

"Handbook of Clinical Trials"

Marcus Fletcher, Hazel Aston and Rod Stables, editors, 2001, 100 pages, Remedica Publishing, \$29.95

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"Handbook of Clinical Trials" is good, concise introduction to clinical research. The slim volume with small pages and large typeface provides basic information for newcomers to clinical research, in a package that may encourage them to learn more. It is ideal for:

- Novice investigators, especially in low-intensity Phase IV studies
- Subinvestigators
- Clinical personnel who play supporting roles in clinical research
- Personnel at sponsors, CROs, law firms, staffing firms, etc. who want a primer on clinical research

Topics include:

- Clinical trial design
- Statistical principles
- Regulatory and ethical issues
- Protocol evaluation
- Multicenter trials
- Case report forms and data management

There is an index and a glossary at the end of the book.

Although published in London, the book discusses regulations in the U.S., E.U. and Japan.

If you are ready to commit only an hour or two to your first lesson in clinical research, this book is an excellent choice.

The book is available in bookstores.

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