The Clinical Trials Regulation & its impact on oncology – EMA’s perspective

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The Clinical Trials Regulation: *where we come from*

...Before May 2004

National rules, different processes/requirements for authorisation in each EU Member States

...resulted in delays and complications

...Directive 2001/20/EC

(since 1 May 2004)

First step to harmonise processes and requirements for clinical trial authorisations

Introduction of e-application form

...Regulation (EU) No. 536/2014

(published May 2014)

Full harmonisation and combined assessment of multinational trials (after full functionality of the EU portal and EU database)

e-submission
CTIS is the business tool of the **Clinical Trials Regulation**. CTIS **harmonises the submission, assessment and supervision of clinical trials.**

**Public health**
Facilitates large-scale trials to address key health issues (EU Beating Cancer plan, COVID-19...)

**Research and innovation**
Enables knowledge sharing and expert collaboration.

**Investment in research**
Ensures the EU/EEA remains an attractive clinical research hub globally.
CTIS: Two dedicated and secure workspaces and a public portal

- **Sponsors:** industry and academia
- **Marketing authorisation applicants**
- **Member States** *NCAs and ethics committees*
- **European Commission**
- **European Medicines Agency**
- **General public**

**Data accessible to the public**

- **Open access**
- **Secure access**

**Workspaces:**
- **Sponsor workspace**
- **Authority workspace**
- **Public website**

**EU CT Database**

CTIS: harmonising the authorisation and supervision of clinical trials

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CTIS Benefits

- Sponsors can apply for a CT in up to 30 EU/EEA countries with a **single application**
- Facilitate involvement of trial participants by allowing **easy expansion of trials to other EU/EEA countries**
- **Collaborate across borders** for better results and knowledge sharing
- Ensure the EU/EEA remains an attractive location for **clinical research investment**
- Fulfil all **clinical trial publication requirements** with no additional effort

CTIS: harmonising the authorisation and supervision of clinical trials
After Go-Live Member States will use CTIS from the start while sponsors can make use of a transition period.

The volume of **publicly available data in CTIS will gradually start to accumulate**, increasing transparency & access to data.
CTR, CTIS & Oncology

- Many trials with patients with a cancer are multi-national, thus academic and commercial sponsors will benefit from CTR and CTIS
- Much simplified extension to additional Member States, relevant e.g. for longer-running investigator-initiated trials for cancer treatment optimisation (e.g. ESMO, EHA)
- CTIS can handle master protocols and complex trials (may need several EudraCT numbers; in the works: Q&As to facilitate complex trials)
- Trial adaptation(s) if authorised upfront can be implemented by sponsor on its own
- CTIS provides a repository of electronic Annual safety reports (ASRs)
Countdown:

- 111 Days to CTR becoming applicable and CTIS Go Live 31 January 2022

More information and supportive material:

Any questions?

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The future users of CTIS include:

**Sponsors**
- Commercial: large pharmaceutical companies & CROs, SMEs
- Academia

Will **input clinical trial data** in CTIS

**Authorities**
- Member States (NCA & ethics committee)
- EMA
- European Commission

Will **review clinical trial data** (MS/EMA) and create **Union Control Reports** (COM)

**Public**
- Public users (Healthcare professionals, patients, other)

Will **search for publicly available clinical trial data** in CTIS