Welcome to the fourth Bulletin of Clinical Trials Registry—India (CTRI). This newsletter provides a concise summary of recent and upcoming activities relevant to the CTRI.

**CTRI Highlights**
- Since 9th December 2008, trials registered in the CTRI (www.ctri.in), are also searchable from the WHO’s International Clinical Trials Registry Platform.
- Since November 2008, registration of trials in CTRI is advised and recommended by the DCGI.
- In addition, Ethics Committee of prestigious Institutions have also started recommending trial registration in CTRI.
- Presentations have been made at various conferences to enhance awareness.
- The CTRI site has received more than 16000 hits.
- 148 trials had been registered till 31st Dec. 2008.
- A Regional Workshop of CTRI was conducted at the National Institute of Cholera & Enteric Diseases, Kolkata. More than 70 participants from various Institutions from Eastern Zone attended the workshop.
- For more information visit us at www.ctri.in

**Breaking News**

UTRN which will help in Unique Trial Identification as well as avoid duplicate trial registration, has been developed by WHO and is ready for Pilot Testing. CTRI will be the part of UTRN Pilot Testing.
Points to Remember

All trialists are requested to keep the following points in mind when registering as Users or registering a trial:

- Once a User form or trials is submitted to the CTRI, trialists should regularly check their email ID for further communication from ctr.nims@gmail.com

- If no communication is received within 7 working days, registrants should send an email quoting REFCTRi number.

- The REFCTRi number is just an acknowledgement number for easy tracking of trials and does not indicate registration of trial. This number should be quoted in all future correspondence regarding the trial.

- While submitting User registration forms, registrants should take care to check the given email ID as all communications from the CTRI will be made to this email ID.

- On the personal page of the registrant, while a trial is in the SAVED/MODIFIED panel, the trial is not visible to the Administrator at CTRI.

- When a trial is submitted, the trial appears in the PENDING REGISTRATION panel and is not editable in this stage but visible to the Administrator.
**CTRl in the News**

**Publications**


- Planning a Clinical Trial! Please Register Before Enrolling. Lalit Kant, Indian Journal of Tuberculosis 2008;55:42-44.

**Advocacy & Dissemination of CTRI**

Workshop on “How to conduct a randomized Clinical Trial” was conducted by Pediatric Hematology Oncology of Indian Academy of Pediatrics on 7 Nov. 2008 at Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, New Delhi. Prof. S.D. Seth (Advisor, CTRI) gave brief introduction about the registry and clarified the doubts related to the registration of clinical trials. Dr. Mohua Maulik explained the process of trial registration.

Best Practices Group of ICTRP on 29'-30' Sept 2008, WHO HQ, Geneva, was attended by Dr. Ambujam N. Kapoor, Scientist F, ICMR, New Delhi. The objective of the meeting was to arrive at a consensus on Minimum Standards, Data Standards, Unique Trial Identification Number for primary and partner registries of ICTRP.

International Conference on Translational Pharmacology & 41st Annual Conference of Indian Pharmacological Society, was organized on December 18-20, 2008, at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. Prof. S.D. Seth, Chaired the session. Prof. Arvind Pandey Administrator, CTRI explained the need of the Registry in India and various primary registries linked with WHO. Dr. Abha Rani Aggarwal Co-ordinator, CTRI, explained the process of clinical trial registration. The session was interactive and fruitful discussion was held on certain issues on trial registration and Ethics etc.

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**Declaration of Helsinki Revised Oct. 2008**

The World Medical Association, in its latest revision of the Declaration of Helsinki (Oct 2008) among other modifications, specifies that "Every clinical trial must be registered in a publicly accessible database before recruitment of the first subject."

In addition, it also declares, "Authors, editors and publishers all have ethical obligations with regard to the publication of the results of research. Authors have a duty to make publicly available the results of their research on human subjects and are accountable for the completeness and accuracy of their reports. They should adhere to accepted guidelines for ethical reporting. Negative and inconclusive as well as positive results should be published or otherwise made publicly available. Sources of funding, institutional affiliations and conflicts of interest should be declared in the publication. Reports of research not in accordance with the principles of this Declaration should not be accepted for publication."

The new version replaces all previous versions.

http://www.wma.net/e/policy/b3.htm
Regional Workshop

Dissemination workshop on Eastern Region on CTRI was organized at the National Institute of Cholera and Enteric Diseases, Kolkata on 18th August 2008. Dr. Surinder Singh, DCGI also attended the workshop. Dr. Abha Aggarwal, Co-ordinator, CTRI, presented the genesis and process of trial registration to the participants. Diverse queries raised by the participants were answered by Prof. Pandey, Prof. Seth and Dr. Aggarwal. Around 70 participants from various Institutions, Hospitals, and Pharma companies of the Eastern Region attended the workshop.

Prof. Arvind Pandey addressing the participants about launch and need of the Clinical Trials Registry in India.

Dr. Abha Aggarwal, explaining the process flow of CTRI to the participants in Kolkata.

WHO Network of Registries

Primary Registers
- Australian New Zealand Clinical Trials Registry (ANZCTR)
- Chinese Clinical Trial Registry (ChiCTR)
- Clinical Trials Registry India (CTRI)
- ISRCTN.org
- The Netherlands National Trial Register (NTR)
- Japanese Primary Registries Network
- Sri Lanka Clinical Trials Registry (SLCTR)
- German Clinical Trials Register (DRKS)
- Iranian Registry of Clinical Trials (IRCT)

ClinicalTrials.gov is not a Primary Register, however, data is searchable from WHO-ICTRP

Source: www.who.int/ictrp/network/list_registers/en/index.html

Current Status of CTRI (31st Dec.2008)

Status of Submitted Trials

Number of Trials Registered between June, 2007–Dec, 2008

Status of Registered Trials

Status of Registered Trials as per Health Condition

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