

# CLINICAL TRIAL OPERATIONS AND COMPETITIVENESS

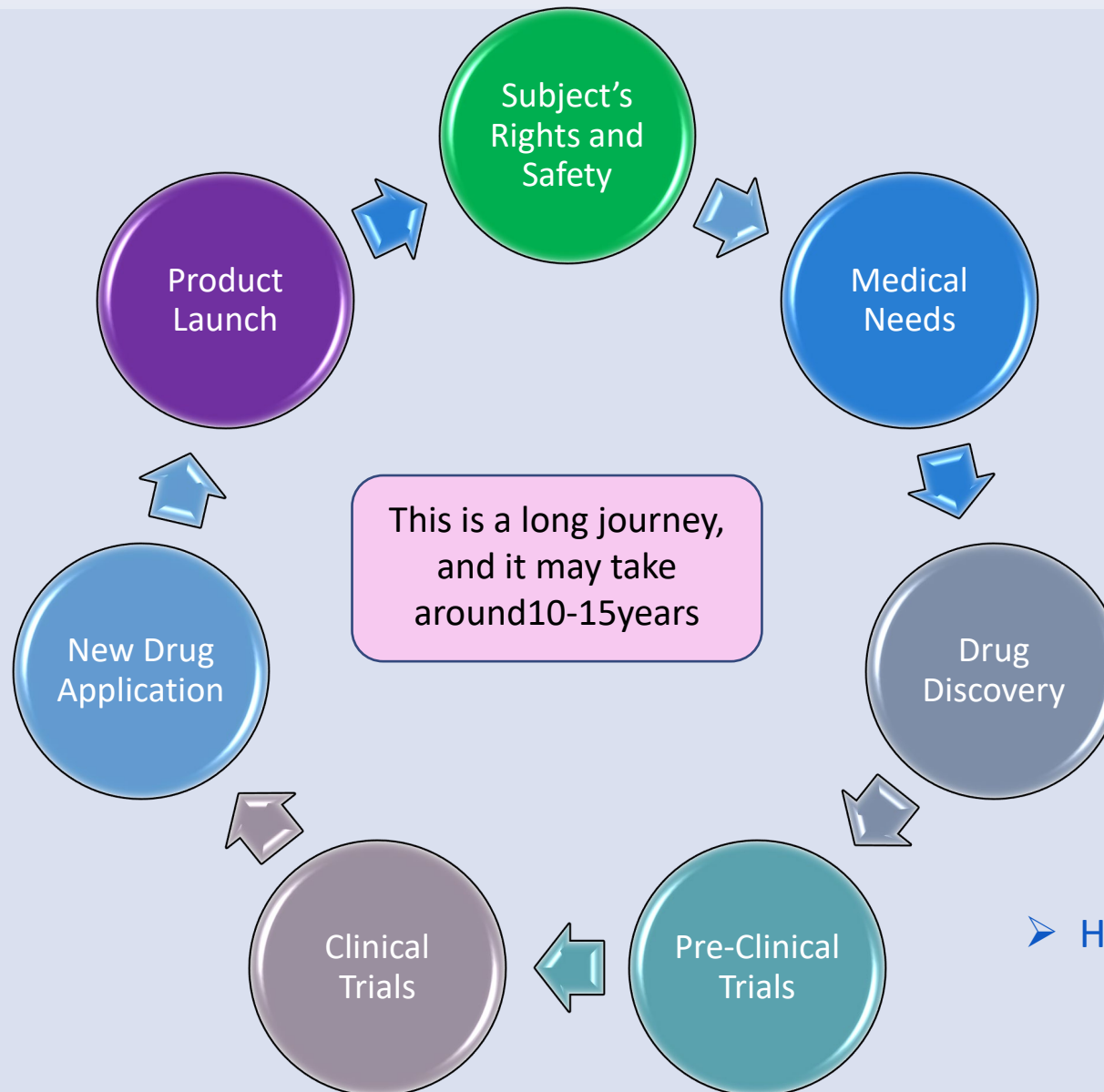


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# Drug Development



➤ How long can a subject wait?

