

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

COVID19 and the STAREE clinical trial



Can I still participate in the STAREE clinical trial?

Yes you can. As of the 23rd March all STAREE trial visits will be done over the phone. Participants will be called to book in for a visit (just as you would for a face to face visit) at a time that is convenient for you. We will ask you to complete some questionnaires online or over the phone or we will send it in the post. We will be sending out all relevant documents by mail after the completion of your visit.

Once the COVID-19 situation resolves and we are able to resume face to face appointments, we will call and book you in for a visit at your local clinic or community centre.

I have just started in the trial, what happens to me?

If you have already had your first visit with STAREE we are currently developing a process that will mean second visits can be completed by phone. This is the second visit that happens around four weeks after the first visit and before you are randomised to study medication. As soon as we can, we will call you to arrange an appointment time for this visit that will be over the phone.

I have called the trial to register interest, but have not had a visit. What happens to me?

For anyone that has registered interest, we are working on converting our baseline in person visits to phone visits to allow you to participate in the trial. We will be in contact once we are able to do this.

Do I have to get my pathology done?

Yes. As part of routine care, it is important that your pathology is collected. For anyone who has had a baseline visit, it is part of our overall assessment and your safety to ensure that your blood test results are within a normal range. Many pathology clinics have new processes in place to minimise contact, including booking in a specific time for your blood collection and isolating patients from each other. Most pathology centres are also offering in-home services as well. There may be a two week wait for this service. Please contact your local pathology provider to see if you are able to take advantage of one of these services.

We understand some people may be anxious about leaving the home, if you are unable to have your pathology done, please contact us so we can assist you with your options.

Do I need to visit my GP clinic to get my worksheet signed?

No, you don't need to go into your GP clinic. Instead we are asking you to arrange a telehealth consult with your GP, or if you prefer, contact STAREE who can speak with your GP on your behalf. STAREE can arrange to have the form sent to your GP to be signed by them.

Will I still get my study medication?

Yes. STAREE has been working hard to ensure that anyone who has been recently randomised or needs medication in the next 3 months receives a package in the next few weeks. We understand you may still have quite a lot of medication available, but we want to make sure that you have an additional supply in case there is a prolonged COVID-19 shut down.

Should I continue taking my study medication?

Yes, it is important that you continue to take your study medication. We will ensure that you do not run out. If you have any concerns please call us.

Do I still call STAREE to let them know of any changes to me?

Yes. It is really important you continue to contact us especially when there are any changes to the medications you take or if you experience any new health events. Our 1800 number is being answered by our administration team.

What has happened to the other studies I have been invited to?

At this stage we have suspended all of our sub-studies (heart imaging, brain imaging and Biobanking).

What should I do if I think I have COVID-19?

If you have concerns that you have COVID-19 it is important to contact the relevant health authorities in your state or make contact with your usual GP clinic by telephone. Our staff are not trained in assessing COVID-19 symptoms. They can assist by providing you with the phone number for the COVID-19 hotline in your state.

Your safety is of the utmost importance during this time. Our staff miss seeing you in person, but look forward to catching up with you over the phone.

Once it is deemed safe to do so, STAREE will resume normal activity and when we will look forward to seeing you in person again.