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**The Tremendous Trikafta Team:**

Much like Nick Fury assembling the fictional super-team of Marvel's *Avengers*, I am often in the position of having to bring together heroes and experts from all over the map to deal with big issues. If that sounds a bit grandiose, then I still stand by my analogy, because there is nothing more important in this world than saving lives, and this Wednesday our Tremendous Trikafta Team will be attempting to do just that.

We often get a big turnout on the Consumer Connect platform for discussion on crucial issues like COVID and medical funding. Our Orkambi celebration stream remains one of the most hectic and rewarding highlights in my long tenure at CFA, and I always look forward to the big streams with a special relish, knowing that our CF Community has an energy and enthusiasm that makes anything possible.

Next Wednesday we are calling on those powerful currents of good will and community spirit for our second major roundtable discussion of Trikafta. 2021 will be a banner year for the CF cause, but we need to get started early on campaigning for this life-saving CF drug to make sure that the government knows we won't settle for IOU's.

We have Peter Walk on the panel, a Consumer Connect veteran and longtime CF hero. Peter is a senior staff specialist in Respiratory and Sleep Medicine at John Hunter Hospital, Newcastle and a conjoint Professor with the University of Newcastle. He is a senior investigator with the Priority Research Centre for Healthy Lungs at the Hunter Medical Research Institute. He is also a chief investigator in the NHMRC Centre of Excellence in Severe Asthma.

Also on the panel we have the amazing Professor Claire Wainwright. Claire is a paediatric respiratory physician and Co-Lead for cystic fibrosis (CF) services at the Queensland Children's Hospital in Brisbane which manages around 460 children with CF across Queensland and Northern NSW. She is a Professor of Paediatrics and Child Health at the University of Queensland and research interests include clinical trials, development of early lung disease in CF, airway microbiology, and patient reported outcomes in CF.

Finally we have you, our community, our constituents, our family. The great thing about working for CFA is that I do not only get to fight for you all, but with you as well, and I know that the Trikafta campaign will be no different. So, join us next Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of December at 6:30pm on Consumer Connect. We are putting a team together, and we want you. [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Kind regards



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