

Regulatory and ethical requirements in medical devices studies

Spain

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We have differentiated 8 types of research:

- Medical device alone with CE mark use within label
- Medical device alone with CE mark use outside label
- Medical device alone without CE mark
- Medical device combined with medicinal product with CE mark use within label
- Medical device combined with medicinal product with CE mark use outside label
- Medical device combined with medicinal product without CE mark
- Observational studies with medical device
- Registries

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Definitions in Spanish law

- There is no Spanish definition for studies with medical devices.

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Conventions/guideline/laws to apply

- Declaration of Helsinki
- ICH Guideline of EMA
- European Directive 2001/20/EC (***except for observational studies and registries***)
- ISO 14155:2011
- Law 29/2006 on Medicinal Products and MD
- Royal decrees 1616/2009, 1591/2009 and 1662/2000 (***except for observational studies***)
- Royal decree 223/2004 (***only study with DM combined with a medicinal product***)
- ORDEN SCO/3603/2003, de 18 de diciembre (***For registries of active implantable medical devices***)
- [Orden SAS/3470/2009](#), de 16 de diciembre, covers postauthorization (observational) studies with MP for human use.

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Acts to apply

- Data protection act (***Except for registries***)
- Genetical engineering act (***Except for observational studies and registries***)
- Medical device act
- Drug act (***Only study with MD combined with a medicinal product***)

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- For all the type of studies in exception of registries and observational studies, an insurance must be contracted. It has to cover:
 - Patients and/or healthy volunteers
 - Investigators
 - Sponsor
- For observational studies, an insurance can be requested by the Ethic Committee
- It is not necessary that the insurance covers the manufacturer
- The compensation sums covered by the insurance at least of 250000 € per patient (25000 € per patient/year) and at the maximum 2500000 € for the whole study

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It is mandatory to have a sponsor for all type of study except registries

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- No Spanish specific requirements/regulations for GCP training of the investigators

- In Spain the Investigator must be qualified in clinical research and in the specific field of the MD.

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Spanish Competent Authority:

AEMPS (Agencia Española de Medicamentos y Productos Sanitarios)
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Fax +34 91 822 52 89 ;

psinvclinic@aemps.es

[Website: http://www.aemps.gob.es](http://www.aemps.gob.es)

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	Approval	
	Yes	No
Medical device alone with CE mark use within label		x
Medical device alone with CE mark use outside label	x	
Medical device alone without CE mark	x	
Medical device combined with medicinal product with CE mark use within label	x	
Medical device combined with medicinal product with CE mark use outside label	x	
Medical device combined with medicinal product without CE mark	x	
Observational studies with medical device		X*

*: Depending on the MP (authorization status) and MD (CE mark and use within label). See [Orden SAS/3470/2009, de 16 de diciembre](#).

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- When a submission is required, the sponsor or an authorised representative is responsible of it
- The submission to the Spanish Competent Authority is only national, except for the observational study for which it is both local and national
- The submission must be done online on the following site:
<https://ecm.aemps.es/ecm/paginaPresentacion.do>
- English documents are accepted
- The submission fee are 800 € for MD only and 800 + 1463.86€ for MD combined with MP

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- In general, 60 days maximum to obtain approval
- For interventional studies (except those with MD alone with CE mark use within label): Implicit approval after 60 days without questions. For Type III MD or active implantable type IIa-IIb MD it can be reduced to 15 days (except those with MD combined with MP without CE mark or used outside label)
- For Observational studies: Implicit approval after 30 days without questions
- No deadlines for submission, you can submit anytime
- No need to have some kind of representative or a legal entity in Spain to submit an application to the Competent Authority if you are from the EU

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Main documents required for submission (except for observational studies) (1/2):

- Submission letter
- Clinical Trial application form
- Clinical Investigation Plan/Protocol
- Clinical Investigation Plan/Protocol summary
- CRF draft
- Inform consent form
- Subject Information leaflet
- General practitioner information letter
- Copies of advertisement materials for research participants
- Investigator's brochure or CE certificate
- Instruction for use/Technical manual
- Performance evaluation
- Pre-clinical and clinical evaluation
- Financial disclosure (*only for study with MD combined with MP without CE mark or used outside label*)

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Main documents required for submission (except for observational studies) (2/2):

- Insurance certificate
- Signed and dated CV of investigators
- GCP training certificate of investigators
- Product training of investigators
- Qualification certificate of investigators
- Study approval from Ethic committee (if already got)
- Proof of payment of submission fees
- Contact details of the Sponsor and authorized representative
- Information about participating centres: list of participating centres (National and from other European countries)
- Information about study duration: dates of initiation and finalization of the study, follow-up and recruitment
- Information on the current regulatory status of the MD (CE mark, state of approval in Spain and other countries...)

