News

The ICTRP needs you…

…. to help us raise awareness of the need to register clinical trials. We are therefore excited to report that our new brochure is now available. We need you to help us spread the word and therefore encourage you to download, print and distribute these brochures to as many people as possible. Please find the print version file of the brochure, as well as the conditions and instructions for printing, on the ICTRP web site:

http://www.who.int/ictrp/about/brochure/en/index.html

If you do print these brochures for distribution we would be grateful if you could let us know to whom they were distributed (eg the name of the conference or professional society).

We are also working on translating the brochure into as many languages as possible and expect versions in Arabic, Chinese, Farsi, French, German, Italian, Korean, Portuguese, Japanese, Dutch, Hindi, Singhales, Russian and Spanish to be available shortly. If you are willing and able to help us to translate into any other languages please contact us.

We have translated the contents of the brochures in the following languages, and we thank the translators and reviewers:

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Italian, thanks to Joaquin Ramirez and Elena Parmelli

Soon they will be available at our web site

There are still countries where, despite there being a considerable number of clinical trials, there is no legal or ethical obligation to make information about those trials publicly available. Our hope is that this brochure will help raise awareness of the problem and its solution.
New Primary Registry in Korea
On 26 May 2010; the Clinical Research Information Service (CRiS) of the Republic of Korea became the latest registry to join the WHO Registry Network as a Primary Registry. This means that CRiS conforms to WHO registry criteria and that registering trials with CRiS satisfies the trial registration policies of many medical journals.

:: Registry Profile of the Clinical Research Information Service
:: Clinical Research Information Service website
:: Press Release of the Ministry of Health and Welfare, Republic of Korea (in Korean)

On 29 June 2010; the Clinical Research Information Service (CRiS) of the Republic of Korea became a data provider to the ICTRP Search Portal. This means you can now find trials registered in their registry by searching the ICTRP Search Portal.

:: Access the ICTRP Search Portal
:: Learn more about Data Providers

NHS Choices first user of the ICTRP web service
On June 21 2010; United Kingdom’s National Health Service (NHS) became the first partner to use the ICTRP Web Service to display clinical trial search results from the ICTRP database on its website. They have developed a main clinical trials search page as well as condition specific pages. For example, if you are looking up information on asthma, there is a page that automatically shows a listing of clinical trials from the ICTRP database related to this condition. Once on this page, the search can also be refined further. Additional condition specific pages can be found under the link “Health A-Z” on their site. To take a look go to http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/clinical-trials/pages/clinical-trial.aspx

To learn more about the ICTRP Web Service go to http://www.who.int/ictrp/search/web_service/en/index.html

Mapping the Landscape of Clinical Trial Registration
ICTRP is privileged to have two interns working with us over the European summer: Lorenn Ruster from Australia, and Lixian Zhong from China. These 2 young professionals have volunteered to spend their summer holiday working hard at WHO with the ICTRP, helping us to map the existing requirements and regulations in selected countries relating to the prospective registration of clinical trials.

Although the task is significant, we would ultimately like to map the requirements for every member state. This information would be useful to those wanting to know what requirements are in specific countries, and help the ICTRP work with countries and regions strategically and efficiently. If you have information about national regulations, decrees, or laws, or would like to help us to fill in the map for a particular country, please let us know.
Welcome to a new colleague in AMRO-PAHO
The ICTRP would like to welcome Dr Ludovic Reveiz, newly appointed Regional Advisor in Research Promotion and Development in the Area of Health Systems and Services based in Primary Care in AMRO-PAHO (WHO Regional Office for the Americas). Dr Reveiz was the founder and Director of the Latin American Registry of Clinical Trials (LATINREC); and member of the Working Group on Best Practice for Clinical Trials Registers for the WHO International Clinical Trials Registry Platform (ICTRP). He will be working with the ICTRP on improving registration of clinical trials in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Registering protocols for Systematic Reviews
If you are interested in clinical trial registration then you may also be interested taking part in a Delphi exercise being conducted by the Center for Reviews and Dissemination in York, UK, to establish an internationally agreed minimum dataset for a register of ongoing systematic reviews. To learn more please go to http://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(10)60903-8/fulltext *

The exercise will run over a period of six to eight weeks and participants will be asked to complete two rounds of questions. During piloting the average time taken to complete the first round questionnaire was 20 to 25 minutes. The research has been approved by the University of York Health and Social Sciences Research Ethics Committee.

To take part in Round 1 of the Delphi exercise, go to www.surveymonkey.com/s/registerdelphi1 The first round consultation will close at 09.00hrs (UK time) Monday 2nd August 2010.


Presentations and events


Recent publications of interest
The following list of publications is provided for the information of interested readers. Listing of a publication does not imply WHO endorsement.


2. Mathieu S; Boutron I; Moher D; et al. Comparison of Registered and Published Primary Outcomes in Randomized Controlled Trials. JAMA. 2009;302(9):977-984. (doi:10.1001/jama.2009.1242)


4. Patrone D. Research ethics Discrepancies between research advertisements and disclosure of study locations in trial registrations for USA-sponsored research in Russia J Med Ethics 2010; (doi:10.1136/jme.2010.035378). http://jme.bmj.com/content/36/7/431.full.html#ref-list-1


Publicity material
Help us to raise awareness of trial registration and of the WHO International Clinical Trials Registry Platform (ICTRP). Please contact us if you are organizing a meeting and would like to distribute material about the ICTRP to delegates.

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The WHO Registry Platform e-Note is scheduled for publication on the last Friday of every second month. The next e-Note is scheduled for circulation on Friday 29th October 2010. Suggestions for the next edition can be sent to via http://www.who.int/trialsearch/Contact.aspx.

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