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### **All you need to know about clinical research: A quick reference guide on clinical research**

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The authors claim the book 'Provides a comprehensive understanding of the essential clinical trial elements in a very concise fashion'. They are not wrong. The book begins with five pages detailing the fundamentals of clinical research, then for the next 12 pages lists, in alphabetical order, a glossary of terms used in clinical trials. This is followed by a list of abbreviations (10 pages) and a few pages outlining possible key stakeholders associations with clinical trials. Four options for clinical trial processes are briefly outlined (five pages). The remaining few pages outline documentation required, critical milestones and an overview of the regulatory environment in the USA, Australia, UK and India. Websites are included in the last section providing some currency to the regulatory information. This book endeavours to condense a significant amount of information into one ready reference book. The associated workbook is a novel teaching aid that uses a variety of test formats to add interest to the tedious job of committing to memory the procedures required to conduct clinical trials of new drug discoveries.

About the book:

Gupta, S. All you need to know about clinical research: A quick reference guide on Clinical Research. DNA Press. India. ISBN 81-908 277 1-3.

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### **The big book of clinical research: A workbook containing puzzles based on clinical research topics**

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Sister book to 'All you need to know about clinical research', this book has been developed to assist researchers to test their knowledge of clinical trial procedures, standards, governing clinical research and regulatory frameworks governing clinical research.

There is very little explanation other than a simple half page introduction. This was adequate but could have been more informative. The format for the workbook is a series of crosswords, jumble words, word searches, odd-ones-out and process flows. It is a novel study aid as well as a means of evaluation of the competency of researchers to conduct clinical research.

These books provide a novel way of learning an extensive amount of information critical to the conduct of clinical trials. It would be difficult to use the workbook without access to the sister book as the answers are not provided in either publication. Anyone seeking to use these books as teaching aids should ensure that the content is relevant to clinical trials in their setting and locale (particularly as the set retails for US \$150 for the pair).

About the book:

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