

Cabrini Research – Consumer story

Ms Wendy Rempel

For as long as she can remember, Cabrini has been an integral part of Ms Wendy Rempel's life. "Cabrini is the best, my family has been attending Cabrini since my parents' generation [and it] has saved my life twice – honest truth." After experiencing the high standards of care delivered at Cabrini, Ms Rempel does not hesitate to make the four-hour journey despite the availability of nearby hospitals.

Introduced to a clinical trial by her medical oncologist, Associate Professor Jeremy Shapiro, "I was nervous, anxious but also excited – my brother-in-law participated in a clinical trial many years ago and it was successful, I believe in clinical research, and I believe that participating will help the future of treatment development."

Reinforcing her trust in Cabrini, Ms Rempel's experience in the trial has been overwhelmingly positive. "Everyone is beautiful," she comments, "the assessments were a bit confronting at the start, but now I'm cruising through it—28 cycles in."

Since commencing, her quality-of-life has improved dramatically, "eternally grateful and cannot thank the study team, the doctors, the hospital enough."

Passionate about the transformative impact of clinical research, Ms Rempel has become an advocate for greater awareness and access. "Clinical research should be more supported and available at all hospitals nationally, metro and regional. I'm blessed to be with Cabrini."