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News

Universal Trial Number
The Universal Trial Number (UTN) was launched on 6th June 2009.

The aim of the UTN is to facilitate the unambiguous identification of clinical trials. It will help us to achieve this by enabling WHO to link multiple records on the same trial on the ICTRP search portal. A UTN should be obtained as soon as a trial becomes a serious proposition and used on any documentation pertaining to the trial, including the trial protocol and general correspondence. More information on the UTN can be obtained from:


To obtain a UTN go to http://www.who.int/trialssearch/utn.aspx and follow the instructions.

The ICTRP would like to thank the South Asian Cochrane Centre at the Christian Medical College, Vellore, India for the contribution resulting in the creation of the UTN allocation software.

Registration of all trials in India to become mandatory
The Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI) has announced that all clinical trials taking place in India must now be registered on the Clinical Trials Registry – India, a WHO Primary Registry.

"It has been decided to make registration of clinical trial mandatory w.e.f.15th June 2009, which will be applicable for clinical trials initiated after 15th June 2009. Accordingly, while granting permission for Clinical Trials, applicants are now being informed that registration of clinical trial in ICMR Clinical Trial Registry www.ctri.in before its initiation will be mandatory from June 15th 2009."

http://www.cdsco.nic.in/CTRegistration.doc

The requirement applies to all trials of drugs and devices that come under the remit of the DCGI.

ICTRP web site now available in all UN Languages
Most of the content of the ICTRP web site can now be viewed in English, French, Spanish, Chinese, Russian and Arabic. We hope this will help us to improve awareness of the need to register trials, particularly in countries where English is not spoken. Please consider including a link on your web site to the ICTRP site in your language of choice.
Removal of old ICTRP web content
ICTRP web pages and web-accessible documents that are no longer in use have been removed from the ICTRP website. Those responsible for websites linking to ICTRP web content are advised to check their links and to update them as appropriate.

Presentations and Events


Recent publications of interest

Listing of the publications below does not imply WHO endorsement.

Listen to podcasts on clinical trial registration and publication bias recorded for the Cochrane Collaboration in recognition of International Clinical Trials Day at

Registration of Trials in Children. Update of Current International Initiatives
Chiara Pandolfini, Maurizio Bonati, and Helen Sammons
Arch Dis Child published 19 May 2009, 10.1136/adc.2008.148155

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 about ICTRP material to delegates.

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