



# Good Clinical Practice (GCP) & Clinical Trial Registries

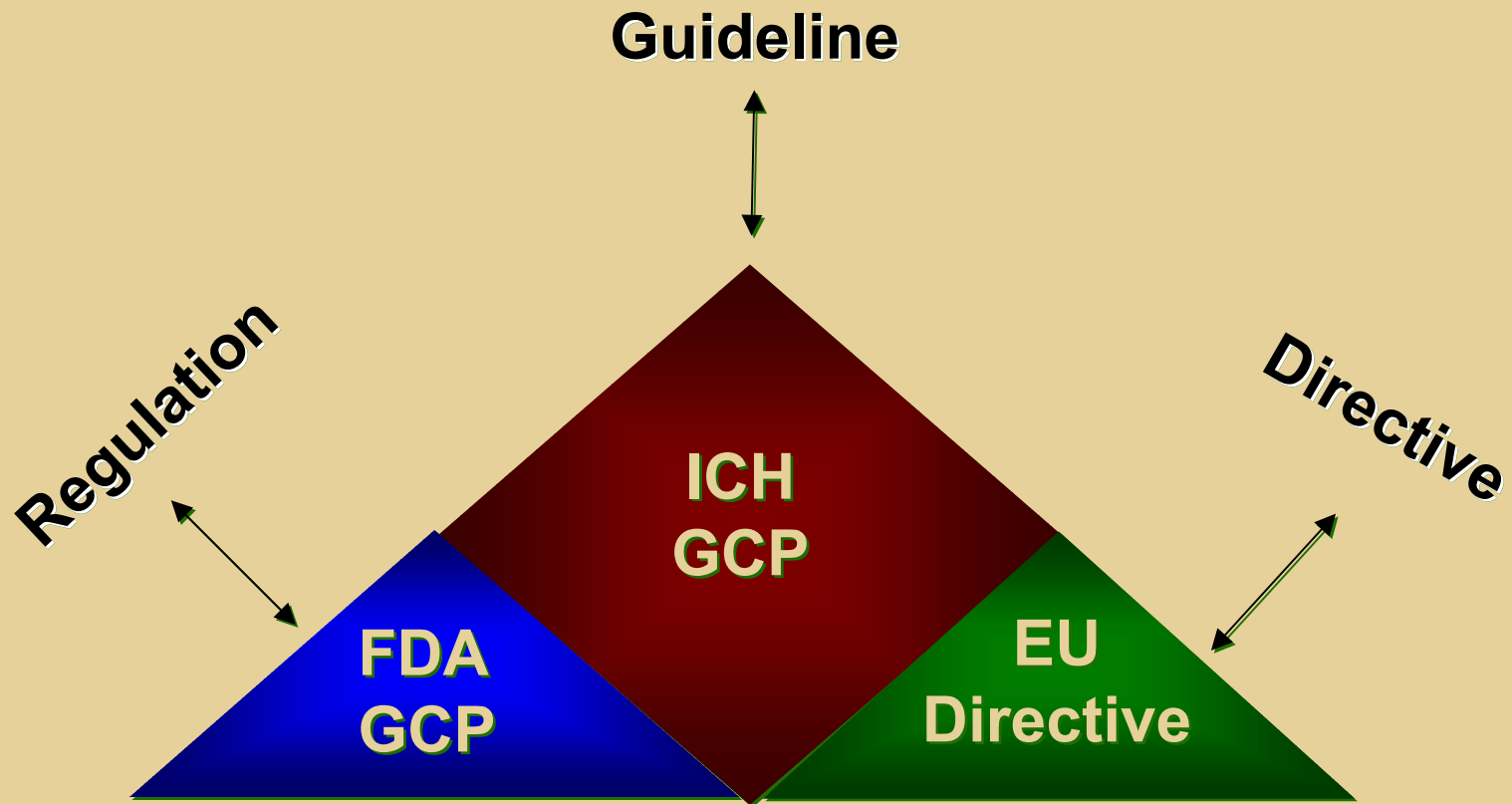
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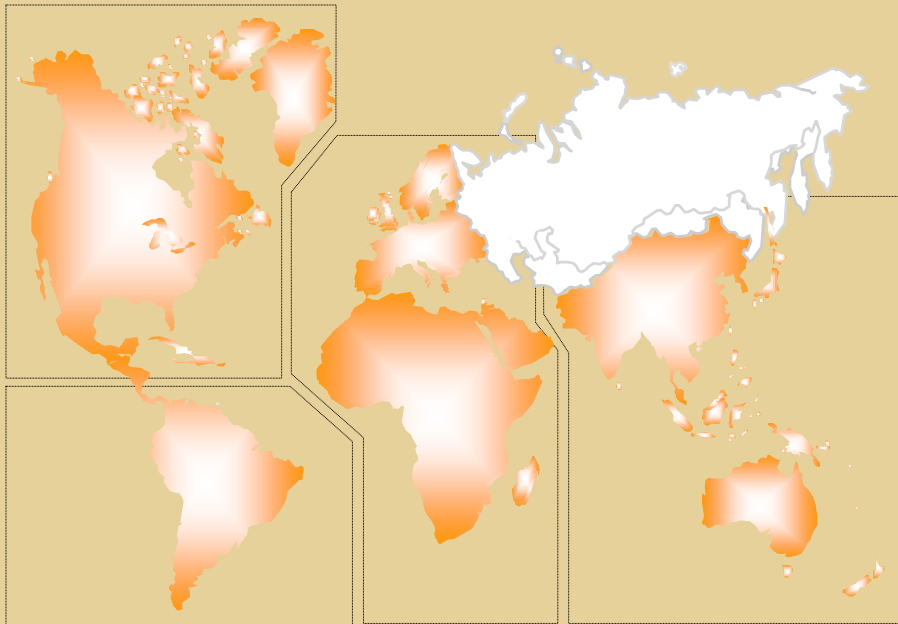
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## ICH GCP Guideline Objective

