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In order to generate awareness among various stakeholders, the two Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR) institutes National Institute of Medical Statistics (NIMR) in collaboration with Centre for Research in Medical Entomology (CRME) at Madurai on July 24, 2013.

The objective of the workshop to spread awareness about registration of clinical trials among new registrants in southern region and disseminate information to various stakeholders (e.g. Medical Colleges and Research Institutions, Ethics Committees, Pharmaceuticals Industry etc) for smooth registration of clinical trials. As per the circular issued by the ICMR, the clinical researchers, trialist, members of the ethics committee, representatives from pharma industry, scientists interested in conducting clinical trials can send their applications that have to reach by July 10, 2013.

The Clinical Trials Registry - India (CTRI) is a web based system ([www.ctri.nic.in](http://www.ctri.nic.in)) for registering clinical trials in India and its neighbouring countries which are not having such facility. It was launched on July 20, 2007. It establishes, for the first time in India, an unbiased, scientific public record of clinical trials being conducted in the country which is freely available.

It serves as a platform for registering all clinical trials on health products including drugs, devices, vaccines, herbal drugs etc. The CTRI is recognized as a Primary Register by the WHO and connected to the search portal of the International Clinical Trials Registry Platform (ICTRP). The objective of CTRI is to collect information on clinical trials undertaken in India and make this information available to the public.