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Main documents required for submission for observational studies :

- Clinical Trial application form
- Clinical Investigation Plan/Protocol
- Investigator's brochure or CE certificate
- Instruction for use/Technical manual
- Performance evaluation
- Pre-clinical and clinical evaluation

Depending on the CE status of the MD, requirements may change

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- Standard application form available on the AEMPS's website:
- For Interventional study (except those combined with MP without CE mark or use outside label)

<http://www.aemps.gob.es/investigacionClinica/productosSanitarios/home.htm>

ANEXO B Autorización de investigaciones clínicas con productos sanitarios FORMULARIO DE DATOS BÁSICOS DE LA SOLICITUD		
I. DATOS DE IDENTIFICACIÓN DE LA INVESTIGACIÓN CLÍNICA		
I.1. N° EXPTE. (no cumplimentar):	.../.../EC	
I.2. TÍTULO		
I.3. DATOS de IDENTIFICACIÓN de PROMOTOR, MONITOR e INVESTIGADOR		
A1. Identificación del PROMOTOR		
Nombre:		
Dirección:		
Teléfono:	FAX:	e-mail:
A2. Identificación del representante autorizado del promotor en el territorio comunitario (en caso de que el promotor no proceda de la UE) o del representante del promotor aunque éste proceda de la UE		
Nombre:		
Dirección:		
Teléfono:	FAX:	e-mail:

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- Standard application form available on the AEMPS's website:

- For study with MD combined with MP without CE mark or used outside label

<http://www.aemps.gob.es/> (click in “sede electrónica”, to upload the xml file with the protocol)

- For Observational study

<http://www.aemps.gob.es/investigacion/Clinica/medicamentos/estudiosPostautorizacion.htm>

(Anexo: [Solicitud de clasificación de estudios posautorización de tipo observacional](#))

El formulario es un documento de solicitud titulado 'Anexo I SOLICITUD DE CLASIFICACIÓN DE ESTUDIOS POSAUTORIZACIÓN DE TIPO OBSERVACIONAL'. Incluye los logos de la 'SECRETARÍA DE POLÍTICA SOCIAL Y FARMACIA' y el 'MINISTERIO DE SANIDAD, POLÍTICA SOCIAL Y CONSUMO'. El formulario está dividido en secciones numeradas: 1.- FECHA DE SOLICITUD (con campos para día, mes y año); 2.- DATOS DEL SOLICITANTE (campos para Apellido, Nombre, En representación de (solo si procede), Correo electrónico, Teléfono y Dirección Postal); 3.- DATOS DEL PROMOTOR/ES (campo para Nombre del promotor o los promotores); 4.- DATOS DEL ESTUDIO PARA EL QUE SE SOLICITA CLASIFICACIÓN (campos para Título del Estudio, Denominación abreviada (solo si procede), Versión del protocolo, Formato del protocolo (completo o referible) y Resumen abreviado). En la parte inferior, hay un campo para 'CORREO ELECTRÓNICO' y una página de 'Página 1 de 4' con el número de teléfono '91 488 48 48'.

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- SAE definition:

Any event that leads to:

- Death
- A severe deterioration of patient's health status, implying:
 - A life-threatening event or lesion
 - A permanent deficiency of a systemic function or structure.
 - Required hospital admission or extension of a concurrent hospital admission
 - Required an urgent medical or surgical intervention in order to prevent a permanent deficiency of a systemic function or structure
- Incurred in foetal distress, foetal death, birth abnormalities or a birth defect

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- SADE declaration by the sponsor:
 - If death: 7 days
 - Other case: 15 days
- The sponsor don't have to declare events to the Competent Authorities in the specific countries
- The sponsor needs to provide to the Competent Authority an annual safety report (except for observational studies)

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Events mandatory to declare to the Competent Authority:

	AE	ADE	SADE	SAE
Medical device alone with CE mark use within label			x	
Medical device alone with CE mark use outside label			x	
Medical device alone without CE mark			x	
Medical device combined with medicinal product with CE mark use within label			x	
Medical device combined with medicinal product with CE mark use outside label			x	
Medical device combined with medicinal product without CE mark			x	
Observational studies with medical device			x	

AE: Adverse Event (Non device related)

ADE: Adverse Device Effect (Device or procedure related)

SADE: Serious adverse Device Effect (Device or procedure related)

SAE: Serious Adverse Event (Non device related)

F. Competent Authority - Notification

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- It is not mandatory to notify the first patient enrolled to the Competent Authority

F. Competent Authority – Substantial amendment

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- There is a specific procedure for submitting a substantial amendment to the Competent Authority

If the CA has not communicated any objections after 35 days, counted from date of notification of receipt, the amendment may be considered granted

- No substantial amendment submission for observational study

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136 Comités Éticos de Investigación Clínica (CEIC) in Spain:

