Keep calm and say no to the status quo: five key benefits of a unified eClinical suite

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Just as the iPad, Twitter and Smart Phones have changed how we communicate, access information, and generally move our knowledge forward, there are now enhanced options for your eClinical technology over basic EDC. Sticking to the status quo of using disparate clinical systems for your studies is making you less informed and is costing you financially.

Given the many potential factors that can drive your selection of an EDC platform – how do you know what's right for your next trial, and your clinical program in the long term? Too often organizations focus on EDC for a single study, thereby sacrificing the significant benefits of a consistent data management platform across all studies.

The advances in unified eClinical technology offer features and functionality that, when effectively designed, provide key benefits to every member of the study team, dramatically changing how studies operate.

Changing the status quo:

Smarter management

1. Lower costs and reduction in team resource burdens

A unified platform is an investment that will see overall study costs trend lower over time, and free up team resources who are less burdened with manual processes and management of multiple tools and vendors.

• Invest in an eClinical Suite that gives you the ability to better control your study costs with flat rate per-project budgets, potentially eliminating change orders

• Inquire about the reusability of your study designs or components, which should directly lead to multi-study savings; a unified solution simplifies the build, eliminates the need for data integration between modules, speeds up study launch and simplifies ongoing study operations - thus reducing your financial footprint for your clinical EDC/DM program.

2. Real-time visibility into study data, drug/device inventory and randomization

An integrated solution should provide on-demand, real-time reports based on key data from all of your selected study modules. With real-time visibility into your study data and site activities, your team has the ability to make course corrections or adjustments sooner - for a more informed study.

Consider how each of your stakeholders in your study will need to access information and ensure that the solution you choose is cloud-based, allowing access to key variables, such as IWRS, drug tracking, core lab results, and reporting from anywhere - any computer, tablet, or smart phone.

3. Automating key tasks and reduced manual steps

A unified eClinical Suite reduces both the financial and task footprint across all roles within the study. No longer taxed by extensive manual processes, study teams are able to do more and manage additional, or larger, studies with fewer resources. Automated tasks also significantly reduce the likelihood of manual errors.

4. Faster start-up and reduced time to end of study

Time to FPI: The time to first patient is reduced as fewer vendors need to be mobilized and coordinated when working with a unified solution. Typical study start-up should be in 4-10 weeks, not 3-5 months. Expect a faster study close out as well, as integrated data means no lag time due to manual tracking and excel files being reviewed and reconciled.

5. No integration requirements between separate systems

Unified solutions can offer the features you require to successfully run your study, with the core benefits of fewer vendors to manage, lower study management costs and the potential elimination of technology integration issues.