DESCRIPTION

Presents elements of clinical trial methods that are essential in planning, designing, conducting, analyzing, and interpreting clinical trials with the goal of improving the evidence derived from these important studies.

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• Teaches readers to design clinical trials that produce valid qualitative results backed by rigorous statistical methods

• Contains an introduction and summary in each chapter to reinforce key points

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Clinical Trials: A Methodologic Perspective, Third Edition is a textbook accessible to advanced undergraduate students in the quantitative sciences, graduate students in public health and the life sciences, physicians training in clinical research methods, and biostatisticians and epidemiologists.

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