

## **Transition from Physician to Clinical Trial Investigator in India - *Today's Research is Tomorrow's Practice***

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Clinical research in India has evolved significantly in the last two decades. In the early 1990s, clinical trials in India started with very few sites. The country not only had a treatment-naïve population, but its cohort of clinical investigators and clinical research coordinators was also naïve to global GCP and regulatory requirements.

In 2005, regulatory authorities in India allowed parallel phase clinical studies, that accelerated patient access to new chemical entities. Exponential growth in research followed; nearly 500 clinical trials were registered in the Clinical Trials Registry – India between 2005 and 2010. But that pace proved too hot for the clinical trial industry to handle, and from 2012-2013 a number of issues (ranging from ethical to regulatory oversight) brought the industry in India to a grinding halt.

But as the saying goes: Every crisis is an opportunity for improvement.

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