“To provide a unified standard for the European Union (EU), Japan, and the United States to facilitate the mutual acceptance of clinical data by the regulatory authorities in these jurisdictions”



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## FDA GCP vs. ICH GCP

- The FDA maintains that ICH GCP guideline (E6) is entirely consistent with the agency's GCP regulations and clinical studies conducted under these guidelines meet the GCP standards acceptable to FDA.
- Conventional wisdom ... ICH GCP when doing studies for global NDA submission

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## European Union Clinical Trial Directive

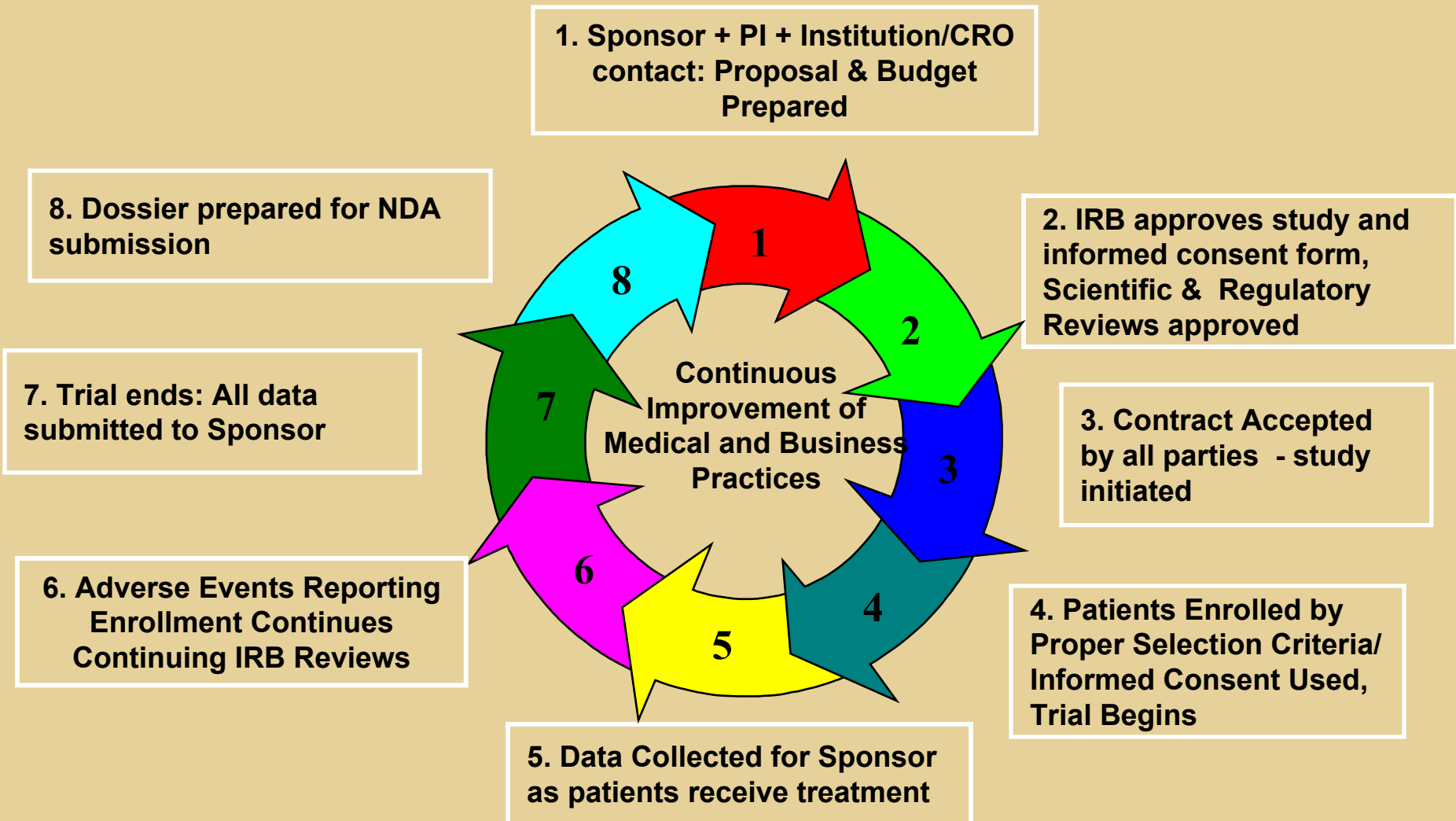
- Scope of legislation is much broader than strict GCP
- Encompasses:
  - Manufacture of investigational medicinal products
  - Laboratory testing services