# What are clinical trials?

- A clinical trial is a carefully designed study that prospectively tests the benefits and risks of an investigational product in human beings.
- Data from a clinical trial provide a critical base of evidence for applying an IP in future clinical practice.

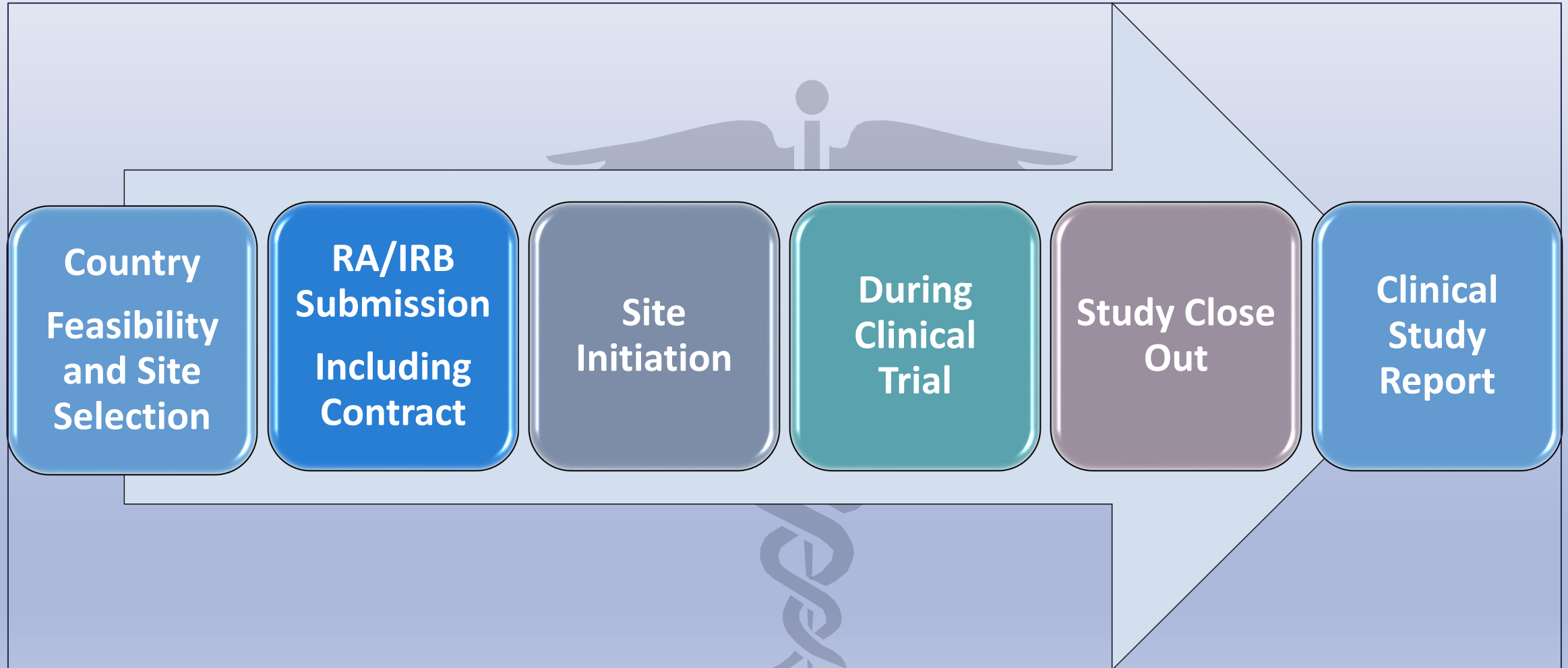
Quality

Speed

# Phases of Clinical Development

PHASE	AIM	STUDY POPULATION	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	DURATION (YEARS)
<b>Phase I</b>	First in human safety and tolerability, determines side effects associated with increasing doses	Healthy volunteers or participants who have the disease or condition under study	<b>Tens</b>	<b>~1</b>
<b>Phase II</b>	Testing of drug on participants to assess efficacy and safety. Assesses short-term safety and ascertains therapeutic dose range (min and mx doses) Must produce data that justifies initiation of Phase III studies	Participants who have the disease or condition under study	<b>Hundreds</b>	<b>~2</b>
<b>Phase III</b>	Pivotal efficacy and safety for regulatory submission, or to support publications	Target patient population for indication	<b>Thousands</b>	<b>~3</b>
<b>Phase IV</b>	Post marketing studies delineate additional information including drug risk, benefits and optimal use.	Participants who have the disease or condition under study	<b>Variable</b>	<b>Variable</b>

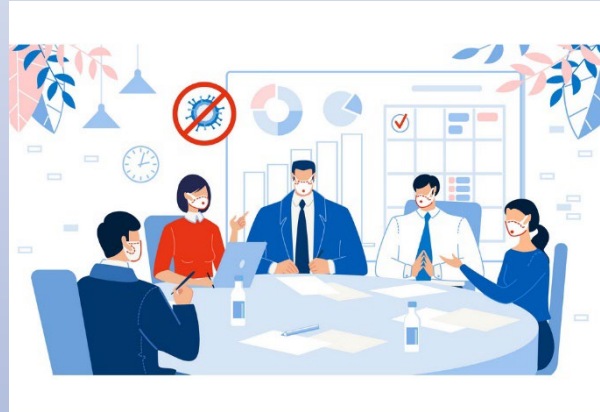
