



Southern Oncology Clinical Research Unit

SITE CV

ABOUT SOCRU

Southern Oncology Clinical Research Unit (SOCRU) is a private clinical research organisation located in Adelaide, South Australia. We specialise in conducting early phase (Phase I and FIH) cancer clinical trials with an emphasis on participant safety, ethical research practices, and compliance with ICH-GCP and regulatory requirements.

LOCATION

We are located in the Southern catchment biomedical precinct of Adelaide, South Australia. Our trials are conducted across two locations:

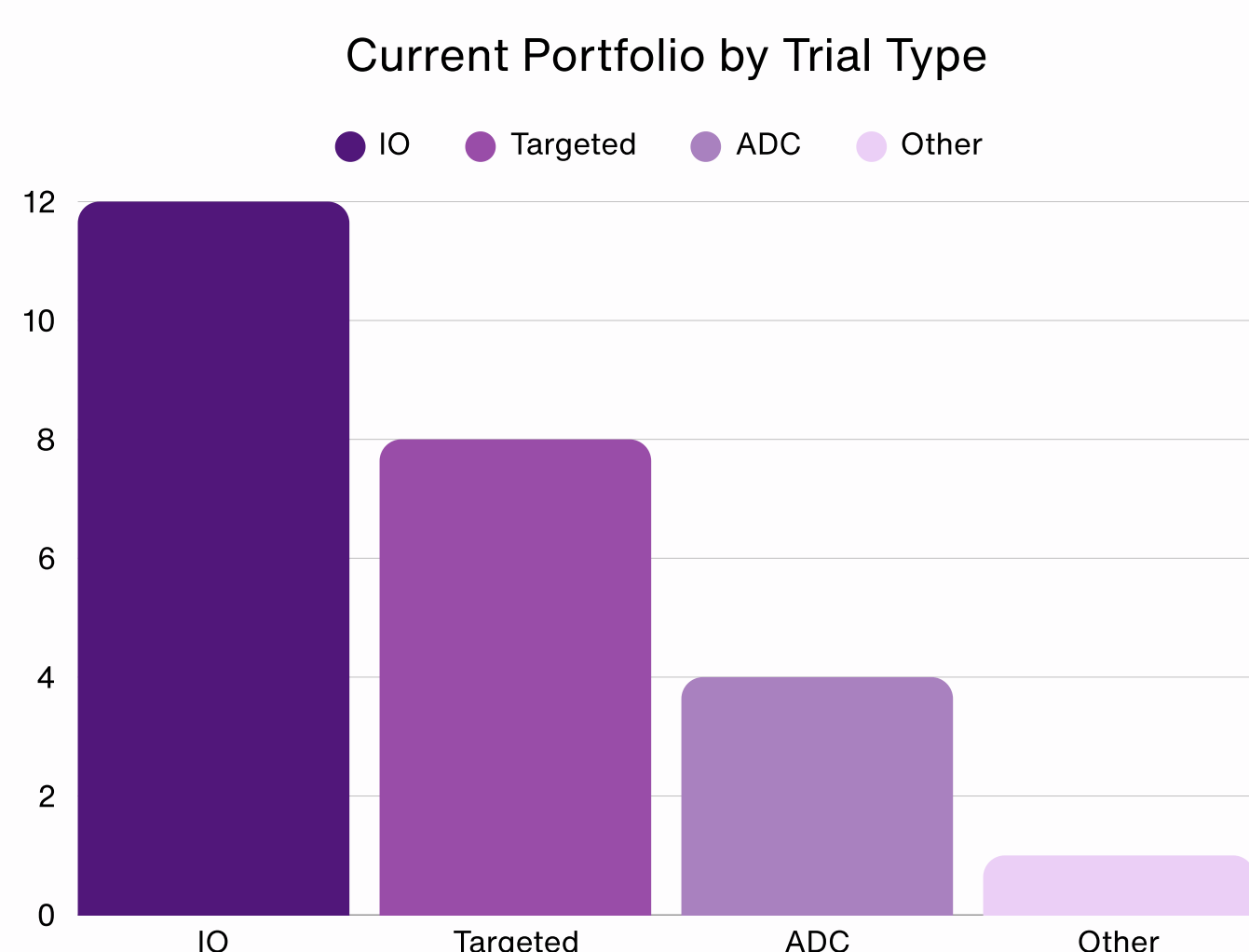
- **Mark Oliphant Building (MOB)** – primary site for administrative activities, consent, screening, outpatient visits, and low-risk drug administration.
- **Flinders Private Hospital (FPH)** – primary site for high risk clinical trial activities, including Cycle 1 Day 1 (C1D1), high-risk infusions, overnight monitoring, and emergency support.



