



Region-Specific Appendix:
AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

**REMAP-CAP: Randomized, Embedded,
Multifactorial Adaptive Platform trial for
Community-Acquired Pneumonia**

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1. ABBREVIATIONS

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|-------------|---|
| ANZ | Australia and New Zealand |
| ANZIC-RC | Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Research Centre |
| ANZICS CORE | Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society Centre for Outcome and Resource Evaluation |
| ANZICS CTG | Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society Clinical Trials Group |
| ANZ RCC | Australia and New Zealand Regional Coordinating Center |
| ANZ RMC | Australia and New Zealand Regional Management Committee |
| CAP | Community-acquired pneumonia |
| CRF | Case Report Form |
| CTA | Clinical Trial Agreement |
| DSA | Domain-Specific Appendix |
| DSMB | Data Safety and Monitoring Board |
| DSWG | Domain-Specific Working Group |
| eCRF | Electronic Case Report Form |
| HRC | Health Research Council |
| HREC | Human Research Ethics Committee |
| IIG | International Interest Group |
| ISIG | International Statistics Interest Group |
| ITSC | International Trial Steering Committee |
| IV | Intravenous |
| MRINZ | Medical Research Institute of New Zealand |
| NHMRC | National Health and Medical Research Council |
| NZBOR | New Zealand Bill of Rights |
| REMAP | Randomized, Embedded, Multifactorial Adaptive Platform trial |
| REMAP-CAP | Randomized, Embedded, Multifactorial Adaptive Platform trial for Community-Acquired Pneumonia |
| RCC | Regional Coordinating Center |
| RMC | Regional Management Committee |
| RSA | Region-Specific Appendix |
| SAE | Serious Adverse Event |

2. PROTOCOL APPENDIX STRUCTURE

The structure of this protocol is different to that used for conventional trials because this trial is highly adaptive and the description of these adaptations is better understood and specified using a 'modular' protocol design. While, all adaptations are pre-specified, the structure of the protocol is designed to allow the trial to evolve over time, for example by the introduction of new domains or interventions or both (see glossary, Section 1.2 Core Protocol for definitions of these terms) and commencement of the trial in new geographical regions.

The protocol has multiple modules, in brief, comprising a Core Protocol (overview and design features of the study), a Statistical Analysis Appendix (details of the current statistical analysis plan and models) and Simulations Appendix (details of the current simulations of the REMAP), multiple Domain-Specific Appendices (DSA) (detailing all interventions currently being studied in each domain), and multiple Regions-Specific Appendices (RSA) (detailing regional management and governance).

The Core Protocol contains all information that is generic to the trial, irrespective of the regional location in which the trial is conducted and the domains or interventions that are being tested. The Core Protocol may be amended but it is anticipated that such amendments will be infrequent.

The Core Protocol does not contain information about the interventions within each domain, because one of the trial adaptations is that domains and interventions will change over time. Information about interventions, within each domain, is covered in a DSA. These Appendices are anticipated to change over time, with removal and addition of options within an existing domain, at one level, and removal and addition of entire domains, at another level. Each modification to a DSA will be subject of a separate ethics application for approval.

The Core Protocol does not contain detailed information about the statistical analysis or simulations, because the analysis model will change overtime in accordance with the domain and intervention trial adaptations but this information is contained in the Statistical Analysis and Simulations Appendices. These Appendices are anticipated to change over time, as trial adaptations occur. Each modification will be subject to approval from the International Trial Steering Committee (ITSC) in conjunction with advice from the International Statistics Interest Group (ISIG) and the Data Safety and Monitoring Board (DSMB).

The Core Protocol also does not contain information that is specific to a particular region in which the trial is conducted, as the locations that participate in the trial are also anticipated to increase over time. Information that is specific to each region that conducts the trial is contained within a RSA. This includes information related to local management, governance, and ethical and regulatory aspects. It is planned that, within each region, only that region's RSA, and any subsequent modifications, will be submitted for ethical review in that region.

The current version of the Core Protocol, DSAs, RSAs and the Statistical Analysis Appendix is listed in the Protocol Summary and on the study website (www.remapcap.org).

2.1. Region-Specific Protocol version

The version of the Australia and New Zealand (ANZ) RSA is in this document's header and on the cover page.