# Conducting a Clinical Trial



## DATA BASE (Internal & External



### LOCAL INTELLIGENCE



### FEASIBILITY SURVEY



# COUNTRY FEASIBILITY

✓ Database presented the site performance for identified potential sites.

- Clinical Research Experience
- Recruitment Performance
- Site Quality Trend

✓ Feasibility Survey

- CDA
- Draft Protocol Synopsis
- Site evaluation

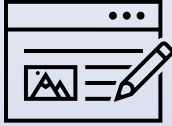
**\*Carefully review the criteria and procedures are key, and to complete the feasibility survey correctly with estimated potential cases is important to study level**

**\*Timelines is very important which will influence the global level to select the country/site or not**

✓ Global Level will review each countries survey and have internal discussion to make final decision

# Site Selection

## Pre-Study Visit



Investigators Qualification



Adequate Resources



Time Commitment Through Clinical Trial



The Team Facilities Collaboration



Space For During a Clinical Trial



Decentralized Clinical Trial

# The Pre-Study Visit (PSV) is a great opportunity to

- ▣ Area of interest
- ▣ Qualifications
- ▣ Patient Pools
- ▣ Resources
- ▣ Specific site requirement
- ▣ IRB requirement/site contract requirement
- ▣ The risk of benefit of IP to decide whether to participate or not
- ▣ Early identify the protocol design that may differ from clinical practice



