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"Can You Handle the Truth?"

"Basic Principles of Clinical Research and Methodology"

S.K. Gupta, editor, 2007, 504 pages, Jaypee Brothers Medical Publishers, \$50.00

Review by Norman M. Goldfarb

"Basic Principles of Clinical Research and Methodology" is designed to serve as the textbook for a comprehensive introductory course on clinical trials. The 28 authors, all based in India, demonstrate how far clinical research has come in that country and India's commitment to training and education for future growth.

The book includes 28 essays on topics ranging from drug development and discovery, to ICH guidelines, to protocol design, to project management, to case report form design, to standard operating procedures, to audits and inspections. Two chapters unlikely to be found elsewhere cover clinical trials for herbal drugs and traditional medicines, and how to undertake clinical trials in India. While those chapters may not be core curriculum outside of India, the rest of the book holds its own against similar textbooks produced in the developed world.

The book is available from the Institute of Clinical Research (India) at <http://www.icriindia.com/>.

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