2.2. Version History

Version 1: Approved by the Australia and New Zealand Regional Management Committee (ANZ RMC) on 20 November 2016

Version 1.1: Approved by the ANZ RMC on 10 April 2017

Version 2: Approved by the ANZ RMC on 12 December 2017

Version 3: Approved by the ANZ RMC on 24 August 2017

3. AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND REGION

The ANZ region comprises sites in the countries of Australia and New Zealand, plus sites in other countries that may be added subsequently but does not include any site that is located in any country that is active as part of an existing REMAP-CAP region.

The countries to which this appendix applies are:

- Australia (commenced 2016)
- New Zealand (commenced 2016)

4. AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND STUDY ADMINISTRATION STRUCTURE

4.1. Coordinating center and data management

The Regional Coordinating Center (RCC) of REMAP-CAP in ANZ (ANZ RCC) is the Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Research Centre (ANZIC-RC), Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine, Monash University, in conjunction with the Medical Research Institute of New Zealand (MRINZ). This document outlines the combined responsibilities of the ANZIC-RC and the MRINZ. The ANZIC-RC will have predominant responsibility for the region plus management of sites in Australia and the MRINZ will have primary responsibility for management of sites in New Zealand. The exact specification of roles will be as documented in the contract between the ANZIC-RC and the MRINZ.

4.1.1. Responsibilities

The ANZ RCC is responsible for the following aspects of study management in ANZ:

- Liaison with the ITSC and other RCCs in relation to data management, Case Report Forms (CRFs), and site management
- CRF design for any region-specific data collection
- Management of study budget and liaison with funding bodies
- Development, maintenance, and administration of the regional database
- Recruitment and selection of sites
- Data management
- Protocol training of site investigators and research coordinators
- Preparation and arrangement of investigator payments
- Management of regulatory affairs (for example, Therapeutic Goods Administration etc.)
- Management of study set up including assistance with Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC) applications
- Monitoring and close-out site visits
- Organization of investigator meetings
- Serious adverse event notification to DSMB
- Coordination of data entry and feedback of data enquiries
- Administrative assistance to the Regional Management Committee (RMC), Domain-Specific Working Groups (DSWG), Interest Groups (IIG), and the ITSC, as required
- Public relations for the study

- Liaison with other RMCs to develop study documents and materials that are standardized as much as possible

4.2. Australia and New Zealand Regional Management Committee

4.2.1. Responsibilities

The ANZ RMC is responsible for the following aspects of study management in ANZ:

- Liaison with the staff of the ANZ RCC
- Funding applications to and negotiations and communications with funding bodies located in ANZ, or located in other countries, but for which funding will be used to support trial activities in the ANZ region
- Study budget
- Approval of the RSA
- Approval and establishment of feasibility of domains and interventions in the region
- Development and approval of the RSA and study materials for the region
- Development and approval of data management systems for the region
- General study management issues
- Consumer engagement
- Liaison with the ITSC, DSWGs, IIGs, and other RCCs with regard to analysis and interpretation of results, and collaboration on publications and presentations
- Liaison with and reporting to the Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society Clinical Trials Group (ANZICS CTG)

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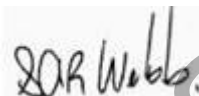
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5. ANZ REGIONAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AUTHORIZATION

The ANZ RMC have read the appendix and authorize it as the official ANZ Regional appendix for the study entitled REMAP-CAP. Signed by on behalf of the committee,

Executive Director

Steve Webb



Date 24 August 2019

Deputy Director

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Date 24 August 2019

6. TRIAL REGISTRATION

Participation in this trial and involvement of sites is registered ClinicalTrials.gov. The registration number [NCT02735707](#) and was registered on 12 April 2016.

The Universal Trial Number is: U1111-1189-1653.

7. FUNDING OF REGION

7.1. Sources of funding

In Australia, the trial has been funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) (APP1101719) for Australian dollars \$4,413,145. Funding for the REMAP-CAP study in Australia is included for approximately 2000 patients.

In New Zealand, the trial has been funded by the Health Research Council (HRC) (16/631) for New Zealand dollars \$4,814,924. Funding for the REMAP-CAP study in New Zealand is included for approximately 800 patients.

