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Preamble
This is the first text on clinical trials to include a chapter on survival analysis. A second edition of the book was published in 1985; a third in 2008; fourth in 2010; and a fifth in 2015.

Aims
The clinical trial is the most definitive tool for evaluation of the applicability of clinical research. It represents a key research activity with the potential to improve the quality of health care and control costs through careful comparison of alternative treatments. While many reported clinical trials are of high quality, a careful reviewer of the medical literature will notice that a large number have deficiencies in design, conduct, analysis, or presentation of results. In this book we hope to assist investigators in improving the quality of clinical trials by discussing fundamental concepts with examples from our experience and the literature. This book is intended primarily for investigators with some clinical trial experience as well as for those who plan to conduct a trial for the first time. It may also assist members of the scientific and medical community who wish to evaluate and interpret published reports of trials (Preface, page vii).

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