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ClinTec planning to launch training program in India

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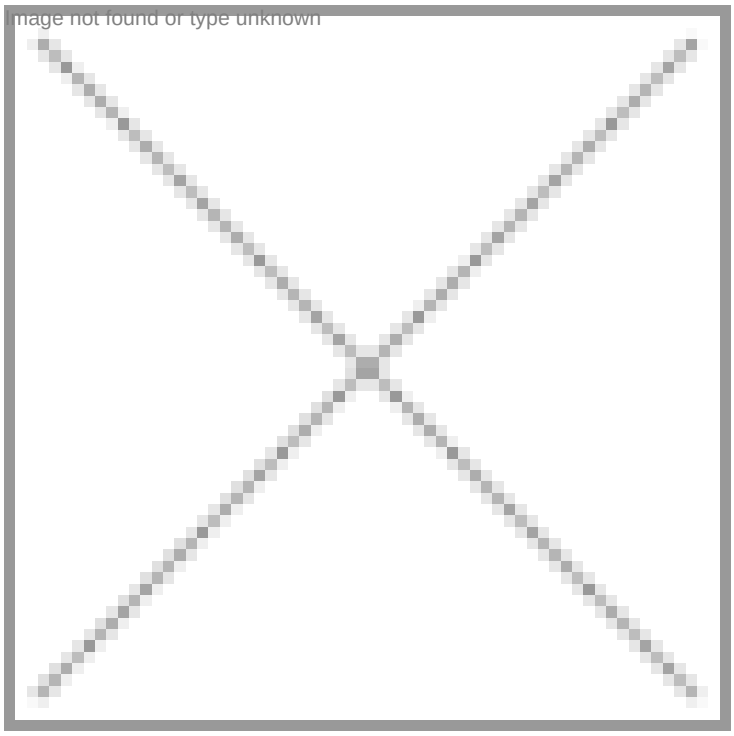

ClinTec India is planning to launch training programs for Indian students in clinical trials in the next few months. Rabinder Butter, founder president, ClinTec International, told BioSpectrum that ClinTec is planning to conduct courses ranging from foundation to post graduate diploma. To maintain the standard of the curriculum, she said, we would adopt the International Conference on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for Registration of Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH) and good clinical practice (GCP) standards, which is recognized by the representatives of the European Union, the USA and Japan for our training program. "Clinical research is very serious business. It needs skills to do the trials, understanding of the guidelines, proficiency in conducting or doing the trials," she observed.

She said that even though India has set its own guidelines for conducting clinical trials reports say India will welcome the firms which follow the ICH-GCP guidelines. Other developing countries are also waiting to adopt the ICH-GCP standards while conducting clinical trials in their countries.

Briefing about the program, Butter said, the program will be affiliated to a British University. The training program in India will improve the chances of getting the jobs for Indians in clinical trails the world over. "We want to promote education in clinical trials by conducting training programs and workshop for nurses, doctors and others. We are also discussing with some Indian colleges," Bhutter noted.

ClinTec International that has database of the physicians, who are qualified for taking up the clinical trails in Europe, is strong in Europe and USA. It has 22 projects from 16 countries such as Poland, France, Germany, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Israel, Slovakia and Hungary.

At present the Bangalore based ClinTec India is working on clinical writing and European projects. We are talking to private hospitals in India, which are committed to meet the standards of the ICH-GCP for conducting the clinical trials in the country, she said.