7.2. Site costs

Per-patient and any other project-related payments to sites will be as specified in the Clinical Trial Agreement (CTA) between the Sponsor and each site.

7.3. Sponsors

The sponsor in Australia is Monash University.

The sponsor in New Zealand is the MRINZ.

7.4. Role of sponsor

The role of the sponsor is to act as the legal entity for those trial related activities that can only be undertaken by a legal entity. CTAs will be between the sponsor and participating sites. All other activities, including but not limited to trial design, conduct, safety monitoring, and reporting, are the responsibility of trial steering and management committees and working groups, as specified in the Core Protocol and appendices.

7.5. Insurance

The sponsor/investigator has insurance in accordance with the relevant legal requirements in each country.

8. TRIAL BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

There are no anticipated issues that are specific to the background and rationale in the Core Protocol of the trial in ANZ. However, some interventions may not be available in all countries or participating sites within the region.

9. TRIAL DESIGN

9.1. Study setting

As described in the Core Protocol Section 7.3.

9.2. Interventions

The RMC will offer all interventions that are available in ANZ to all participating sites in which the intervention is available and feasible.

9.2.1. Antibiotic Domain

All antibiotics that are specified in the Antibiotic Domain-Specific Appendix that are licensed for use in each country within this region will be made available to any site. Ceftaroline will only be made available in New Zealand if it can be supplied without utilizing budget that is available in New Zealand. Intravenous (IV) amoxicillin/clavulanic acid is not licensed for use in Australia.

All antibiotic interventions, except ceftaroline, are off-patent and will be provided by the hospital (as the hospital would have otherwise been provided by that site). Ceftaroline will be provided by the study. See [Section 10.3](#) for information about distribution of any medications provided by the study.

9.2.2. Macrolide Duration Domain

The macrolide duration domain will be offered to any site in this region. IV Azithromycin is licensed for use in New Zealand and oral Azithromycin is widely used, but, due to the cost of IV Azithromycin to hospitals the IV formulation is not widely used. In New Zealand, HRC funding will be available to reimburse sites for up to two doses per patient of IV azithromycin to allow for initial IV loading and patients who are unable to receive enteral azithromycin.

9.2.3. Corticosteroid Domain

The steroid domain will be offered to any site in this region.

9.2.4. Antiviral Domain

The antiviral domain will be offered to all sites in this region.

9.2.5. Ventilation Domain

The ventilation domain will be offered to all sites in this region.

9.2.6. Registry

Participation in the Registry will be mandatory in ANZ. The study population for the Registry comprises adult patients admitted to an Intensive Care Unit for CAP. This population is divided into two mutually exclusive cohorts: those eligible for the platform and assigned treatment within one or more REMAP-CAP domains (“Platform-randomized”) and a cohort who are either not platform eligible, or are platform eligible but not assigned treatment within a domain (“Registry-only”). The purpose of the registry is to provide limited information on all patients with CAP so that the characteristics of patients who are randomized within the Platform are understood in comparison to the admitted population of patients with CAP at participating sites. The registry will aim to collect a dataset that overlaps with, and is not more extensive than, the minimum dataset collected for patients who are randomized within the Platform. The Registry specifies no interventions and only utilizes data recorded for clinical care and administration.

9.3. Endpoints

Data will be collected as set out in the Core Protocol and DSAs. It is mandated in ANZ that trial endpoints that occur after day 90 are collected at sites in ANZ.

9.4. Co-enrollment

As described in the Core Protocol Section 7.9.

10. TRIAL CONDUCT

10.1. Recruitment and embedding

As described in the Core Protocol Section 8.3.

10.2. Treatment allocation

Central randomization will occur online and be managed and operated by Spiral Web Solutions Ltd (New Zealand) at <https://remapcap.spinnakersoftware.com>.

10.3. Distribution of study drug

The processes and management of distribution of any drug provided by the study will be outlined in operational documents and, as required, specified in the CTA.

10.4. Data collection

Data collection will be as outlined in the Core Protocol Section 8.9. The collection of data from time-points after day 90 will be mandatory in this region.