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## GCP Compliance Plan is essential

- Appx.  $\frac{3}{4}$  of cost of drug development is in clinical trial phase
- Expanded globalization of studies
- Diversity of organizations involved in any trial can:
  - Be substantial
  - Difficult to manage
  - Expose sponsor to GCP compliance risk
- Outsourcing to CROs
  - R&D outsourcing expenditures rising at rate in excess of 14% per year<sup>1</sup>
  - Accounted for 70% of market in 2003 – expected to grow to almost 80% by 2008<sup>2</sup>

# Clinical Trial Cycle





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Regulators are focusing on “research compliance”

- The collection of evolving government requirements
  - Focus of complex rules and penalties from various federal and international agencies.
  - Can torpedo the reputation of even the most prestigious companies.

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- Non-compliance exposes corporations to heightened risks
  - Hefty fines
  - Significant trial delays
  - Endangered patient safety
  - Wasted resources
  - Lost profit margins
  - Embarrassment
  - Potential litigation
  - Reputational damage

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FDA gearing up for:

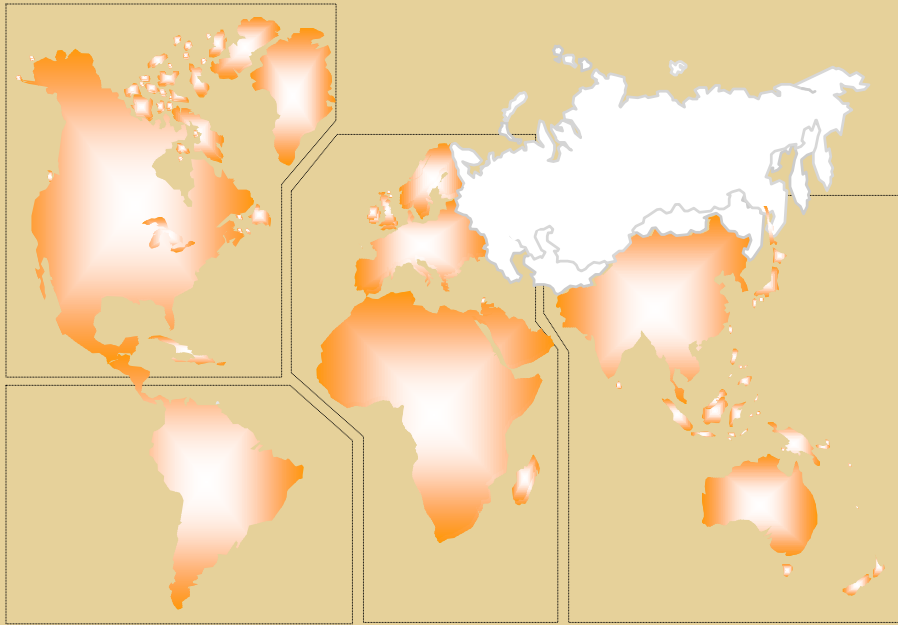
- More Frequent
- Intensive
- Unannounced Inspections