Sponsor



Investigator

**THE PRE-STUDY VISIT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MATCH EXPECTATIONS!**



# Facilitating and Encouraging Innovation

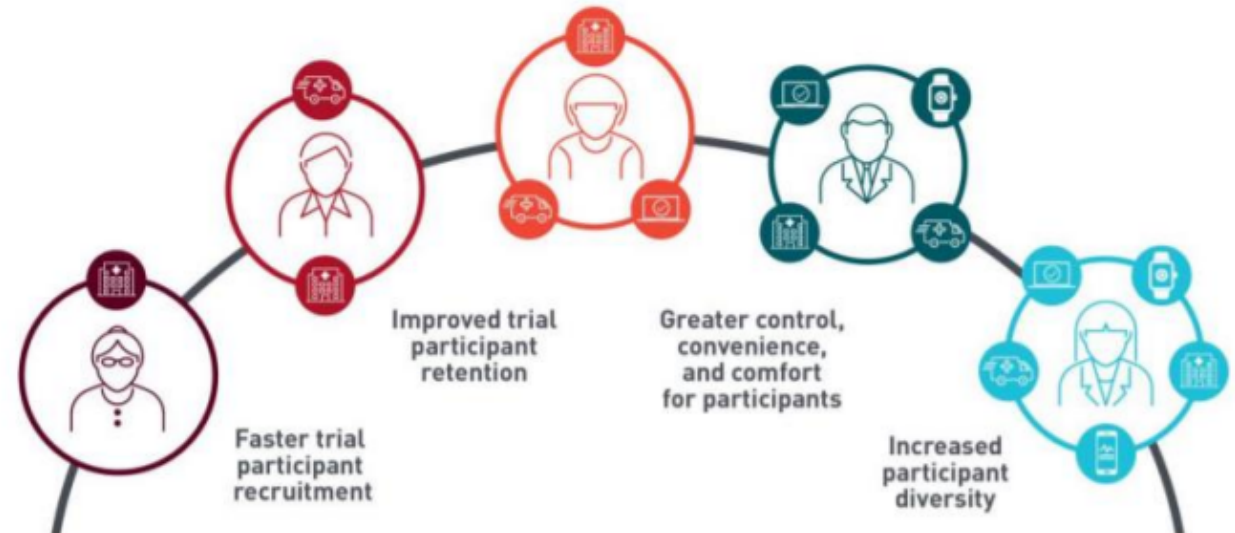
*e.g., Decentralized Clinical Trials (DCTs)*

A clinical trial where some or all the trial-related activities occur at a location separate from the investigator's location

## Potential benefits:

- Patient convenience (avoiding travel to sites, time off work, etc.)
- Improved inclusivity (patients with mobility, cognitive and economic challenges)
- Ability to study patients in widespread locations (rare or sporadic diseases)

## Potential Benefits of Using Decentralized Clinical Trials



## FDA Will Issue a Guidance on DCTs

Traditionally, clinical trials have been conducted at specific clinical trial sites, to which patients had to travel to. The aim of DCTs is to make it easier for patients to participate in clinical trials by reducing the need to travel to central trial sites. This approach has the potential to make clinical trials available to a wider demographic of participants and reduce drop-out rates.

Decentralisation is enabled by the advancement of digital tools, telemedicine and more mobile and local healthcare. It includes aspects such as home health visits, remote monitoring and diagnostics, direct-to-patient shipment of study drugs and electronic informed consent.

Exhibit 1

## Decentralized clinical trials meet patients where they are.

### Clinical-trial designs

Fully decentralized ← Hybrid → Fully centralized



All trial procedures are conducted virtually, enabled by digital technologies and supply delivery

Less complex trial procedures that don't require in-person visits (eg, vital signs, electrocardiograms) are conducted via telehealthcare, remote data collection, or direct-to-patient supply

Less complex trial procedures that require in-person visits (eg, injections) are conducted via mobile clinicians or alternative sites (eg, mobile clinics, retail sites)

Complex trial procedures (eg, complex screening protocols, cell therapy, magnetic resonance imaging) are conducted via research sites (eg, academic medical centers) or local hospitals

All trial procedures are conducted at a research site (eg, academic medical center)

# DCT (Decentralized Clinical Trial)

- **Study participant visit :**

- ✓ eConsent
- ✓ TeleHealth
- ✓ Home Visit, Mobile Clinical
- ✓ Study drug direct to participant, Clinical Trial Pharmacy
- ✓ Participant self sample collection
- ✓ Local labs
- ✓ ...



Mobile clinics are the latest decentralized site innovation and an alternative to the traditional clinical trial study site. They offer increased convenience and flexibility for participants while reducing the travel burden. In addition,

- **Study data collection :**

- ✓ Wearable biosensors devices, Apps
- ✓ E-diary
- ✓ ...



Insert the lumbar-worn device into the belt clip button-side first and push down to secure. To remove the device, hold the back of the belt clip and pull the corner of device to release from the clip.

