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Data Manager’s Role Beyond Data Point Reconciliation

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Traditional Clinical Trials and Third-Party Data

Traditional approach: Hospital visits for dosing, check-ups, tests and follow-ups despite introduction of EDC tools for data collection.

Specialized vendors, PDFs, tracking followed by digitalization of records
- Imaging/X-Rays
- Consent Forms
- Drug supply
- Sample shipments
- Assays
- ECG traces
Today’s Decentralized/Virtual Trials

Decentralized Clinical Trials

- Patient-centric approach
- Fewer Clinic/Site visits
- Home Visits
- Local Pharmacy

Electronic healthcare record

- EMR
- Physicians, clinicians
- Laboratory data
- Hospitals
- Radiology reports
- PHR
- Vital signs
- Insurers
Specialized Labs working as one stop solutions for specialized sample analysis minimizing need of multiple sample collections and analysis centres.

Ease of sampling/Painless procedures
Mobile collection units/Local submissions
Point to point pick ups from Patient homes

EASY, SAFE & SECURE TEST.
4 EASY STEPS AT THE CONVENIENCE OF YOUR HOME & OFFICE

- **STEP 1:** Register in the app and take sample with safe swab
- **STEP 2:** Put the sample in a tube, break swab and close the nozzle cap
- **STEP 3:** Add 2 drops, wait for 15 min, upload through app to get the report
- **STEP 4:** Put kit contents in the disposal bag and discard

All parties accessing same data, audio, video access, consults

Constant Real Time monitoring without need of hospital visits and direct access to digital records.
Is Data Manager’s Participation Enough?

- File format, Minimum identifiable data points to match records in EDC Vs vendor file
- Review of Matches/Mismatches Once a Month (at minimum)
- Prior to project milestone or Lock/Freeze, resolve/agree to matches/mismatches and confirm task completion

if better is possible, good is not enough
Era of Collaboration not Data Point Reconciliation
Get involved on Day ONE!

Proactive collaborations and communications:

Phase II Oncology Trial: System Demo and simple observation shared with Imaging vendor.
> $25000 worth costs saved at project start up

Automation, technical limitations:

Large Phase III Trial and Curious case of Duplicate ECGs in vendor system.
• Trend analysis, predictive analysis/Risk Management
> 800 queries in EDC avoided/improved compliance.
>$75000 billing for client avoided despite effort put in corrective actions by DM.
Communication and Collaboration

Missing Samples: Why DM Vs Vendor Counts never Match

Are sites sending contradictory updates/changes? Query trends, ignoring feedbacks, Any improvements noted

“The Time is Right according to Me”, said the Site and the vendor:

An unusual case of ECG/Vitals time of collection being exact one hour different in CRF and vendor records.

Analysis of Who? What? How?
And
What can we do?

Questions to right stakeholders gave us the answer!

Use Vendor sophisticated systems and reports for better tracking a break up of Missing Samples of What’s in Vs What’s in logistics Vs What is pending

Action Taken to track these missing samples and documentation of vendor and CRO alike!
Cost and Quality Impacts!

Missing Samples/Lost Samples

$\$$ Value of LOST, DELAYED, Re-Tests, Non Usable Samples, Time/Effort of tracking

Sample Management Costs:
Sample Kit, Tracking, Reporting
Shipping/logistics (<=40% of Cost), Re-Tests, Additional Tests, Training Costs

If not identified at right time can result in >10% increase to project budget in phase III and > 5-10% cost rise in Phase II trial via cost of review, tracking, re-sampling or additional testing due to repeat errors

Human/System Errors

How the error occurred, who is culprit, habitual offender? Timely Corrective Actions by defining stakeholders and follow up reporting

Trend/Predictive Analysis combination reduces query rates to sites from Vendors and DMs alike by 10-15%. Remember every query created, processed is $ charge to Client by every stakeholder.
But its Patient reported! – e-Diary Reporting

Is it just Patient reported Outcome or Primary Endpoint or Treatment Decisions or Critical decision supporting Data in the Trial?
The Hidden Goal - PD reporting

When I see a missing assessment

Keep calm; it's only a protocol deviation

Reduced sample loss/resampling, training, handling needs

Compliance

5 to 10% reduction in minor deviations on missing/re-tests/site training, sampling handling training deviations in Phase II and Phase III trials

Timely trend analysis

Improved compliance, reduced missed assessments
Budget impacts and trial decisions for Mid Size biotech and Pharma

Prolonging of Project Timelines, associated cost of work and Quality drive future Business decisions and planning for Clients

Favorable Outcomes with Logical, Simple, Replicable process and perspective changes

>50% reduction in repeat business when scope/costs rise due delays and change orders
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