Multi-center clinical trials and monitoring

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Today is the era of multi-center clinical trials. Multi-center clinical trials have its importance in the present medical research due to the emergence of different variants, resistant strains, and genetic mutations of common and uncommon diseases. These changes have left us to explore more into developing valuable molecules which can be translated into regular medical practices which are safe and effective for the wider and global patients. A single investigator is not capable of recruiting enough patients and the need for wider patient profiles gives great demand for multicenter trials. To have a multicenter trial run efficiently and to be monitored effectively we need certain factors to be looked into very vigilantly. We will have to understand in depth the sponsor responsibilities, investigator responsibilities and the monitoring group responsibilities. The important aspects to be looked into are a) Patient safety, b) Proper reporting of AEs on clinical trials to IRB/Sponsors/Regulatory authorities, c) Safety monitoring boards that monitor the trials scientifically and d) Quality-control procedures for assuring data accuracy and completeness. It's the new era of Centralized Risk-Based Monitoring and Safety Monitoring Processes for building efficient multicenter clinical trials. FDA has issued guidelines to the industry regarding this on Aug 2013 to facilitate Centralised Monitoring. We have to utilise e-CRFs and import the data into a central repository, along with the full complement of operational, quality and clinical safety data from all sites. The future of Multicenter Clinical Trial Monitoring in clinical research is by linking risk-based/Safety monitoring with quality management principles.

Biography

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