PORTFOLIO

Currently managing 25 active clinical trials, with expertise across:

- Cytotoxic agents
- Targeted therapies
- Immunotherapies (IO)
- Antibody–drug conjugates (ADC)
- Oncolytic viral therapies
- Cell-based therapies



CAPABILITIES

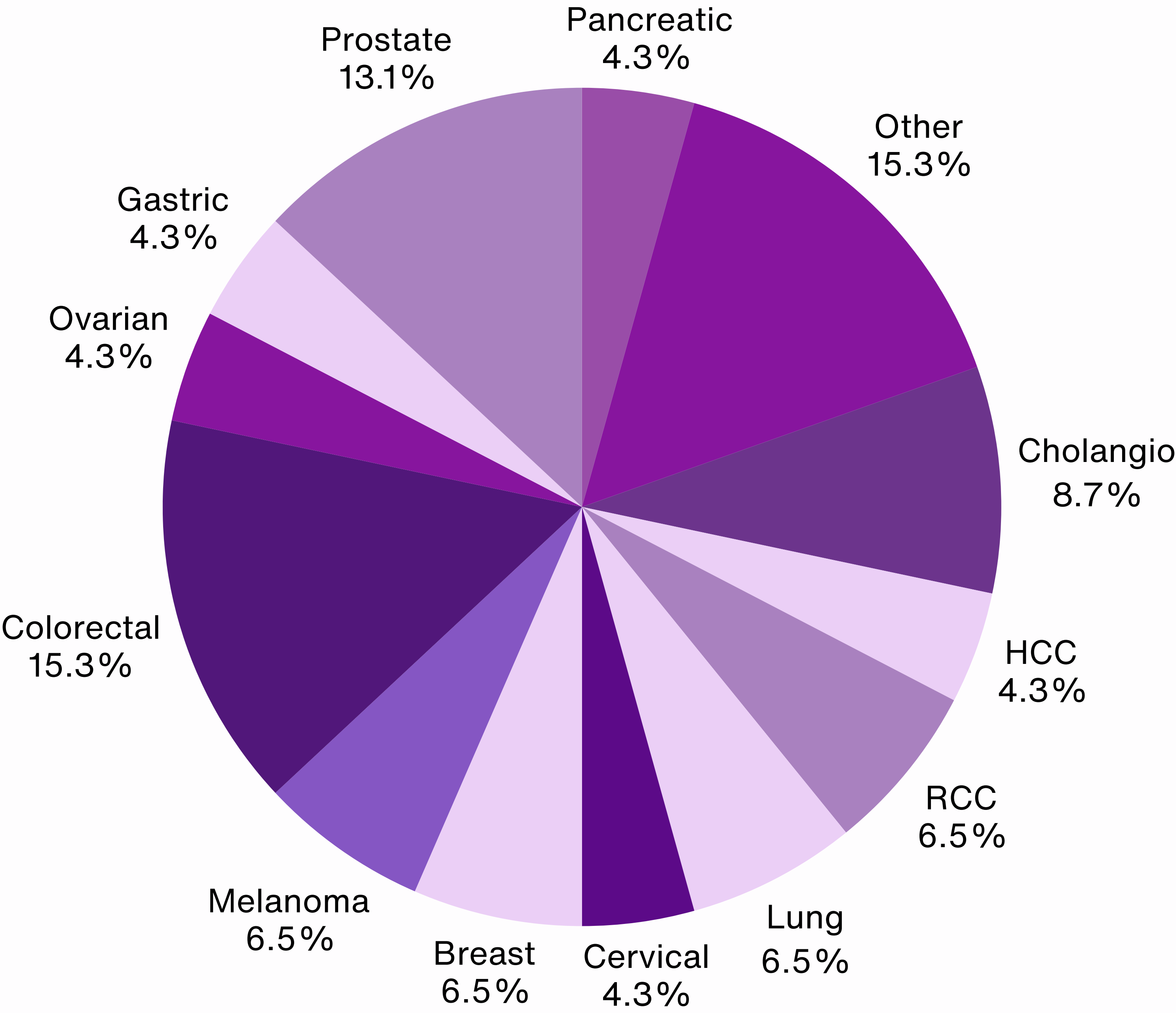
With specialist facilities, experienced investigators, and a strong vendor network, SOCRU delivers high-risk and complex oncology studies.

