

Clinical Data Standards and Governance

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Agenda

- The Need for Standard CRFs
- Approach for Creating Standard CRFs
- Implementing Standard CRFs in TrialMaster
- Governance of Standard CRFs



Regulatory Guidance

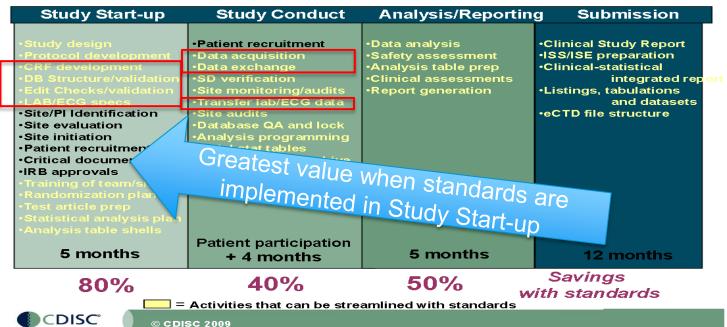
- ICH E6 2.10: All clinical trial information should be recorded, handled, and stored in a way that allows its <u>accurate reporting</u>, interpretation and <u>verification</u>
- FDA Guidance: In 2014, FDA issued a <u>binding guidance</u> requiring the submission of data in a standardized format for any study starting after December 2016.
 - "When planning a study (<u>including the design of case report forms</u>, data management systems, and statistical analysis plans), the sponsor or applicant must determine which FDAsupported standards to use"
 - "...establishing traceability is one of the most problematic issues... [and] can be enhanced when studies are prospectively designed to collect data using a standardized CRF, e.g., CDASH"
- Data quality issues can be hidden, persistent: In 2016, 61% FDA Warning Letters focused on data integrity issues



Benefits of Data Standards

Using standards can save significant time and cost, especially when implemented in the early stages of the study (case report forms, protocol)

Standards Impact On Clinical Study Activities





Efficiencies

Time

- Quicker database set-up
- Shorter UAT time

Quality

- Allow for electronic checks to quickly assess data conformance
- Allow for software tools that aid in the evaluation of efficacy and safety
- Sites and monitors become familiar with CRFs fewer data entry issues

Cost

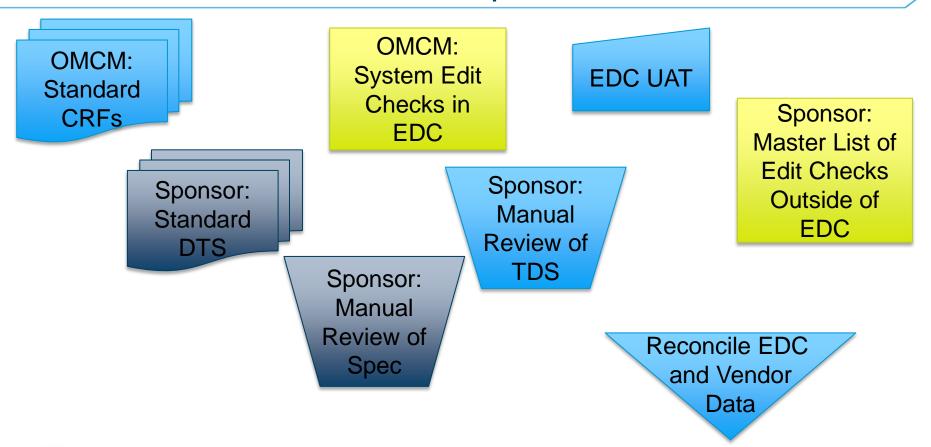
- Less time for database set-up = ↓\$
- Training can be abbreviated
- Reduced monitoring

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Approach for Creating Standard CRFs

