

**Subject: WHO consultation on transparency in clinical trials**

Dear all,

As you know, the WHO Registry Platform has been setting norms and standards for global trial registration, and is soliciting input on how to balance the need for complete transparency with the protection of competitive advantage (<http://www.who.int/ictrp/comments4/en/index.html>).

It is important that we hear the views of the Ottawa Group members. The WHO is holding a formal consultation on the issue of disclosure timing from 1300 - 1800 on Wednesday, April 26, 2006 in Geneva, Switzerland. At this meeting we hope to put forward a proposal to the participants for their constructive feedback and discussion. The session will be highly interactive with very few presentations in order to maximize the opportunities for discussion and debate. Participants will include patients, researchers, and representatives from industry and ethics committees. If you would like to actively participate, please send an e-mail to [ictrpinfo@who.int](mailto:ictrpinfo@who.int) with "Formal Consultation" in the subject line.

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