

PRESS RELEASE

ECRIN launches Marketplace for scientific clinical research on Covid-19

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ECRIN, the European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network, has launched the Covid-19 Marketplace. This new, online tool aims to facilitate and promote collaboration by providing access to planned and ongoing clinical trials, and to share trial ideas and questions in order to get in touch with clinical researchers interested in the same topic. The Covid-19 Marketplace is freely available for all scientific researchers working in clinical research, and in particular on Covid-19.

As the ongoing Covid-19 crisis requires researchers to join forces worldwide, sharing a research question is a critical step in this global cooperation effort. Many clinical trials are registered each week, and as these trials are difficult to design, to execute, and are therefore costly, ECRIN decided to create a free, online marketplace at <https://marketplace.ecrin.org> where new and ongoing Covid-19 trial research questions can be posted, and where scientific researchers can search for Covid-19 trials that are planned or already in place.

The protocol synopsis of the online marketplace for clinical research is based upon the 'PICO' trial characteristics (population, intervention, comparator, outcome). Additional information can be provided in the rationale or in an attached document if available.

The research questions submitted are approved for inclusion in the database by the ECRIN team, based on their capacity to answer the medical communities need to advance Covid-19 research, and then made searchable on the Marketplace platform. The current Marketplace is the beta version of the platform, created to make Covid-19 trials searchable, as ECRIN continues working on updating the platform to address the needs of the clinical research community.

ECRIN COVID-19 Taskforce

Clinical trials play a crucial role in the ongoing battle against Covid-19. ECRIN established a Covid-19 Taskforce to manage and deploy tools and services to help the scientific research on Covid-19. The Covid-19 section on the ECRIN-website contains, among others, a section for the Clinical Research MetaData Repository, literature reviews, funding calls, international trials registries, fast track procedures, regulatory & ethical considerations for ongoing trials during the Pandemic, and links to other Covid-19 resources.

About ECRIN

ECRIN is the European Clinical Research Infrastructure Network, a public, non-profit organisation that provides expertise in clinical trial preparation, setup, and management, representing 12 European countries, over 350 million citizens, and dozens of multinational clinical trials. Together all members join forces in multinational clinical trials, a crucial role in the development of a Covid-19 vaccine and cure.

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Contact information

For more information visit the COVID-19 Taskforce page at the ECRIN website, or contact ECRIN via mail at media@ecrin.org.

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