- Complex trial designs and high-risk products
- GMO and cell therapy trials – PC2 facilities and IBC oversight at Flinders University
- Intratumoural and loco-regional administration – Radiology SA
- Compounding and aseptic preparation – RAH Pharmacy
- Overnight stays with 24-hour monitoring and telemetry – Flinders Private Hospital
- Out-of-hours PK sample collection, including evenings and weekends
- ICU and emergency response access – biomedical precinct
- 24-hour on-call staff – participant support and SAE reporting

RECRUITMENT

- SOCRU serves a catchment of ~380,000 residents across Southern Adelaide (21% of SA’s population), with projected growth to ~417,000 by 2036, strengthening our recruitment pool.
- We have a strong recruitment record, drawing participants from within our own catchment, through cross-referrals from other South Australian Local Health Networks (LHNs), and from regional and rural areas.
- We also receive referrals from interstate, including a strong collaborative relationship with the Northern Territory (NT).

Primary Cancer Type by Referral
2025



RESOURCING

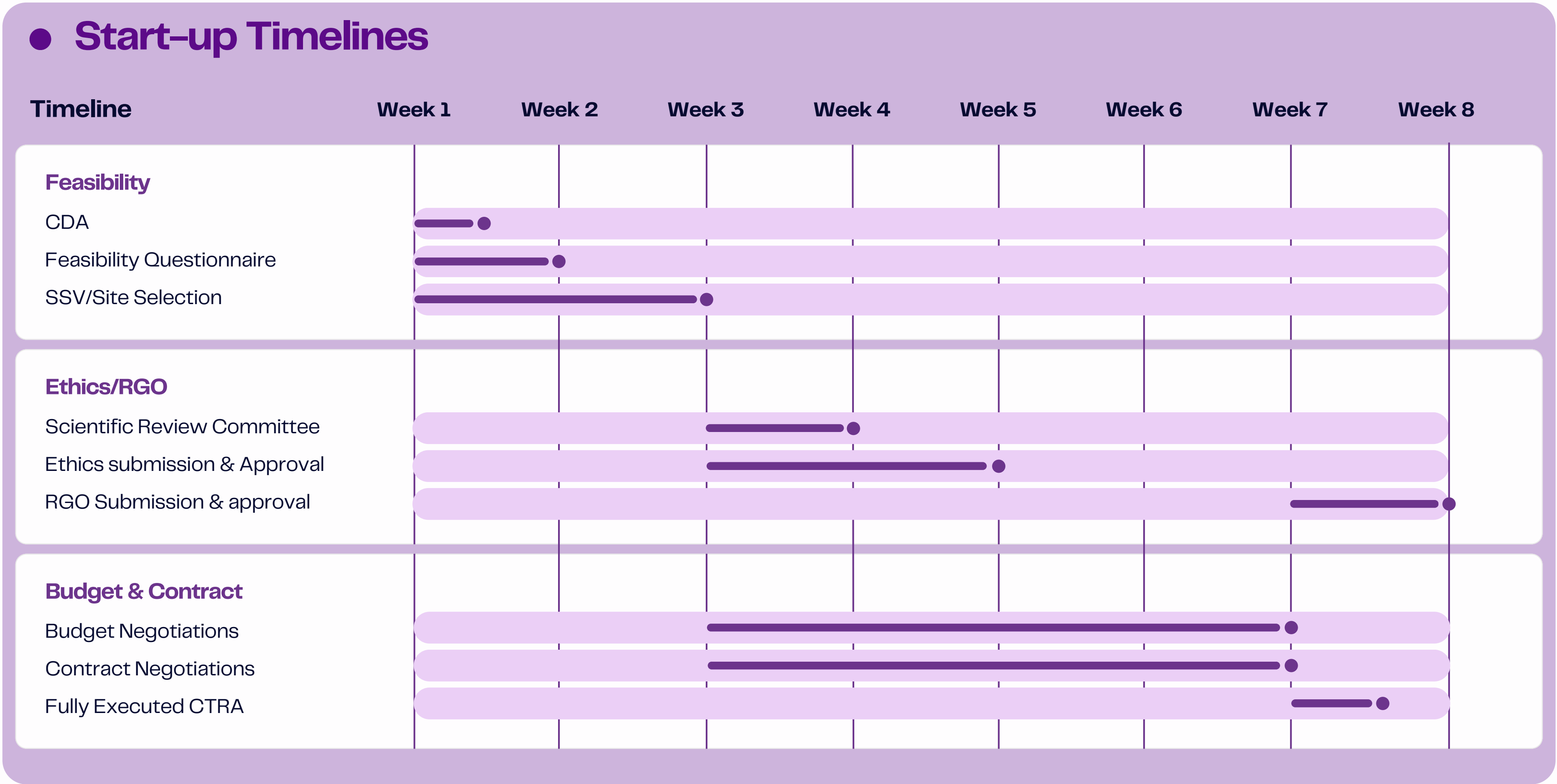
SOCRU employs 25 staff (equivalent to 16.5 FTE), comprising skilled and experienced clinical research professionals dedicated to advancing cancer research.

