6. Official Registry of the EOC Studies

According to the Directive on the establishment of ABREOC, whose purpose is to regulate and promote scientific research (clinical and translational) and taking into account the recommendations of the Swiss Academy of Medical Sciences (SAMS) and the Cantonal Ethics Committee, it was decided to create an Official Registry of the EOC studies, which started on 7th April 2014.

The Database of the EOC Studies contains information on clinical (e.g. interventional, non-interventional) and translational trials conducted in the EOC hospitals, publicly and privately funded (competitive and non-competitive grants) or not supported by sponsors.

The studies are generally submitted to the Registry when they begin and the information in the Registry is updated throughout the study.

The data of the trials are entered into the Database (currently 228 studies) by the researchers themselves, supported by a data manager.

The CTU-EOC, together with the EOC Academic Education, Research and Innovation Area (AFRI) and the EOC Directorate Internal Audit, supervises the correct conduct of the studies, in the specific instance, if the studies are carried out according to the "Good Clinical Practice" (GCP), as required by the "Federal Act on research involving humans" (HRA).

The Registry will become a web-based resource on the website www.eoc.ch in the second half of 2016 and will provide an open-access to information on clinical studies on a wide range of diseases and conditions.

The Registry allows for useful analysis of data from the studies and it is a very important tool to promote information exchange, to facilitate collaborations within the scientific community and last but not least, to assure and improve the quality in clinical and translational research studies.