

PHRR: Advancing Access to Philippine Health Research Initiatives

The Philippine Health Research Registry (PHRR), a database for ongoing health researches in the country, became operational in August 2012. The registry was created to track what kind of researches are going on, to know who funds what kind of project, to compel researchers to submit final reports for researches they conducted and to avoid duplication of researches. It includes clinical trials conducted in the Philippines. FDA Circular 2012-007 mandates clinical trials to be registered within 30 days after the application to conduct the clinical trial has been granted.

The PHRR is an open platform that allows researchers to edit and update the information themselves. It is compliant with the World Health Organization (WHO) standard for clinical trials registry and uses open source software, Joomla, which follows the industry standards in creating a content management system.

From September – December 2012, a total of 39 studies were registered in the PHRR; 20 are classified for clinical trial and 19 are non-clinical trial researches. Of the 39 researches, 17 researches were funded by the government amounting to PhP 89,902,241.00 while 21 researches were privately-funded with total fund support of PhP 681,373,710.29. Below is the summarized data generated from the PHRR.

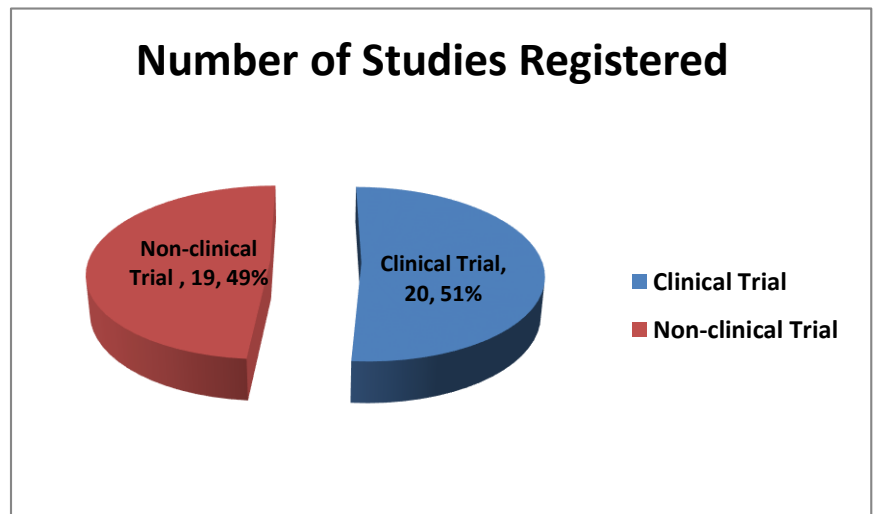
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I. Number of studies registered

39

A. By Research Classification	
Clinical Trial	20
Non-clinical Trial	19

B. Types of Clinical Trials	
Interventional	13
Observational	7



C. For PCHRD-funded and monitored studies

Number of projects:	75
Number of projects registered:	15
Reasons for not registering:	The registry is not user-friendly; the project leaders don't want to disclose the information of their study. They don't have the time and staff due to the limited budget.

Total government-funded researches registered:	17
Total privately-funded researches registered:	21
Total jointly funded by government and private sector researches registered:	1

Total amount of government-funded researches:	PhP89,902,241.00
Total amount of privately-funded researches:	PhP681,373,710.29
Total government and privately-funded researches:	PhP 1,055,413.00
Number of privately-funded researches which did not disclose budget:	5

D. By Funding Agency

Private Business Sector (includes Philippine CROs, Pharmaceutical or Multi-National Companies)	20
Private Higher Education Institutions	1
Department of Health and CHD X- Northern Mindanao	3
Department of Science and Technology - CO	1
Philippine Council for Health Research and Development - DOST	10
University of the Philippines - National Institute of Health	3
PCHRD and St. Luke's Medical Center	1

E. By National Unified Health Research Agenda

Health Technology Development	17
Health Financing	0
Health Service Delivery	2
Socio-environmental Health Concerns	4
No information provided on research priority	16

Health Technology Development **17**

Diagnostics	5
Genomics/Molecular Technology	1
Drug Discovery and Development	7
Functional Foods	1
Hospital Equipment and Biomedical Devices	3

Health Services Delivery **2**

Improving Access to Quality Hospital and Health Care Facilities	2
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Socio-environmental Health Concerns **4**

Health Social Sciences	4
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No information provided on research priority **16**

II. Other Information

Number of accounts granted	64
Number of accounts holder who uploaded	33
Number of PCHRD-funded and monitored researches not yet uploaded	48