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Managing the Laboratory Relationship



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Start up: Protocol development



- Forge a mutually beneficial relationship with your analytical laboratory
- Facilitate open channels of communication
- Involve the laboratory in the protocol development

Prevent nasty surprises down the line







Factors influencing laboratory selection



- Accreditation
- Test availability
- Geographical location
- Past experiences
- Other or previous researchers experiences
- Previous audit findings

Researcher's aim: To perform the study within budget, delivering high quality data on time.



The only source of knowledge
is experience.

- **Albert Einstein**

Laboratory Accreditation



- What is laboratory accreditation?
- Why do laboratories seek accreditation?
- Should you preferentially choose accredited laboratories?
- How do you evaluate accreditation certificates?



Key requirements



- A documented management system that gives direction to the laboratory activities and directives to the staff to achieve effectiveness and efficiency in the laboratory;
- Ensures the qualifications, training and on-going competence monitoring of staff;
- Access to appropriate, serviced, calibrated equipment;
- The use of appropriate, controlled and validated methods;
- Specimen management;
- Environmental management;
- Confidentiality and professionalism.

Accreditation



- Accreditation is the **best indicator** that the lab has the capability to do a **good** job.
- If any analysis is not performed in-house, all **supporting labs** should be accredited, as well.
- Accreditation is **not** proof of the quality of all of their data. It means that the lab is capable of providing accurate, representative, comparable, complete, and defensible data.



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Accreditation Schedules



- A certificate of accreditation is not complete without the schedule of accreditation.
 - CERTIFICATE = Yes, we are accredited
 - SCHEDULE = We are accredited for X, Y, Z only.

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Communicate during development

Study design

Develop Study Protocol

Intervention and Laboratory organisation, supply and logistics

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Intervention and Laboratory organisation, supply and logistics



Information



Laboratory tests are used in clinical trials to diagnose disease or rule out other underlying disease that could affect the results of a trial. They are also used to assess the efficacy of a medication or to monitor the effect of the trial drug on patients. It is therefore important that samples are collected appropriately and correctly to avoid any false positives or negatives which may affect not just the patients on the study but also potential patients to whom the results of the study will apply.

There are a number of factors that could influence lab parameters and they include:

- The choice of lab assessments and how they will be measured



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Laboratory requirements



- Sampling (tube) type, DBS?
- Label scheme and label type (storage)
- Printing
- Preparation of trial packs by whom?
- Documentation required and responsibility:
 - Laboratory manual
 - Request forms (PKW)
 - “Time to freezer” forms
 - Shipping inventory
- On site storage and shipping instructions

FOUND THE LAB

Obtained the sample specific
instructions for the protocol (if needed)

10 Finalise intervention and laboratory requirements

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★ GLOBAL HEALTH LABORATORIES **Clinical Research Laboratories for Trials in Global Health in Central Africa**

The Biotechnology Centre, University of Yaounde 1, Cameroon. The Road to Building a Clinical Research Laboratory in Central Africa Among the hierarchy of evidence for medical practice and public health interventions, ...

★ GLOBAL HEALTH LABORATORIES **Laboratory Challenges Conducting International Clinical Research in Resource-Limited Settings**

 This article from the Therapeutics Research Program, Division of AIDS (DAIDS; part of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health) talks about the most ...

