research has changed post-Covid, especially in a world in which pharmaceutical and biotech companies have become brand names in themselves. There is a greater understanding on the importance of high-quality research trials and the stringent and professional ways in which they are conducted.