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**1. News**

**Advanced search:** This edition of e-note has been delayed to coincide with the publication of Version 1 of the advanced search function of the WHO Clinical Trial Search Portal. The site will be accessible via the WHO search portal site on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> August:

<http://www.who.int/trialsearch/>

Version 1 enables users to combine searches across fields using the operator "and". It is not yet possible to use other operators (such as "not" or "or"). The fields that can be searched include country of recruitment and primary sponsor.

Work will continue on improving the searching functionality. The next phase of development will involve the identification of an appropriate thesaurus and applying it to the data. This will make it possible to search for synonyms when a term is used: for example, if you enter the name of a drug it will automatically search for other names for the drug (if the synonyms are listed in the thesaurus). We hope this improvement will be made by October 2007.

**Primary Registers in China and India:** 20<sup>th</sup> July 2007 marks the launch of the Clinical Trials Registry - India (CTR-I) and the Chinese Clinical Trial Register (ChiCTR). Despite some initial problems with the web sites these have, for the most part, been resolved. Both registers are now accepting trials for registration. To view the WHO press release go to:

<http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2007/pr41/en/index.html>

**ATM Registry:** The HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria clinical trials registry was officially launched on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2007 (<http://www.atmregistry.org/index.htm>: please be aware that this site is under construction. To register a trial email [liesl.grobler@mrc.ac.za](mailto:liesl.grobler@mrc.ac.za)). The register is funded by the European and Developing Countries Clinical Trial Partnership (EDCTP). To read more, see the latest issue of the EDCTP newsletter

<http://www.edctp.org/Newsletter.44.0.html>

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