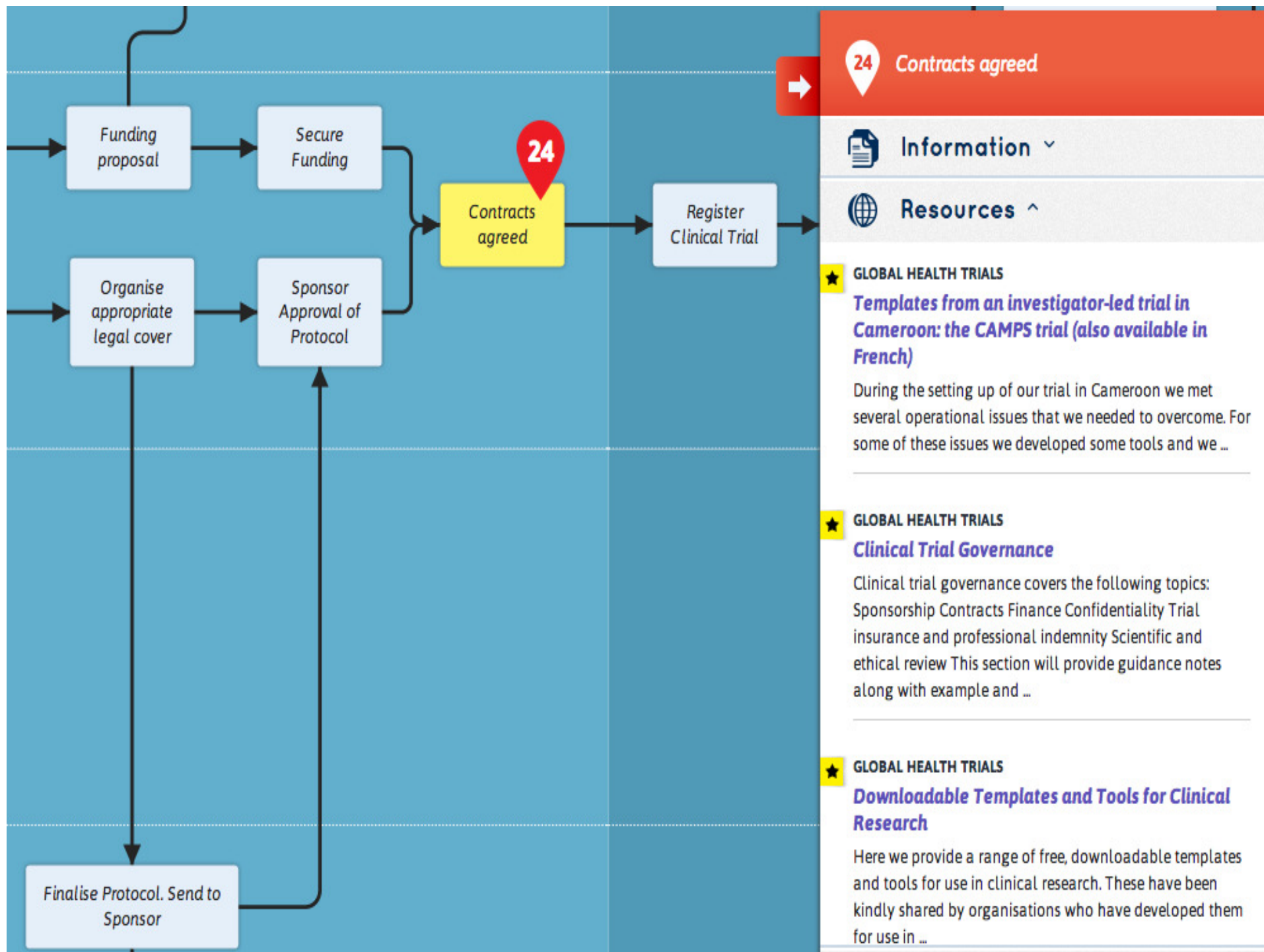
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 Laboratory testing involves multistep processes that are susceptible to multiple sources of error. These errors can lead to significant result variability and decreased accuracy, which in turn can potentially ...

Finalise Protocol. Send to Sponsor

Finalise intervention and laboratory requirements

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Regulatory Issues



- Which regulatory guideline should be followed in the clinical laboratory?
- Accreditation = ISO (International Standard Organisation)
- Regulatory studies = GLP (Good Laboratory Practice)
- OECD and FDA GLP = Animal or non-clinical safety studies

!!GAP!!

GCLP - The Regulatory Revolution

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"As Good Clinical Laboratory Practice (GCLP) is based on GCP and Good Laboratory Practice (GLP), a brief history of both is important.

Up and until the early 1970s, many private and public laboratories applied GLP-type principles in one form or another. There were no national/industry regulations.

In 1972, New Zealand formally introduced GLP as a Testing Laboratory Registration Act, covering staff records, procedures, equipment, and facilities. In the same year, Denmark introduced a law to promote GLP. In August 1976, FDA released a draft GLP document and published GLP regulations in the Federal Register. This resulted from violations noted by the FDA in an investigation of a pharmaceutical company. GLP violations included poor record keeping, data storage, inadequate personnel training, poor test facility management and fraud.

In December 1978, FDA published final GLP regulations and made compliance with them the law in the United States in June 1979. These regulations were collected in Title 21: "Food and Drugs" of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) as Part 58: "Good Laboratory Practice for Nonclinical Laboratory Studies. Subsequently, FDA's Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA) released two Guidance for Industry documents to ensure the proper and consistent interpretation of the directives by industry and by FDA's field investigators. In September 1987, the FDA published its "Final Rule" - Compliance Program Bioresearch Monitoring: Good Laboratory Practices.

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Principles of GLP cover organizational process and conditions under which non-clinical health and environmental safety studies are planned, performed, monitored, recorded, archived and reported. A 1989 OECD Council Decision-Recommendation [C(89)87(Final)] established that OECD Member countries, in which testing of chemicals for purposes of assessment related to the protection of human health and the environment being conducted pursuant to the principles of GLP, shall establish procedures for monitoring compliance with GLP based upon facility inspections and study audits. In this regard, the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) established a GLP Compliance Monitoring Authority (GLP MA) recognized by the OECD. It functions in accordance with the OECD document Revised Guides for Compliance Monitoring Procedures for GLP (1995). Data generated in an OECD Member country in accordance with the OECD Principles of GLP is accepted in Member countries for purposes of assessment and other uses relating to protection of human health and the environment; that is, the Mutual Acceptance of Data (MAD).

