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## Expression of Interest (EOI)

### Expansion of the ICMR Indian Clinical Trial and Education Network (INTENT) – Inclusion of ICMR Institutes

#### Background

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has established the **Indian Clinical Trial and Education Network (INTENT)** to promote high-quality, multicentre, regulation-compliant clinical trials addressing India's health priorities. The network is envisioned as a national platform providing end-to-end support for clinical trials, while also enhancing the capacity of Indian investigators and institutions.

Currently, INTENT includes 79 public and private medical colleges, hospitals, and research institutions. To further strengthen the leadership and involvement of ICMR in national clinical research efforts, **ICMR now invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from ICMR institutes** to become part of the INTENT network.

#### Scope of INTENT Activities

INTENT will support and coordinate regulatory clinical trials and clinical investigations of drugs, devices, diagnostics, biologics, and vaccines—especially those developed through academic, start-up, or industry collaboration. The network aims to generate evidence that can influence health policy and programs. Financial support, technical assistance (e.g., statistical and data management), and capacity building may be provided for selected trials.

Trials under inter-ministerial collaborations or public health programs are also be facilitated under the INTENT framework.

#### Functioning and Benefits for Selected Institutes

- Opportunity to contribute to high-impact, policy-relevant trials led by INTENT, EOI restricted to INTENT
- Centralized support for data management, regulatory liaison, insurance, and monitoring
- Capacity building through structured training and mentorship

There is no restriction on selected INTENT institutes from conducting or participating in independent trials beyond INTENT activities.

## Who Can Apply?

All **ICMR Institutes/Centres** involved in clinical, public health, or translational research are eligible.

Each application should be led by a **nodal officer** along with a team comprising of 5-10 members. Endorsement from the Institute director is mandatory. If selected, the team is expected to involve relevant institutional researchers in INTENT activities.

## Selection Criteria

Applications will be reviewed by an expert committee based on:

- Experience of PI/team in large, regulatory, academic hospital or community-based clinical trials
- Institutional experience in multicentre or regulatory-compliant clinical trials
- Relevant peer-reviewed publications and trial-related grants
- Access to patient populations (OPD/IPD) and field sites
- Existing infrastructure for clinical research
- Previous collaborations with national or international trial networks

## How to Apply

Please submit the **Expression of Interest online** at the following link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoNii9B3O\\_pxGeJARdl0rVyNElqDV50jWCww1SU7kZDyrAwQ/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfoNii9B3O_pxGeJARdl0rVyNElqDV50jWCww1SU7kZDyrAwQ/viewform?usp=header)

**Note:** Only online submissions will be considered. Selected applicants will be informed via email.

## Timeline

Activity	Date
Release of Call for EOI	4 <sup>th</sup> August 2025
Last Date for Submission of EOI	25 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
Review and Shortlisting of Centres	15 <sup>th</sup> December 2025

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