All the contact can be found at the following adress:

<https://www.msssi.gob.es/profesionales/ceicsca.do>

G. Ethics Committee

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	Positive opinion required	
	Yes	No
Medical device alone with CE mark use within label	x	
Medical device alone with CE mark use outside label	x	
Medical device alone without CE mark	x	
Medical device combined with medicinal product with CE mark use within label	x	
Medical device combined with medicinal product with CE mark use outside label	x	
Medical device combined with medicinal product without CE mark	x	
Observational studies with medical device	x	

G. Ethics Committee – Initial submission

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- When a submission is required, the sponsor is responsible of it
 - The submission to the Ethics Committee is local: **The protocol has to be submitted to and approved by all participating EC except for observational study**
 - For observational study **the protocol only have to be submitted to the reference EC** but is usually sent to all EC so they can assess the study to evaluate local aspect.
 - The submission have to be:
 - online: <https://ecm.aemps.es/ecm/inicial.do>
 - and by email or CD-Rom or paper (for all necessary information)
- Document have to be submitted in Spanish
- The date of submission depends on the CEIC

G. Ethics Committee – Initial submission

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- Maximum 60 days to obtain approval
- Deadlines for submissions, (different dates for each EC)
- When both Competent Authority approval and Ethics Committee positive opinion are required, it is possible to request the 2 (authorization and approval) in parallel
- No need to have some kind of representative or a legal entity in Spain to submit an application to the Ethics Committee if you are from the EU

G. Ethics Committee – Initial submission

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Main documents required for submission:

- Submission letter
- Clinical Trial application form
- Clinical Investigation Plan/Protocol
- Clinical Investigation Plan/Protocol summary
- Inform Consent Form and subject Information leaflet
- CV of PIs
- Copie of advertisement materials for research participant
- Financial disclosure

G. Ethics committee – Initial submission

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- Each CEIC has its own specific form

G. Ethics Committee - Vigilance

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- SADE declaration by the sponsor:
 - If death: 7 days
 - Other case: 15 days
- The sponsor needs to provide to the Ethics Committee an annual safety report

G. Ethics Committee - Vigilance

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Events mandatory to declare to the Ethics Committee:

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Medical device alone with CE mark use outside label			x	
Medical device alone without CE mark			x	
Medical device combined with medicinal product with CE mark use within label			x	
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Medical device combined with medicinal product without CE mark			x	
Observational studies with medical device			x	

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- It is not mandatory to notify the first patient enrolled to the Ethics Committee

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Spanish Data Protection:

AEPD
(Agencia Española de Protección de Datos)
C/Jorge Juan, 6 – 28001 Madrid
Tel: +34 901 100 099

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	Notification required	
	Yes	No
Medical device alone with CE mark use within label		x
Medical device alone with CE mark use outside label		x
Medical device alone without CE mark		x
Medical device combined with medicinal product with CE mark use within label		x
Medical device combined with medicinal product with CE mark use outside label		x
Medical device combined with medicinal product without CE mark		x
Observational studies with medical device		x

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- In Spain, there are specific requirements/regulations for specific population:

- Minors

- Elderly

- Pregnant women

- Lactating women

- Incapacitated persons

- Subjects in emergency situations

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- Compensations are compulsory when there is no direct benefit for the patient
- In the rest of situations, compensations are not compulsory and are only to compensate for potential inconveniences
- No national healthy volunteers registry
- Obligation to inform the healthy volunteers/patients on the outcomes of the study if she/he asks

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- Specific requirements to publish both positive and negative results of clinical studies in scientific journals: Mandatory to publish positive or negative results of authorized clinical studies (*Real decreto 223/2004, de 6 de febrero, Article 38*)
- Specific requirements/regulations regarding devices emitting radiation (*Real Decreto 1085/2009, regulating X-ray devices/Real Decreto 1616/2009, regulating non-implantable medical devices/Real Decreto 1591/2009, regulating active implantable medical devices*)
- Specific requirements/regulations regarding the ICF (*Real decreto 223/2004, de 6 de febrero, Article 7*)

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- Specific requirements/regulations regarding archiving of documentation:
 - *Real decreto 223/2004, de 6 de febrero, Article 39: 15 years*
 - *Circular N° 07 / 2004: At least 5 years*

- Specific requirements regarding blood/tissue samples (circulation and storage)
 - Royal decree 65/2006, regulating the import ad export process of biological samples/Royal decree 1301/2006, regulating the donation, management and therapeutic use of human cells and tissues/Law 14/2007, that regulates Biomedical Research*

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- No specific requirements for data management
- No specific strategies for monitoring
- Mandatory to register clinical studies in a registry
- Accreditation process for research centres (Law 16/2003, regulating the cohesion and quality of the National Health System)