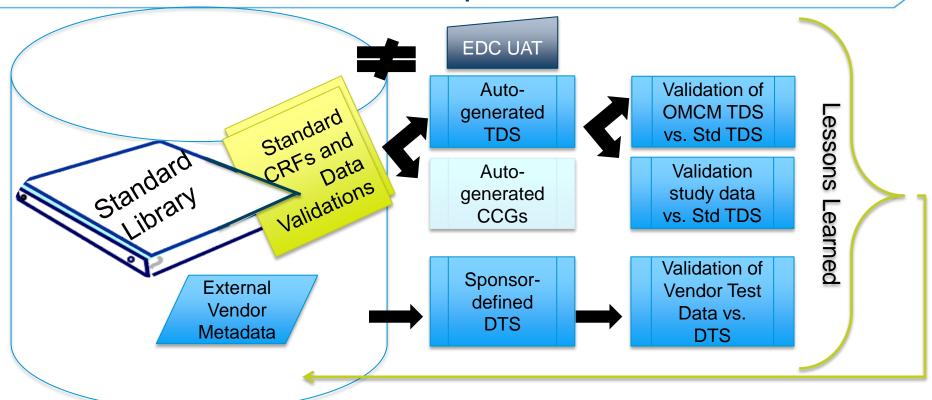


Current Standards Landscape



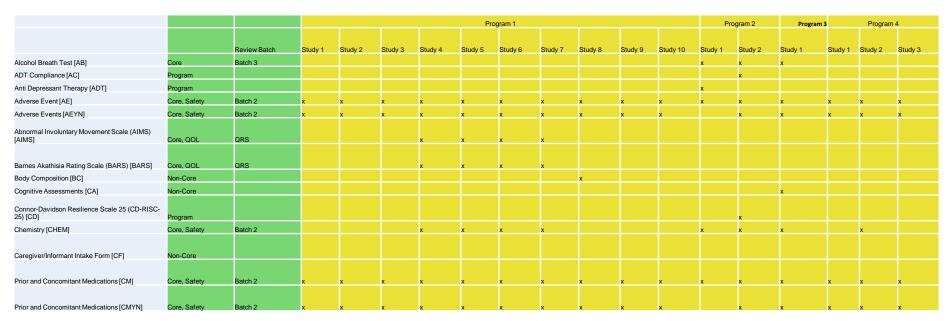


Future Standards Landscape





CRF Review Strategy – Inventory of Commonly Used Forms



Each CRF used in a study was evaluated for use as a standard



CRF Review Strategy - Review for Industry Standards

- Evaluate each CRF/data point to be standardized against industry standards
 - 1. Can SDTM be used directly for collecting data?
 - 2. Does CDASH have guidance for this data?
 - 3. Does sponsor have a standard?
 - 4. Should we develop a standard?



CRF Review Strategy – Other Considerations

- Consider other contributing standards at same time
 - Edit checks
 - Validations outside of EDC
 - Completion guidelines
 - Data Manager training
 - UAT plan
- Feedback loop between protocol and CRFs
 - CRF changes should be reflected in protocol
 - Protocol template changes should be reflected in CRFs



Case Studies

- 1. Addition of Gender to Demographics
 - Clinical need for gender in addition to sex
 - Legal concerns with collecting gender (GDPR)
 - No CDISC guidance; looked for other published standards/studies
 - Definition of gender vs. sex
 - Options for gender (transgender, non-binary, other)
- 2. Changes to questionnaires, ratings and scales
 - Reviewed each against CDISC QRS standards
 - Decision on including pre-defined fields for evaluation interval, evaluator, etc.
- 3. How to collect adverse events and concomitant medications for extension studies

Additional fields and categories for events and medications being carried over from previous study

Defined processes and protocol language for handling prior events and meds

Implementing Standard Library in TrialMaster



Strategy in TrialMaster

After several studies have been conducted



- Gather all forms into one TrialGroup
- Place the forms into separate folders/patient types based on category (e.g. QOLs, Safety, Efficacy, Other)
- Conduct a thorough form review meeting
 - to initially review fields that are captured within each form
 - discuss behavior and CDISC standards that can be applied
- Consider each "folder" as a batch
- Create and maintain Timelines for each batch
- Each batch should follow the full study build SDLC

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Form Creation

Review/ Approval

Edit Specs

Programming

QA

UAT

Final Approval Enter into Library

Focusing the Review Sessions

- Max length of all specify textboxes
- Format and max lengths for all result fields
- Max lengths for dates
- Accept partial dates/future dates?
- Attributes that can be set at the item level (will not change from study to study or visit to visit) such as read only, hidden
- Codelists, displayed and stored values: Ensure all confirm to CDISC if possible
- SAS variables
- SAS labels: Both SAS transport versions 5 & 8 will truncate labels to <=40</p>
 - Alkermes determined the best way to abbreviate on a case by case basis



