

EFGCP-EUCROFT Joint Workshop on
*Ethical Challenges in Clinical Research
at Both Ends of Life*

Common Lessons to be learnt from Paediatric & Geriatric Clinical Development

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Workshop Rationale

Medical research and drug development are focused typically on an adult population of patients frequently excluding, at one end of the age spectrum, children and, at the other, the elderly and frail. Reasons for these exclusions are multiple and are not the same for both populations, but typical hurdles are shared as e.g. ethical concerns about informed consent, the need for specific formulations, specific adaptations of protocol procedures etc.

Therefore these vulnerable populations are today unrepresented in research and drug development. Once a drug is on the market and used, clinicians, patients and caregivers have to base their treatment decisions on empiric data and dose assumptions and not on scientific valid data.

This lack of data was already identified in the past, but specifically only for children. Thus drug development regulatory bodies, academia, researchers and patients' advocacy groups have recently agreed on improved and clear guidelines for research involving children. Much to be welcomed is the recently implemented, and in force in Europe since 2008, Paediatric Investigational Plan (PIP) for all new drugs in development.

At the other end of life, for the older and frail people, a lot of effort has still to be done as existing international recommendations and regulations are under review and the next steps to define what they will yield and how they will improve the situation are under discussion.

The European Forum for Good Clinical Practice (EFGCP) and The European CRO Federation (EUCROF) have thus brought together experts from both fields, experts in clinical research, ethics, social, patient organisations and pharmaceutical regulatory bodies to explore the shared ethical issues and to learn lessons from each other.

The objective of this workshop is to share concerns, to detect possible synergies and to learn from each other in order to improve and to facilitate and promulgate high quality ethical clinical research and drug development for these important populations across the whole of the European Union.

Programme Committee

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Faculty

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Workshop Language

The language of the Workshop will be English.

Agenda

Tuesday, 27 April 2010

- 17:15 Registration
- 18:00 **Welcome and Introduction to the Workshop**
Ingrid Klingmann, Ethics Working Party, EFGCP & Pharmaplex, Belgium
Martine Dehlinger-Kremer, Paediatric Working Group, EUCROF & Omnicare Clinical Research, Germany
- 18:15 **Key Note Introductions**
- Unsolved Ethical Issues in Paediatric Clinical Research**
Speaker invited
- Unsolved Ethical Issues in Geriatric Clinical Research**
Jean-Pierre Baeyens, European Union Geriatric Medicine Society (EUGMS), Belgium
- 19:15 Dinner

Wednesday, 28 April 2010

- 8:00 Welcome Coffee

Plenary Session 1

Ethical Challenges in Paediatric Clinical Research

- Chairpersons:** *Klaus Rose, Children's Medicines Working Party, EFGCP & Granzer Regulatory Consulting & Services, Germany*
Amparo Alemany Pozuelo, Paediatric Working Group, EUCROF & Trial Form Support Spain, Spain
- 08:30 **Report on the EUCROF Surveys on the Experience with Planning and Execution of Paediatric Clinical Trials under the Paediatric Regulation**
Martine Dehlinger-Kremer, Paediatric Working Group, EUCROF & Omnicare Clinical Research, Germany
- 09:00 **Ethics Committees' Experience with Deficiencies in Paediatric Study Protocols**
Hugh Davies, National Research Ethics Service (NRES), United Kingdom
- 09:30 **Discussion**
- 10:00 Coffee Break

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Plenary Session 2

Ethical Challenges in Geriatric Clinical Research

Chairpersons: *Florian von Raison, Geriatric Medicines Working Party, EFGCP & Merck-Serono, Switzerland*
Co-Chair invited

- 10:30 **Proposal for a Guideline on Performance of Clinical Trials in the Elderly Population**
François Hirsch, INSERM, France
- 11:00 **PREDICT: Increasing the PaRticipation of the ELDerly In Clinical Trials**
Speaker invited
- 11:30 **Discussion**
- 12:00 **Discussion: Complex Considerations for Ethics Committees on a Trial in a Vulnerable Population**
Presenter of the "Difficult Case" and Facilitator (*invited*)
- 12:30 **Lunch**

Plenary Session 3

Lessons to be Learnt

Chairpersons: *Frank Wells, Ethics Working Party, EFGCP & Cambridgeshire 4 Research Ethics Committee, United Kingdom*
Co-Chair invited

- 13:30 **Similarities and Differences of the Informed Consent Process in Children and Old People**
Speaker invited
- 14:00 **How Can Ethics Committees Ensure Adequate Expertise for the Review Paediatric and Geriatric Trials? – A Need for Training and Capacity Building**
Petra Knupfer, Baden-Württemberg Ethics Committee, Germany
- 14:30 **Discussion**
- 15:00 **Coffee Break**
- 15:20 **Open Forum Discussion: What Can Be Learned from the Regulatory Approach to Paediatric Drug Development for the Encouragement for Drug Development for the Elderly**

Chairpersons: *Jean-Marc Husson, Geriatric Medicines Working Party, EFGCP & Eudipharm, France*
Co-Chair invited
Panelists (*invited*)

- 16:15 **Closing Remarks**
Martine Dehlinger-Kremer, Paediatric Working Group, EUCROF & Omnicare Clinical Research, Germany
Ingrid Klingmann, Ethics Working Party, EFGCP & Pharmaplex, Belgium
- 16:20 **End of the Workshop**