



Clinical Research Ecosystem Trends

MAY 2026



As we recognize **International Clinical Trials Day** on May 20, this month's ecosystem signals highlight how Canada's clinical research landscape continues to evolve — with growing investment in infrastructure, participant engagement, and specialized research capabilities.

Here are 3 developments shaping the ecosystem this month:

Ontario: Infrastructure Investment Accelerates Clinical Trial Capacity

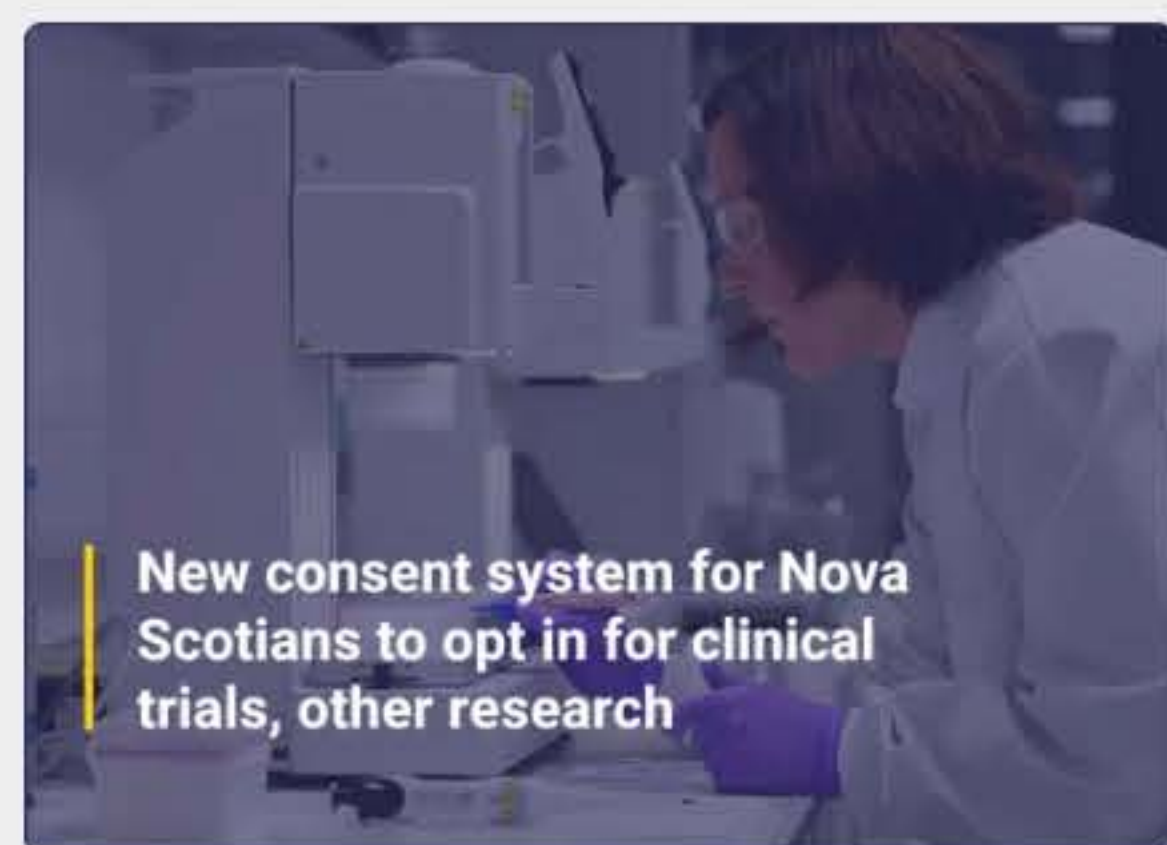


A \$41M philanthropic investment into [Sunnybrook Clinical Trials](#) signals growing momentum toward scalable research infrastructure and faster trial delivery.

What it signals:

- Increased focus on operational readiness
- Growing investment in scalable research infrastructure
- Greater competitiveness for global studies

Nova Scotia: Consent Modernization



Nova Scotia introduced a province-wide [consent-to-contact framework](#) as part of the new health card renewal process, allowing residents to proactively opt in for future clinical trial and health research participation.

What it signals:

- More proactive participant engagement
- Research integrated into healthcare interactions
- Expanded province-wide engagement infrastructure
- Greater support for coordinated and digitally enabled trials

Learn more about the framework and the existing recruitment infrastructure, NovaStudies Connect, [here](#).

Ontario: Pediatric Clinical Trial Capacity Expands



CHEO Research Institute launched a new [Clinical Trial Access Core and Clinical Investigation Unit](#) designed to strengthen pediatric clinical trial delivery and improve patient-family experience.

What it signals:

- Growing specialization in pediatric clinical trials
- More patient and family-centered research environments
- Expanded capacity for complex and rare disease research

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sciteline will be heading out on the road again this June. If you'll be attending, we look forward to connecting.



eHealth Conference & Tradeshow

June 14-16, 2026
Halifax, Nova Scotia

[📍](#) **We're exhibiting at Booth #85**



BIO International Convention

June 22-25, 2026
San Diego, California, USA



Sciteline is a proud supporter of CanReview and the ICTD26 theme: [#KeepTrialsMoving](#).

[Click here](#) to watch the video and read about the movement and the role that CanReview plays streamlining multi-site ethics reviews across Canada.

Patients can't join clinical trials they can't find.

Help Ontario communities discover and participate in clinical research. Learn how your organization can get involved.

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Ecosystem Takeaway

Across Canada, clinical research is increasingly being recognized as foundational healthcare and innovation infrastructure — with growing emphasis on scalability, accessibility, and participant engagement.

This **International Clinical Trials Day**, these developments serve as a reminder that advancing research is about building the systems, partnerships, and patient access needed to make clinical trials more connected, efficient, and accessible for the future. We, at Sciteline, recognize the individuals and teams helping make clinical research possible every day.

Happy International Clinical Trials Day!



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