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2. Essential research identifiers

2.1 ORCID iD

- ORCID iD is a globally recognised, unique digital identifier for researchers.
- Links all research outputs and professional activities.
- Essential for publications, funding applications, and academic visibility.
- Free to register at <https://orcid.org>.
- Recommended practices:
 - Keep it up to date.
 - Include in your email signature and CV.
 - Merge duplicate accounts if created.

2.2 ROR iD (Research Organization Registry)

- The institutional equivalent of ORCID.
- Use to link your research to ANZCA, CTN, or affiliated institutions.
- ANZCA CTN has a ROR iD – (<https://ror.org/0555x2b41>)

3. Research databases and author profiles

3.1 Scopus Author ID

- Automatically generated when indexed in [Scopus](#).
- Tracks citations, h-index, and publication metrics.
- Can be linked to ORCID for auto-synchronisation.
- Linked to individual author presence on SciVal (requires institutional support to log in and interrogate).

3.2 Web of Science Researcher ID

- Allows [citation tracking](#) and visualization via Publons.
- Can be integrated with ORCID.

3.3 Google Scholar

- [Free](#) and widely used citation profile.

- Tracks citations and calculates h-index and i10-index.
- Highly visible in search engine results.
- Tends to overestimate citation profile and is not preferred by some grant bodies as a result.
- Example: [Prof Kate Leslie's Google Scholar profile](#).

3.4 ResearchGate and Academia.edu

- Platforms for academic networking and profile building.
- [ResearchGate](#) offers Q&A forums, metrics, and full-text uploads.
 - Full-text uploads are not possible for articles that are embargoed or behind a paywall.
- [Academia.edu](#) has limited free functionality and paid tiers.

4. Social media for research visibility

Researchers are encouraged to strategically use social platforms strategically:

- BlueSky
 - Showcase achievements, connect with experts.
 - Promote research and engage with the CTN BlueSky account ([@anzcactn.bsky.social](#))
 - Example: Tanya Selak ([@gonggasgirl.bsky.social](#)).
- LinkedIn:
 - Maintain a professional CV.
 - Share updates, media coverage, and publication links.
- Facebook:
 - Effective for consumer-facing research and recruitment.
- YouTube:
 - Share educational videos, trial overviews, and visual summaries.
- Instagram:
 - Target medical education and visual storytelling.
 - Example: ABCs of Anaesthesia account.

5. Institutional and public repositories

5.1 CTN website

- The [CTN](#) office can host [trial pages](#) and [media updates](#).
- Request trial-specific websites through ANZCA CTN (e.g. [LOLIPOP Trial](#)).
- Include sections for participant information, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), outputs, and updates.

5.2 University and hospital repositories

- Examples: Monash "MyResearch," "Austin Health Research Online." Run by specialist library teams who assist with uploads and formatting.

5.3 ANZCA Institutional Research Repository (AIRR)

- Permanent home for ANZCA-related research.
- Profile can be created via [MyANZCA > [AIRR](#)].
- All outputs submitted are indexed and discoverable.
- Supports long-term discoverability beyond university affiliations.
- Connects to Trove and Google Search.

6. Using Read by QxMD

- Curated literature discovery [platform](#) with alerts and feeds.
- Available as a mobile app and website.
- Set up personalised alerts by:
 - Journal (e.g. Anaesthesia and Intensive Care)
 - Keywords (e.g. “paediatric anaesthesia”)
 - Specialties
- Benefits of ANZCA institutional access:
 - Direct full-text links
 - Follow ANZCA CTN collection curated by staff
 - Request promotion campaigns for your trial outputs

7. CTN support for building your profile

7.1 Emerging Investigators Subcommittee

- Supports novice and research higher degree-level researchers.
- Liaises with the ANZCA CTN Executive and Research Committee.
- Join the mailing list for:
 - Educational sessions
 - Grant alerts
 - Committee vacancies
 - Mentoring and networking

7.2 Promote your research via ANZCA CTN

- ANZCA CTN staff can:
 - Post to social media on your behalf or repost.
 - List projects on the ANZCA CTN website
 - Build standalone research websites
 - Assist with media releases

7.3 Attend key events

- Annual ANZCA ASM (May): Includes ANZCA CTN sessions and workshops.
- ANZCA CTN Strategic Research Workshop (August):
 - Networking breakfasts
 - New proposal sessions
 - Abstract submissions
 - Emerging Investigators Prize Session
 - Mentoring sessions

8. Research toolkit and grant support

8.1 ANZCA Research Support Toolkit

- Access via the [ANZCA library](#).
- Covers:
 - Protocol design
 - Literature searching
 - Authorship guidelines

- Publication tips
- Research profile building

8.2 ANZCA Foundation

- Annual support of ~\$1.5 million in grants.
- [Project Grants](#) open annually (April deadline).
- Offers resources, videos, and templates via the [Research Support Hub](#).

9. Creating and managing your AIRR Profile

Step-by-step setup:

1. Navigate to [AIRR](#) (search: "ANZCA AIRR").
2. Register via [MyANZCA](#) (use any active email).
3. Complete user registration and profile details:
 - Preferred name, indexed name, affiliations
 - ORCID and social links
 - Areas of interest and biography
4. Make your profile public to enable visibility.
5. Add research outputs manually or contact library staff.

Best practices:

- Include consistent name variants for citation tracking.
- Highlight recent trials, grants, and collaborations.
- Add links to ResearchGate, ORCID, Bluesky, and LinkedIn.

10. Recommendations and next steps

Priority actions for new investigators

- Register for ORCID and keep it current.
- Create public profiles in:
 - Google Scholar
 - ResearchGate
 - AIRR (ANZCA Repository)
- Use ANZCA CTN support to:
 - Share your work
 - Build your digital presence
 - Connect with peers and mentors
- Stay informed with the ANZCA CTN mailing list

Contacts

- ANZCA Library: library@anzca.edu.au
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- Research Toolkit: [ANZCA Library Portal > [Research Toolkit](#)]