The Centre for Clinical Trials Münster (ZKS Münster)

As an organisation which is part of the medical faculty of the Westfälischen Wilhelms-Universität Münster the ZKS offers high quality study support using a new modular system. ZKS Münster was established as part of the funding programme 'Clinical Trial Centers' of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research in 2008. ZKS Münster emerged from the Coordinating Center for Clinical Trials founded in 2002. Today, ZKS Münster and its members of staff offer the entire range of study support for the design and implementation of clinical research projects in daily practice.

At present, ZKS Münster supports numerous investigator initiated trials and partly international.

Central elements of the service portfolio offered by ZKS Münster are the cross-institutional quality management programme, training programmes for clinical research personnel, the long established pharmacovigilance system as well as a long-term data management concept.

EWING 2008: international trials

ZKS Münster has developed a particular competence in supporting international clinical trial projects. At present, the ZKS is taking part in numerous international clinical studies. One is EWING 2008 – a shared study between the European and the international EWING Sarcoma study group. EWING 2008, the follower of the parent project EURO-E.W.I.N.G. 99 is a randomised, multi-center phase III study which aims to improve the treatment and the prognosis of patients suffering from EWING sarcoma.

Every year about 120 persons, between the ages of 10 and 25, fall ill from EWING sarcoma. The study plans to include 1383 patients from 7 countries. ZKS Münster is supporting the study center in all topics concerning the international sponsor's responsibility.

Safety desk for pharmacovigilance

The ZKS Münster has acquired high competence in the support of international clinical trials.

By means of its safety desk, the ZKS Münster is able to support large-scale international clinical trials through safety monitoring. This feature includes physicians and assistants as well as an

E2B-compliant database, which allows electronic SUSAR notifications. Among others, the safety desk is integrated into the multinational clinical trials EURAMOS-1 and SIOP CNS GCT II funded by the Deutsche Kinderkrebsstiftung.

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