Sponsor operational changes will undoubtedly have an effect

- Patient Recruitment
- Electronic Data Collection & Management
- Outsourced Clinical Activities
- Trial results disclosure

EU Directive enforcement will have direct impact

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Nearly 4,000 clinical trials, Phase I, II, or III, are taking place worldwide

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## Clinical trials in developing nations

### ➤ “Ascending Markets”

- Eastern Europe
  - Aligning with European practices, including ICH-GCP
- India
  - Lags in GCP experience
  - Regulatory changes underway to promote GCP training
- Asia
  - GCP practices and understanding “poor to fair”
  - Sponsors & CROs investing in GCP training
- Latin America
  - Needs regulatory reform

➤ 20% - 30% of trials conducted in these markets

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## FDA priorities for the coming year

- Focus on high priority safety areas
  - Adverse Events (AE)
    - Improve efficiency & effectiveness of AE reporting system
    - Goal: Develop common reporting system used as single point of entry for patients, consumers, & health care providers to report all AEs and product problems
    - FDA Adverse Event Reporting System (FEARS)

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- Safety Reporting
  - Codify expectations for timely acquisition, evaluation, & submission of relevant safety information

## ➤ Clinical Trials Registry

- ClinicalTrials.gov
  - FDA checking compliance rates through April 03\*
  - Industry non-compliance has been on-going concern
  - Survey of cancer INDs found only 47% listed

## Clinical Trial Registry



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REGISTER	COMMENT	WEBSITE
<b>Government</b>		
National Institutes of Health (NIH)	Includes trials of serious and life-threatening diseases	<a href="http://www.ClinicalTrials.gov">www.ClinicalTrials.gov</a>
NIH and the Food and Drug Administration	GemCRIS. Gene therapy trials from 1989-present	<a href="http://www.gemcris.od.nih.gov">www.gemcris.od.nih.gov</a>
<b>Collaborative Efforts</b>		
Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials	Comprehensive register of controlled clinical trials	<a href="http://www.cochrane.org">www.cochrane.org</a>
TrialsCentral	Online register of 200+ US-based trials registers	<a href="http://www.trialscentral.org">www.trialscentral.org</a>
Current Controlled Trials	Meta-register compilation of individual registers	<a href="http://www.controlled-trials.com">www.controlled-trials.com</a>
<b>Industry Register</b>		
CenterWatch	Over 41,000 active industry & government-sponsored trials	<a href="http://www.centerwatch.com">www.centerwatch.com</a>