- **Study data monitoring (Virtual monitoring – SDV/SDR):**

- ✓ eSource (data transfer from institution EMR to sponsor database)
- ✓ EMR direct access (from outside of institution)
- ✓ Uploading source into secured cloud
- ✓ Webex, Video call showing sources on screen or via webcam or shared control
- ✓ ...



Smart blister pill pack

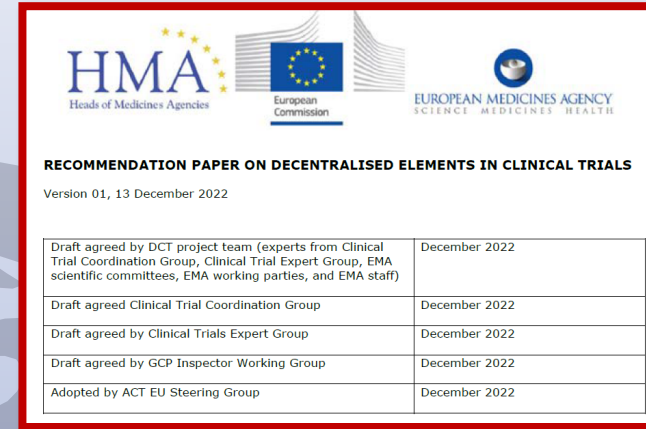
# DCT (DECENTRALIZED CLINICAL TRIAL)

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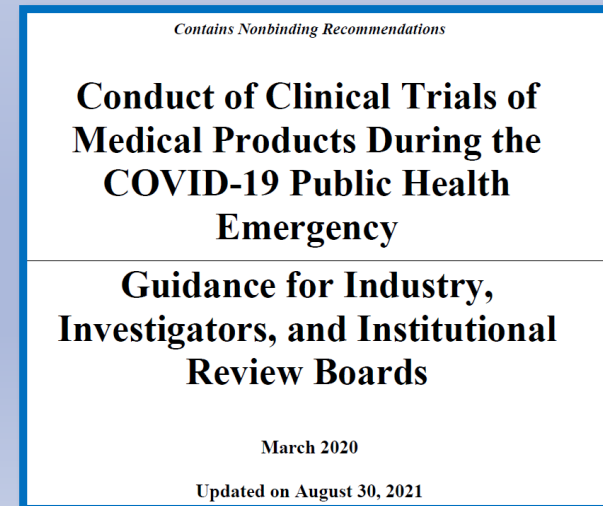
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Even It wasn't yet confirmed if site will be selected or not during  
Pre-Study Visit

But being readiness will help speed up the process and your  
International Competitiveness ~

## Submission timelines





# Asia-Pacific Country Regulatory Timeline

Figure 15: Regulatory Timelines for Clinical Trials by Location, Asia-Pacific, 2020



Source: Novotech

# Challenges for submission-Taiwan

- Obtain all study documents (including local language translation estimation time) including signature package from PIs. (1M-1.5Months)
- Contract negotiation with PIs and institution as early as possible
- Contract can be negotiated in parallel with IRB submission, but for some hospitals, the sealing process ~~is~~ can only be started after IRB approval. (additional 2-3 weeks)