Focusing the Review Sessions

- Scales: If listed in CDISC standards, compare and ensure the correct SAS variables, labels, and codelist options are used.
- Safety and Efficacy Batches:
 - Design CRFs in such a way that can be easily used across studies.
 - If the same type of form changes slightly across study drug programs, consider creating several versions so that can easily be pulled into a new study without having to make changes
 - (e.g. adverse event, study drug admin, vital signs, etc)



Using the Standard Library for a New Study

Alkermes provides a list of forms to use from Standards



OMCM creates Casebook

- Using the selected standard forms
- Update standards, as necessary
- Add additional forms per protocol



OmniComm creates Specifications

- Copy standard edits specs
- Specify non-standard edit specs



Alkermes approves the casebook



Program non-standard edits



Test non-standard edits



Governance of Clinical Data Standards



What is Governance?

- Organization and framework for the establishment of strategy, objectives and policy of standards and implementation
- Continuous monitoring of proper implementation in order to ensure regulatory compliance
- Manage changes to standards in a traceable way
- Communication and dissemination of standards through membership





Clinical Data Standards Governance Structure

- Provides overall corporate standards strategy
- Holds function accountable for adhering to standards
- Adjudicates decisions, if needed
- Determines implementation of standards strategy
- Communicates standards to functions
- Approves deviations from standards (with Dept. Heads as needed)
- Provide guidance for their areas as needed

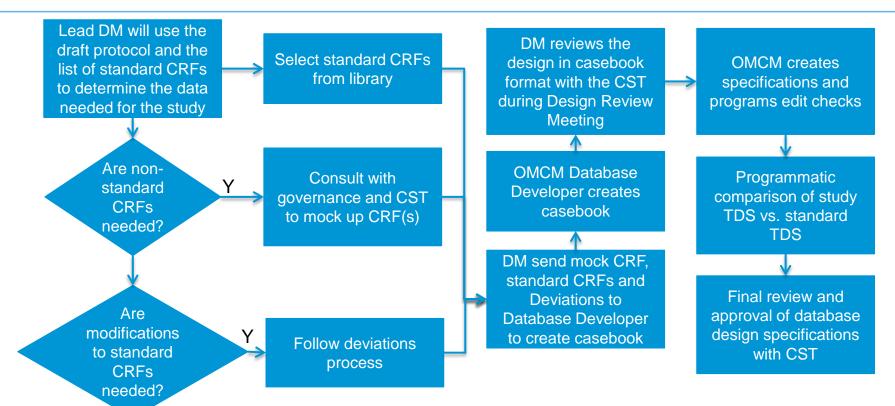
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Governance Council

Extended Council Members



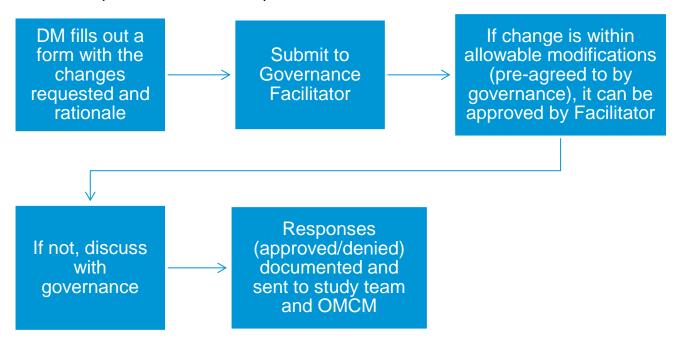
Clinical Data Standards Process





Process for Deviating from Standards

If a study team does not want to use the standard CRFs for a topic covered by standards (Core and QRS)





Questions



Key Takeaways

- Best practice is to have standards for data collection as well as submission and analysis data
- Easier to convert existing CRFs into standards and review holistically
- TrialBuilder will copy entire CRF from standard 'study' into individual studies
- Cross-functional governance is needed for review, acceptance and adherence