10.5. Data management

Data will be entered into a secure, password protected web based CRF designed by Spiral Web Solutions Ltd (New Zealand). Data entry and data management will be coordinated by the Project Managers and the coordinating centers including programming and data management support.

Region-specific data points will be:

- Australian and New Zealand Intensive Care Society Centre for Outcome and Resource Evaluation (ANZICS CORE) Adult Patient Database number for each enrolled patient

10.6. Trial group linkage / participation

REMAP-CAP has been accorded 'supported' status by the ANZICS CTG. The RMC is responsible for ensuring that all aspects of the study comply with the requirements of supported status, as set out by the ANZICS CTG. Re-application for supported status will be made for each new domain that is being considered.

10.7. Site start up and initiation

A site initiation teleconference or visit will be conducted before site activation; at least 1 routine monitoring visit will be conducted during the recruitment period; and a close out visit. Additional monitoring visits will be planned based on patient inclusion rate or indication. Email and telephone communication will supplement site visits.

Standardized procedures will be in place to educate sites on the trial and trial procedures before site initiation. These include printed material, face-to-face start up meetings, webinars, and on-line study materials.

10.8. Quality assurance and monitoring

10.8.1. Quality assurance

As described in the Core Protocol Section 8.11.

10.8.2. Monitoring

The study will be monitored by a representative of the ANZIC-RC in Australia and the MRINZ in New Zealand. Monitoring will be conducted by quality control reviews of protocol compliance, data queries and safety reporting. The study will use a monitoring plan that is developed on a risk-based approach. Details can be found in the monitoring plan.

A monitoring report will be prepared following each visit and reviewed by the management committee if appropriate. A follow up letter will be sent to the principal investigator and research coordinator at the site and will be filed in the site investigator file.

Medical records, any other relevant source documents and the site investigator files must be made available to the ANZIC-RC and the MRINZ representative for these monitoring visits during the course of the study and at the completion of the study as needed.

10.9. Safety reporting

Safety reporting will occur as outlined in the Core Protocol Section 8.13.

All Serious Adverse Events (SAEs) will be recorded in the electronic case report form (eCRF). All SAEs must be reported to the coordinating center via the trial website within 72 hours of the investigators becoming aware of the event.

The investigator should notify the Institutional / Ethics Committee of the occurrence of the serious adverse event in accordance with local requirements.

Web address <https://remapcap.spinnakersoftware.com>

Contact phone numbers for SAE advice:

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A 24 hour per day contact number for Australia and New Zealand will be provided to all sites before recruitment commences.

11. ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

11.1. *Ethical and regulatory issues*

The trial will be conducted in accordance with legislation in Australia and New Zealand. Research ethics approval will be obtained prior to the start of the study at each institution from the responsible local or national HREC. It is the principal investigator's responsibility to ensure that all conditions for approval of the study are met and that amendments to the protocol or SAEs are also reported to the HREC as required by that committee.

11.1.1. Australia

In the jurisdictions where it is available ethics approval will be sought under the National Mutual Acceptance scheme for mutual acceptance of single ethical review for multicenter clinical trials. Each participating site will submit this protocol and any other relevant study documentation to the responsible local governance office for site specific assessment. In States and Territories that are not participating in the National Mutual Acceptance scheme site or jurisdictional ethical approval will be sought, as required in that location.

11.1.2. New Zealand

This trial will be conducted in compliance with relevant New Zealand legislation including the Health Information Privacy Code, the Health and Disability Code and the NZ Bill of Rights (NZBOR) Act. Ethical approval will be sought from the New Zealand Health and Disability Ethics Committee. Most patients enrolled in this trial will lack capacity to give consent at the time of trial enrollment. We will use an approach consistent with section 7.4 of the Health and Disability Code which outlines the appropriate approach to providing treatment to patients who are unable to consent for themselves. The specific approach will be: 1. to consider whether participation is in the best interests of each individual patient and, 2. as soon as it is practical and reasonable to do so, to seek the advice of persons interested in the patient's welfare to establish that study participation is consistent with the patient's wishes. We will specifically discuss the issues of patient privacy, and responsibilities in relation to the Health and Disability Consumer Code of Rights, and the NZBOR Act as part of NZ trial start-up meetings to ensure that all investigators are aware of their legal responsibilities.