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Ophthalmic clinical trials: A global perspective and how to incorporate them into your practice

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Clinical trials are an important entity for the advancement of medicine. At any given time, anywhere around the globe, a clinical trial is occurring and new advancements are being made. As optometrist and providers of eye care, we should be involved in this to further help the advancement of our field and specialty. This talk will give a global perspective and give some overview of the different clinical trials occurring around the world in the field of optometry and ophthalmology. An overview will be discussed on what the particular focuses are for various regions of the world; whether it be pharmaceutically based, disease detection, disease prevention, disease treatment or disease elimination and how the research may impact our field. Many of these issues are ones that we encounter and deal with, every day in our practice. This talk will also discuss some of the benefits of incorporating clinical trials into your practice and briefly review things to consider when incorporating them into your practice.

Biography

Jason Chin is a graduate of McGill University and he received his Optometry Degree from the New England College of Optometry in 2004, where he also completed his Cornea and Contact Lens Residency in 2005 and was awarded the American Optometric Foundation's "Dr. George Mertz Contact Lens Residency Award". He primarily sees patients in a private practice setting but is also a Clinical Investigator for Ora, Inc. and an Investigator/Consultant for national clinical trials on contact lenses for various contact lens companies around the US. His main area of interest and expertise are in Specialty Contact Lenses and Clinical Research. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry in the Cornea and Contact Lens Section, and is Board Certified and a Diplomat of the American Board of Optometry.

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