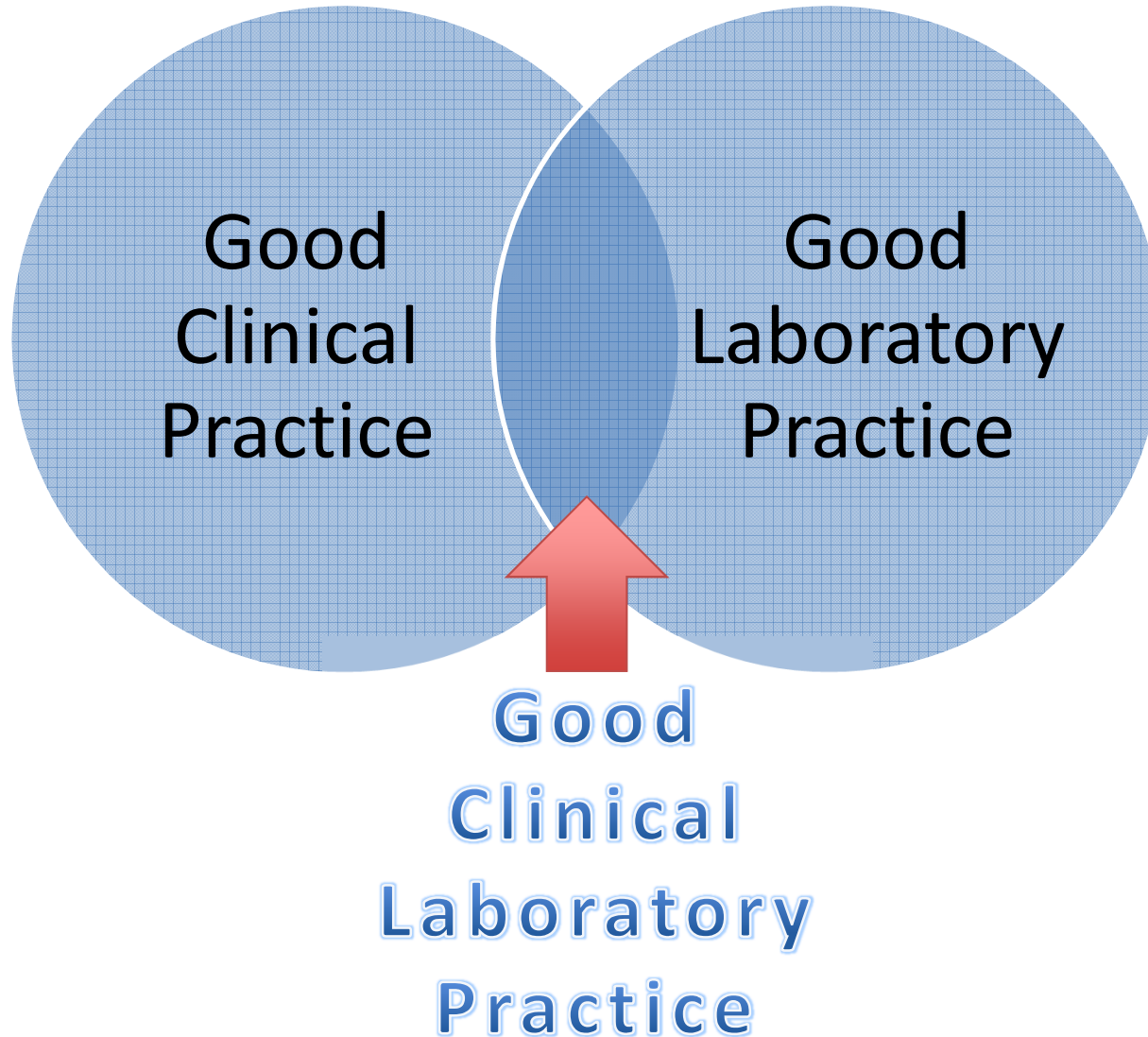
DISCUSSION STARTED BY



Peter Makuhunga
June 2, 2010

A great article on Global
Health Trials Website!

Good **CLINICAL** Laboratory Practice



- Two guidances in existence:
 1. BARC
 2. WHO TDR
- Not recognised by FDA

Regulatory Audits... A Word



- There is no GLP accreditation.
- ISO affords an accessible and workable system for a Quality Management System
- There is no regulatory requirement to use an accredited lab.

An insurance policy



Last word...



The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.

- George Bernard Shaw

