Can Unreported Trials Kill?

Patient Participants Don’t Know Much About Unreported Trials Risk for Them

Together we can do more!

In recent conversation with trials participants from all over the world I learned that most participate in a clinical trial because their doctor suggested it would be a good idea and that they are never told that the trial is registered, the intervention approved or the if the trial was reported. Unreported trials results cause death injury and harm

Withholding Results bring 100,000 deaths from unreported trials in one class of drugs
Even doctors misled through unreported trials results

Dr Ben Goldacre prescribed the antidepressant Reboxetine for a patient but says he was “misled.” Results from trials which showed it was worse than other drugs were withheld, while the smaller number of trials which showed it worked better were published. Is this real research? We can do better. Is your trial registered? Will it be reported? Half of all trials are not reported. Even your doctor can’t do his work without adequate information, WE need access to all data on all treatments to make intelligent choices for safe and effective healthcare.

Building Clinical Trials that Work and Reporting All Trials Results

The UK Government has spent £424 million stockpiling Tamiflu, an anti-flu treatment, but we still don’t know if this treatment works any better than placebo. Regulators weren’t given information from all the clinical trials done on Tamiflu. The manufacturers of Tamiflu didn’t break any laws by withholding the information. Changing the law by insisting all trials be regististered and all results be reported could save lives and one of those lives could by yours or a loved one.

Change Research By Empowering The Right to Data for All

You can help by insisting on all information so money that could bring life to sick patients is not wasted producing medicines that do no good. Doctors, patients and regulators need all the information to make medical decisions that work.
Join the movement to insist on Clinical trials registration and all results reporting Go to All Trials and sign on for improved clinical trials for better health care.

Clinical Trials Accountability to Reduce Tragic Deaths

When clinical trial results are hidden patients die. Research
and clinical trials harm the public when nations are not held to standards of accountability in the way participants are treated. Presently research trials can be completed and then buried if they are unfavorable to the industry. The industry blocks publishing and they can do this because if the trials are not registered there are no consequences. Open access is important because it is institutions and public money that fund research and then journals sell this information back to knowledge institutions at approximately 30 dollars + per paper. This drives up costs and reduces access especially to those in developing countries and without institutional access. This can be seen here http://www.pharmalot.com/2012/07/clinical-trial-deaths-in-india-dropped-but/ in India and Africa http://www.pharmalot.com/2012/07/clinical-trial-deaths-in-india-dropped-but/ and South America http://www.pharmalot.com/2012/07/clinical-trial-deaths-in-india-dropped-but/ where trial standards and reporting was not enforced.

If people truly knew they would be totally shocked at the suppression and distortion of research findings by sponsors who don’t like the results. We have been campaigning for years to prevent this publication bias and also to reduce the barriers of access to information by ensuring research findings are not hidden behind paywalls. Closed data hurts health care. In fact, after years of campaigning the issue has finally been drawn to the attention of the UK Parliament who are taking it very seriously. To ensure that they continue to do so, Sense about Science, the British Medical Journal and others launched a petition yesterday to request that legislation be considered to ensure all trials are published. You may care to sign this petition http://tiny.cc/m7srqwwo, even better, tweet it.

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