Effective Collaboration Within Study Management Team

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INTRODUCTION

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much" by Helen Keller
With the increase in trial complexity and greater influx of data, it’s essential that clinical study teams work together in order to drive rational decision making and move towards a common goal, i.e., meeting the trial objective and endpoint.

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AIM

The end aim of all clinical trials is to reach the final outcome, i.e., bring novel treatments and therapies to the market faster. To do this we must optimize delivery for faster, better clinical trials and help patients across the globe heal.

METHODS

- Communication is fundamental to effective collaboration. So, developing a well-organized communication plan to identify all roles, responsible Point Of Contacts for activities and tasks, and defining how information is transmitted to larger team is a necessity.
- Creating a Team Roster (who’s who list) along with a Project Role Charter to spell out responsibilities can smooth the path of constructive collaboration.
- Building project team meeting efficiencies (provide “work” for the meeting, followed by Agenda, Meeting Minutes and Action Items post meeting) helps to ensure the entire study team has a single source of truth.
- Done in parallel, workflow tasks overlap and provide opportunities to complete other tasks at the same time, enabling faster movement to the next step in a process and, ultimately, compressing overall timelines.

Collaboration, Communication, Standardization, Harmonization and Parallelization.

RESULTS

Through effective collaboration, study teams will be able to:
- Set expectations and provide clarity of expectations and objectives
- Delineate roles and responsibilities.
- Define and provide channels for proactive communications and issue escalation.
- Standardize the format, content and frequency, and agree on the preferred modes of communication.

CONCLUSION

Collaborate And Conquer

Collaboration should be relentless in every phase of the trial. From startup, for effective database build until the study is locked efficiently, collaboration helps to minimize time and cost and hence removes redundancy of re-work.

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