

## Pillar 4 Leader - “Supportive care, end stage tumour, and end-of life management”

### ABOUT SYDNEY VITAL

**Sydney Vital** is a Translational Cancer Research Centre based in Northern Sydney and funded by the Cancer Institute NSW (CINSW). Its members come from a number of institutions and hospitals including, the University of Sydney, Macquarie University, University of Technology, Sydney, the Kolling Institute, Royal North Shore Hospital, Northern Sydney LHD, the Mater Hospital, and others. More details are available on the **Sydney Vital** website ([www.sydneyvital.org.au](http://www.sydneyvital.org.au)).

**Sydney Vital** has been established to develop and translate new cancer research discoveries into improved patient outcomes. It is a functional aggregation of collaboration facilities in basic, clinical and population based research. A primary function of the centre is to foster collaborations among researchers and clinicians.

### ABOUT THE EOI

**Sydney Vital** is seeking 2 individual to act as leader for Pillar 4 - “Supportive care, end stage tumours, and end-of life management”. The Pillar’s aims are deliberately broad to allow scope to explore and exploit strengths within the partner organisations. The Pillar provides base funding of \$10 k *p.a.* (which can be further leveraged) to support activities to bring Pillar members together to develop new programs of research, both basic science and clinical, and to expand networks and collaborations. Ideally, the Pillars would have outputs that impact on the T1, T2 and T3 domains of translational research as defined by the CINSW, or the **Sydney Vital** Flagship Programs 1, 2, or 3 ([www.sydneyvital.org.com](http://www.sydneyvital.org.com)). . The Pillar leader is ideally an **early to mid-career** researcher who is currently developing their research portfolio.

Activities within this Pillar may include:

- Facilitating and/or enhancing collaborations between clinical and pre-clinical researchers, eg. building strong networks to enable multidisciplinary approaches to issues of drug resistance, communication training or symptom management;
- Encouraging knowledge exchange and boosting capacity and commitment to collaborative translational research;
- Identifying potential pilot projects which encourage cross-fertilization of ideas in a multidisciplinary, multisite setting and across Tumour streams;
- Developing new projects and applications for funding, in line with the Pillar theme, by convening collaborative meetings or “think tanks”;
- Improving the communication of research findings & new treatment options to patients and the community;
- Increasing recruitment to clinical trials, including improved mechanisms of capturing clinical trial data back into the research community to enable further research and education of investigators;
- Supporting our current tumour banking program to develop improved mechanisms of collection of matched primary and relapsed tumours, as well as linkage of clinical data;
- Engagement with other health professionals, governments, and community organisations;

- Determining potential mechanisms of support that can be provided for translational cancer research

If you are interested in taking on a leadership role to contribute to the direction of this Pillar we would welcome your expression of interest. Appointments would initially be for 2 years and may be extended. No salary funding is available from the Pillar; however, the funding that is available can be used for a wide range of activities such as educational meetings, conferences including inviting interstate or international speakers and other activities such as meetings and “think tanks” to support the development of projects, collaborations and applications for competitive funding. The appointment will be made at the discretion of the Director, the **Sydney Vital** Management Team and the senior research lead of this Pillar.

Applications should include a CV detailing your current position, past positions over the last 10 years, indicators of your research activity (publications, grants etc.) and up to 2 pages on how you might contribute to directing this Pillar. This should include any ideas you may have for encouraging research interactions and developing research themes.

Applications should be submitted electronically to [SydneyVital.admin@sydney.edu.au](mailto:SydneyVital.admin@sydney.edu.au). For further information, please contact the **Sydney Vital** Centre Manager (Suzie Nguyen) on 9926 4726 or at the above email.

**Closing date: Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2015.**