

# Engage with medical researchers

# Join the Consumer Buddy Program

#### What is a consumer?

Consumers are members of the community who have experienced an illness, cared for someone with an illness, or have a passion to help medical researchers.

### You can help

By volunteering for our Consumer Buddy Program, you can work directly with a researcher in the areas of cancer, infectious disease and immune disorders, and can assist them communicate their science in plain language to the community.

Pam is a consumer working with researchers Professor John Silke (centre) and Dr Najoua Lalaoui (right)



## As a consumer at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute you can:

- work with a research scientist by contributing your life experiences
- provide insight into how their research can make a difference in the community
- become part of the Institute community with invitations to events and seminars.

#### Your commitment as a consumer:

- be available to meet with your researcher four times a year for project updates
- undertake training to assist you in your consumer experience.

To learn more about joining the Consumer Buddy Program, contact Ms Katya Gray, Institute Consumer Coordinator:

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