La Oficina de Apoyo a la Investigación Clínica Independiente (The Support Office for Independent Clinical Research) is the contact point in the AEMPS so that, whenever needed, investigators and non-commercial sponsors can receive advice regarding technical, regulatory or administrative aspects.

The access point to submit queries to the Support Office is via the query form, accessible on the following website: http://www.aemps.gob.es/investigacionClinica/medicamentos/form_consInvClinica.htm

Queries relating to the following issues can be raised:

- **Categorisation** of whether a study is a clinical trial with medicinal products or not.
- **Administrative requirements** necessary to carry out a clinical trial with medicinal products.
- **Documentation** needed for the request of authorisation of a clinical trial.
- **Online submission of clinical trial requests.**
- **Notification of the serious unexpected adverse reactions** occurring during the trial.
- **Notifications of amendments to the protocol** once the trial has started.
- **Manufacturing or packaging of an investigational medicinal product**, including placebos (e.g. re-encapsulation), for the trial.
- Compliance with **Good Clinical Practice guidelines**.
- **Advice regarding** research and regulation of **advanced therapy medicinal products** (both for commercial and non-commercial sponsors).

The demand that the Support Office is experiencing confirms how useful this initiative is to promote independent research in Spain, and it is in accordance with the European policies to encourage non-commercial research.