Interdisciplinary Center for Clinical Trials (IZKS) Mainz

The Interdisciplinary Center for Clinical Trials (German abbrev. IZKS) is an academic coordination center for clinical trials and a central facility of the University Medical Center Mainz (UMC). As an expert in clinical research, IZKS established collaboration with numerous academic and non-academic hospitals, private physicians, public health organisations, pharmaceutical and medical device industry partners and clinical trial networks in Germany and several other European countries contributing to consulting for as well as planning, coordination, evaluation and publication of clinical trials. Furthermore, IZKS supports all clinical departments of UMC in patient-oriented research by improving qualification of clinical trial personnel.

Strengthening Patient-Oriented, Clinical Research

IZKS has been founded in 1999 in order to strengthen patient-oriented, clinical research at UMC under its former name, Coordination Center for Clinical Trials Mainz (KKS Mainz). From 2007 to 2015, IZKS received funding as one out of five “coordination centers for clinical trials” at German universities by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). The funding has been provided to optimise clinical research and strengthen Germany as an important research location within the medical care area.

Focussing on Translational Research and Health Care Research

In addition to providing the best possible support in organising and conducting clinical trials, IZKS has also developed its own focus within translational research as well as health care research. For example, IZKS has created a registry for severe asthma and chronic heart failure facilitating state-of-the-art information technology. The aim is to collect data on effective treatments and the corresponding medical care for patients. Additionally, IZKS offers certified trainings to investigators, scientists, study nurses, clinical research associates and medical students on a regular basis.
Delivering Scientific and Systematic Clinical Trial Support

IZKS supports clinical trials with scientific and systematic excellence and delivers quality-oriented support to clinical researchers and scientists as well as public institutions and companies planning to conduct an Investigator Initiated Trial (IIT) or a Sponsor Initiated Trial (SIT) – starting with the study idea to the publication of results. In the course of planning a clinical trial of particular importance, IZKS supports application procedures for public funding as well as acquisition of industry funded clinical trials. IZKS services also cover the development of a clinical trial concept, efficient execution of the clinical trial including all necessary tasks and, furthermore, comprehensive data analysis and statistical evaluation. Upon request, IZKS offers to take responsibility for the entire clinical trial coordination, including all transferable sponsoring tasks.

Core Competences

- Professional, GCP compliant consulting, planning, coordination, evaluation and publication of clinical trials in accordance with all applicable legal requirements
- Profound expertise of all relevant national and international regulations (e.g. ICH, AMG and MPG)
- Well-established quality management
- Efficient IT support for individual solutions
- High-quality data centre certified by ECRIN
- Organisation of certified trainings and seminars; organisation of in-house trainings upon request

Excellent Employees, Partners and Collaborations

- Experienced and dedicated personnel
- Strong partners, e.g. UMC Pharmacy (medical manufacturing authorisation according to §13 German Drug Law (AMG)); Institute of Medical Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Informatics (IMBEI); Central Laboratory
- Closely connected to all clinical departments and institutions of UMC and its academic teaching hospitals
- Collaboration with numerous academic and non-academic hospitals, private physicians, public health organisations and pharmaceutical and medical device industry partners in and outside of Germany.

Qualification of Clinical Research Personnel

IZKS offers certified trainings and seminars, e.g. for investigators, scientists, study nurses, monitors and medical students and furthermore in-house trainings upon request. Our trainings are certified by the Bezirksärztekammer Rheinhessen and approved by the Ethics Commissions in Germany.
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40

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