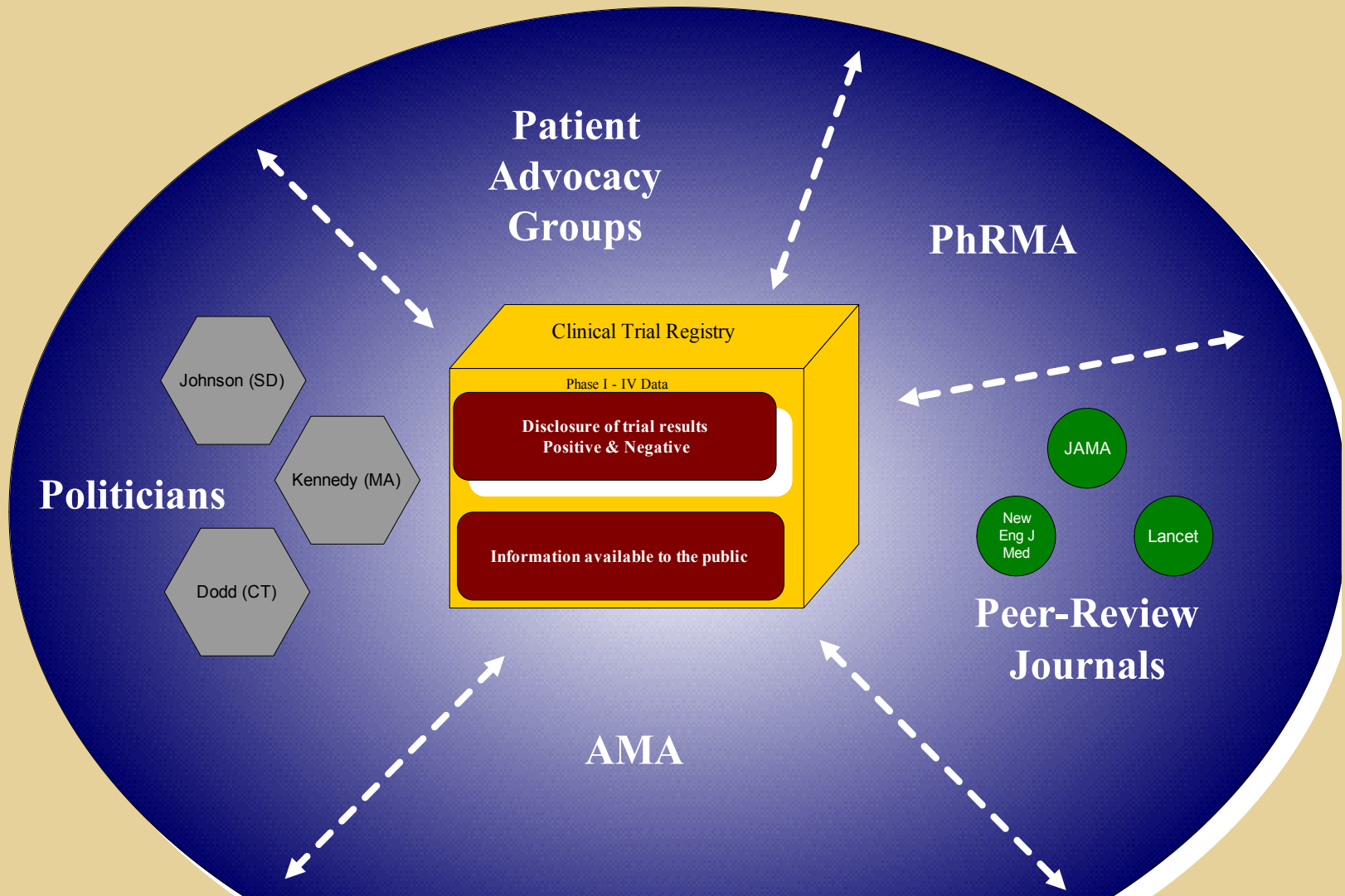
# Clinical Trial Registry

## **In the United States**

### Registry

Open clinical studies for serious or life-threatening diseases posted in [ClinicalTrials.gov](https://clinicaltrials.gov)

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What should be in the registry?

At least this “barebones info”

- Disease
- Investigational New Drug
- Pre-clinical information
- Location of studies
- Results of all studies done
- Contact information

# Clinical Trial Registry



## **In the European Union**

### Registry

All new trials must have a  
EudraCT number for tracking

### Adverse Events Reporting

EudraVigilance Module  
(linked to the EudraCT database)

# EudraCT Database

## Information included:

- Title of trial
- Sponsor identity
- Details & hx. of IND being tested/used as comparator (including pharmaceutical form, route of adm., all strengths used, provenance of active substance)
- Details of medical condition on which trial is focused
- Main and secondary objectives
- Principal inclusion and exclusion criteria
- Primary endpoints
- Scope and phase of trial
- Design of trial
- Sites
- Dosing and duration
- Population of trial subjects and details
- Principal and coordinating investigators
- Central technical facilities
- Duties subcontracted
- Trial monitoring facilities
- Ethics committee details
- Protocol details

**Will not contain individual personal information relating to clinical trial subjects (provision of GCP)**

## Recent Update

and more ...

## Pharmacogenomics

- The study of variability in drug handling or response due to hereditary factors in different populations.
  
- If an argument can be made for genotyping subjects prior to enrollment in a clinical trial to reduce screening failures, the FDA may expect sponsors of clinical trials to incorporate pharmacogenetics testing in protocols



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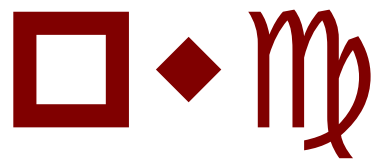
## Computerized Systems in Clinical Trials

### ➤ FDA statement

“We recommend that each study protocol identify at which steps a computerized system will be used to create, modify, maintain, archive, retrieve, or transmit data.”

# Conclusion

- Assess global clinical compliance risk
- Deploy resources to promote and achieve GCP
- Address issues preventing company from meeting compliance objectives



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