

Dear Minister of Health,

This note is a mumbled 'thank-you' for establishing the Clinical Trials Database in mid-2013.

My gratitude is lack-luster because the limited scope of the CTD smacks of condescension. Our citizens contemplating participation in any phase of a clinical trial require 'just the facts' from Health Canada in order to make an informed decision. Your ministry's withholding of clinical trial contact / location information; suggesting that their doctor/s should be the best source for those details is blatantly insulting. A person's own investigation arms them with the knowledge to ask pertinent questions; questions not manipulated by possibly profit driven / biased motivation of the physician / medical institution.

It is unfortunate that Canadian citizens must still rely on the 'big guys' – U.S.A.; Aust. /NZ; UK; Europe; etc. – to obtain truly useful information about medical experiments being conducted on humans here in Canada. Shamefully, Canada – with the 5th largest medical research industry in the world - is monumentally disrespectful towards her citizens who step up and endure the angst associated with each and every phase of any clinical trial.

Transparency is basic to ethical behavior.

Honourable Minister, the CTD was an okay start but a full-fledged Canadian Public Registry of Clinical Trials is what is required.

Yours sincerely,

The courtesy of a reply is requested.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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CONTACT THE FEDERAL MINISTER OF HEALTH

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE ACTION: MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD ON THESE IMPORTANT POLICY ISSUES:

- Mandatory registration of ALL clinical trials being conducted in Canada
- Establish a bi-lingual, fully functioning Public Registry of Clinical Trials - including full disclosure of the names of the trial's sponsor/s; identify the Principal Investigator and location of each trial site - with complete contact details
- Mandatory publication within a timely period of the data garnered from EVERY clinic conducted in Canada – not just the federally funded ones.

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