Our team includes Clinical Research Coordinators, Clinical Research Assistants, Research Nurses, Pharmacists, a Manager, a Team Leader, and a Quality Officer.

We also engage 6 Medical Oncologist Investigators, who together bring over 60 years of combined clinical research experience.

STUDY INITIATION

- SOCRU delivers efficient study start-up with an average activation time of 6–10 weeks.
- Ethical approval is managed through the Bellberry Human Research Ethics Committee (HREC).
 - A single master contract is executed with the site, eliminating the need for separate vendor agreements.
 - Ethics submission, budget review, and contract negotiations are conducted in parallel to streamline timelines.
 - RGO submission is completed once both the Clinical Trial Research Agreement (CTRA) is fully executed and ethics approval is obtained.
 - We aim to hold the Site Initiation Visit (SIV) as soon as practicable after CTRA final execution.
 - First Patient In (FPI) is targeted within 2 weeks of site activation.



FACILITIES

SOCRU utilises facilities within the Southern Adelaide biomedical precinct to support early-phase and high-risk oncology trials, including overnight monitoring, telemetry, laboratory processing, radiology, and emergency care.

- **Mark Oliphant Building (MOB)**
 - Day Infusion Suite (2 chairs, 1 bed)
 - Laboratory (–80°C freezers, centrifuges, biosafety cabinet, trial kit storage)
 - Private consulting room
 - Secure data storage and staff offices
 - Monitoring space for external monitors
- **Flinders Private Hospital (FPH)**
 - Day Infusion Suite with overnight monitoring capability
 - Telemetry and 24-hour cardiac monitoring
 - Out-of-hours PK sample collection and processing
 - Access to on-site radiology, biosafety level laboratory, ICU beds, and emergency services
 - Private consulting rooms



REGULATORY COMPLIANCE & AUDIT HISTORY

All SOCRU staff undergo extensive training, including mandatory ICH-GCP certification, and are supported by a comprehensive suite of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) to ensure consistent processes and regulatory compliance. Training records and SOPs are managed in SiteDocs and are available on request.

SOCRU has undergone multiple internal, external, and regulatory audits, demonstrating a strong culture of compliance and continuous improvement:

- Bellberry HREC (2024): Minor findings, all actioned
- OGTR (2021): No findings
- Sponsor audits: Minor findings, all actioned

VENDORS

SOCRU partners with trusted, specialist vendors under formal Service Level Agreements (SLAs):

- Flinders University Pharmacy – oral investigational agents
- Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH) Pharmacy – compounding, aseptic preparation, GMO capability (product stability > 5 hours required for off-site handling)
- Australian Clinical Labs – safety blood collection
- Bensons Radiology – imaging and theranostics
- Radiology SA – on-site imaging and interventional radiology (intratumoural injections)
- Flinders University – PC2 laboratory facilities and IBC oversight for GMO studies

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