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Memorandum

To: Trialists

Fr: Curtis Meinert

Re: Posting results versus publication

Is posting results on ClinicalTrials.gov a substitute for publication?

No!

Research is undertaken to advance knowledge. There is no advance absent publication for repose in the world's literature.

Publication is the sine qua non of research. Sponsors, investigators, and IRBs should not be satisfied until results are published.

Postings are not peer-reviewed, are posted without discussion or conclusion, are not indexed, and pertain only to certain trials.

So trialists, do not delude yourselves into believing your obligations to those you studied and to society have been met by posting.