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World-first trial for cancer patients

The NSW Minister for Medical Research, Pru Goward, today announced that patients can now participate in a world-first medicinal cannabis trial aimed at preventing chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting.

The clinical trial will involve about 330 patients across NSW and is a fantastic collaboration between Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Chris O'Brien Lifehouse and the University of Sydney along with leading NSW cancer centres.

The Minister for Medical Research, Pru Goward, pictured with Associate Professor Peter Grimison, says the new drug - which contains equal amounts of tetrahydrocannabinol and cannabidiol - has the potential to transform the lives of those suffering during cancer treatment.

"The trial will play a critical role in developing a better understanding of how cannabis products may provide relief for cancer patients," Ms Goward said.

The District's Chief Executive, Dr Teresa Anderson, welcomed the announcement.

"RPA is a world leader in so many areas and this is yet another example of our clinicians collaborating to achieve the very best outcomes for our patients."

