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Memorandum

To: Trialists

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Re: trialsmeinertsway.com

I have written several textbooks and a fair number of scientific papers. Important but staid and confining. Writing can be a drudge or an adventure. Drudges in trials are producing data collection forms, study protocols, consent forms, manuals of operations, and study manuscripts. Adventures are when it is just you and a blank screen waiting to be filled with where you are taken.

For trialsmeinertsway.com I write for joy on topics where my fancy leads me. It keeps me off the street. In the office in my days as head of the Center I was known for my letter writing penchant. Usually to Center staff but sometimes to study investigators and sometimes a “snowball” to my dean (Al Sommer).

trialsmeinertsway.com emerged from a desire for an informal means of communicating thoughts relevant to the science and conduct of trials. Postings (now around 300) are categorized by topic.

- Good Practice Policies and Procedures (GPPP)
- Tables 101 Memo Series
- Presentation and Publication Policies
- Stratification, Subgrouping, and Quotafication
- Treatment Effects Monitoring (TEM)
- Teaching Materials
- Assessments for Trialists
- IRBs
- Word Essays
- Data Collection & Sharing
- Guidelines, Rules, Suggestions & Reminders
- Musings & Rants
- Opinions
- Historical Archive
- Forms, Worksheets & Checklists for Trialists
- Publication
- Protocol
- Registration of Clinical Trials

Recent postings are listed under “What’s New” tab.

Colleagues have suggested that I should use Twitter for distribution of new postings in addition to the current e-mail distribution system. I am not a 280 character writer, but starting with this memo I will use Twitter to announce new postings. Do not expect lots of tweets from me, except notices of new postings to followers (if I have any).