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Memorandum

To: Trialists

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Re: Registration dates versus start dates on CT.gov

Trials are supposed to be registered before or on the day started. The ICMJE underscored this point in its edict of 2004 requiring that trials be registered on or before starting to be eligible for publication in ICMJE journals.

Start day relative to day of registration *

		Start after reg.		Same day as reg.		Start before reg.	
Yr reg.	No. reg.	No.	% of total	No.	% total	No.	% total
2000	1,862	223	11.98%	1	0.05%	1,638	87.97%
2005	7,718	1,561	20.23%	44	0.57%	6,113	79.20%
2010	13,377	7,082	52.94%	102	0.76%	6,193	46.30%
2015	18,755	11,416	60.87%	144	0.77%	7,193	38.35%
2020	21,845	15,412	70.55%	435	1.99%	5,998	27.46%

* Database CTTI-AACT

The percentages started before being registered have decreased over time but still over 25% in year 2020 meaning more than a quarter of trials would not be eligible for publication by ICMJE standards.