

Why we are

The results of clinical trials are not always made available. Worse still, sometimes when a trial is reported only the positive results are made available and not the full picture. In order to counter this lack of transparency countries asked WHO in 2005 to provide a means to link databases that collect information about clinical trials together, provide a single point of access to that information, and make it possible to clearly identify trials and make it easier for patients, families, patient groups and others to access the information.

What we are

The ICTRP is a country-led initiative. Clinical trial registration happens when countries seek to improve the transparency of clinical trial research involving nationals of that country, and to be more accountable to the individuals who consent to participate in clinical research, and to better oversee and monitor that research.

The ICTRP is a global initiative. It aims to make information about all clinical trials in humans available to all.

ICTRP

International Clinical Trials
Registry Platform

What we want to achieve

- A significant reduction in the gap between what we do and do not know about clinical trials, particularly those conducted in low and middle income countries. The vast majority of currently registered trials are recruiting participants in high-income countries
- An increase in the number of countries with either their own national clinical trial registry (meeting WHO standards) or an enforceable policy that clinical trials be registered in a Primary Registry in the WHO Registry Network
- An improvement in the quality of registered data

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What we do

- Provide an online search portal so that anyone, anywhere can search for information about clinical trials for free. This information is provided by clinical trial registries around the world that meet WHO criteria for content and quality.
- Support the WHO Registry Network: a forum for clinical trial registries around the world to exchange information and work together to establish best practice and ensure the collection of high quality data.
- Support countries and regions: wanting to establish clinical trial registries or policies on trial registration.



Be Responsible!

What is a clinical trial?

A clinical trial is any research study that prospectively assigns human participants or groups of humans to one or more health-related interventions to evaluate the effects on health outcomes. Clinical trials may also be referred to as interventional trials. An intervention can be anything that may have an impact on health, ranging from drugs and surgical procedures through to education, diet and exercise.

Clinical trials should be registered in a publicly accessible database before the first participant is recruited. Major scientific journals will no longer publish the findings of a clinical trial unless it was registered before the first participant was recruited in a registry that meets WHO criteria.

The registration of all clinical trials is a scientific, ethical and moral responsibility: www.who.int/ictrp

The ICTRP aims

- To improve the comprehensiveness, completeness and accuracy of registered clinical trial data
- To communicate and raise awareness of the need to register clinical trials
- To ensure the accessibility of registered data
- To build capacity for clinical trial registration
- To encourage the utilization of registered data
- To ensure the sustainability of the ICTRP



Be Transparent!

Improved accountability

Our mission is to ensure that a complete view of clinical trial research is accessible to all those involved in health care decision making. Improving transparency will enhance our ability to:

- improve public trust in clinical trial research
- prevent selective reporting and publication bias
- meet ethical obligations and protect clinical trial participants
- identify research gaps
- improve recruitment to trials
- improve trial design, conduct and reporting
- improve health

