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Good afternoon,

FDA does not approve the sites where clinical trials are conducted. The sites are chosen by the sponsor but FDA does not approve each site. FDA regulations do require that the institutional review board (IRB) overseeing the trial to consider the adequacy of the research site. FDA's guidance document "IRB Responsibilities for Reviewing the Qualifications of Investigators, Adequacy of Research Sites, and the Determination of Whether an IND/IDE is Needed" discusses this topic. This guidance document may be found on the FDA website at [http://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/ucm366335.htm#\\_ftn13](http://www.fda.gov/RegulatoryInformation/Guidances/ucm366335.htm#_ftn13)

I hope this information is helpful. Please contact us again at [gcp.questions@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:gcp.questions@fda.hhs.gov) should you have additional questions.

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Hi,

I would like to know if FDA approves site to conduct clinical trials.

Regards,  
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