

Membership Admission Criteria

General Information

ICN is organized in 3 different types of membership:

- **Founding Members** (also known as Steering Board members) are the ten institutions that founded the ICN in 2015.
- **Regular Members** are experienced clinical trial centers with a proven track record of performance in clinical research. Founding and regular members can provide mutual support and benefit from each other's experience.
- **Affiliated Members** include clinical trial centers that are currently being created, that have recently been established or centers whose current service portfolio is still limited. They seek for ICN support to fully develop their capabilities and to access additional clinical trials.

Clinical Trial Centers willing to join ICN may contact the ICN Chairperson directly through the ICN homepage. After the initial contact, the ICN Operations Team will contact the applicant center and request more information on the organization of the center, its association to an academic or federal governmental institution, performance track record, etc. The Steering Board will decide quarterly about new memberships during the next Steering Board Call/Meeting.

Eligible candidates for ICN membership should fulfil the following requirements:

- The respective Clinical Trial Center must be part of an academic or federal governmental institution or of a non-profit organization.
- The applicant must be located in a country with GCP-compliant regulations to ensure that all ICN members apply comparable high quality standards.
- The new ICN member should be a clinical trials center that supports clinical research of the whole institution to which it is associated.

The new **Regular Member** must be a well reputed coordinating center or unit for clinical trials that provides:

- the necessary personnel
- experience
- logistic resources
- broad portfolio of services such as data management, project management, training and education, monitoring, quality management, statistic department etc.

The above allows to initiate, execute and support clinical trials in different therapeutic areas in the affiliated institutions / universities / hospitals.

Applicants not fulfilling criteria for regular members will automatically be assigned to the **Affiliated Member** category:

- These applicants should strive to become high-quality clinical trials centers with support of ICN. They have the opportunity to become a regular member later on.
- Affiliated members are expected to have strong support and commitment from their management to build-up a clinical trials center.

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