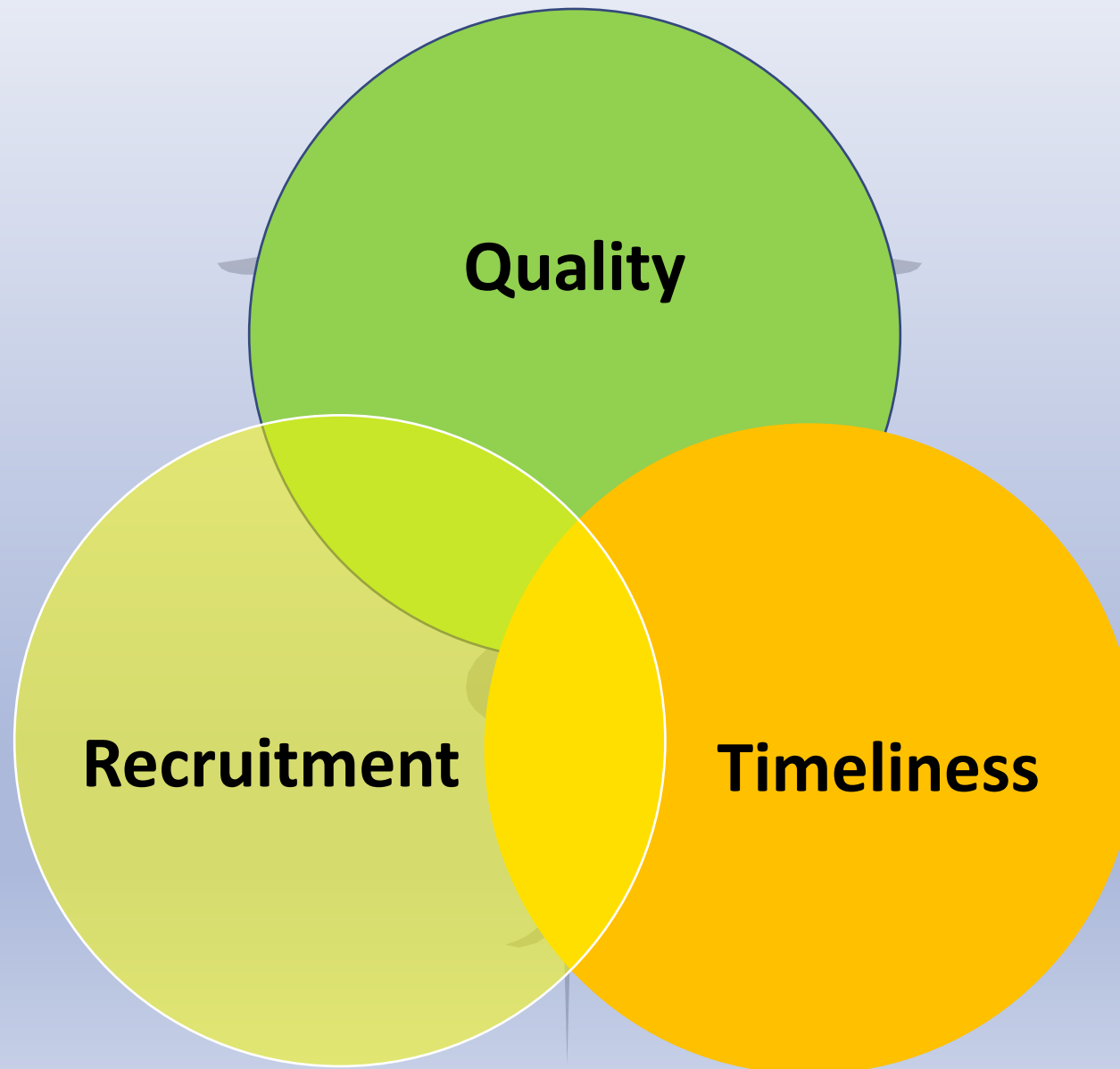
Site Initiation Visit

# Site Initiation Visit (Site ready for enrolment)

Approval for study site	Staff Qualification and Facility	Timelines and Process discussion
Written of RA / IRB approval	Study Training completion	Review study timelines and site recruitment goals
Contract Fully Executed	IP on site	Safety definitions and reporting process review
Import License	Signature and delegation log completion	Data entry timelines
Others License (NCC..etc)	Site Facilities (quality control/ calibration)	Monitoring Space
Biosafety Approval	Study Materials ready on site	
	Documents Storage	

**READY FOR RECRUITMENT**

# During Clinical Trial



# During Clinical Trial

## ✓ Recruitment

- Know the inclusion/exclusion criteria
- Personal patients
- Referrals
- Consider previous experience with advertising

*The delay recruitment and delay data entry brings the delay of drug development to patient's*

## ✓ Retention

- Understand participants needs
- Don't forget families and care partners
- Provide incentives for participants
- Provide easy tools and materials to participants

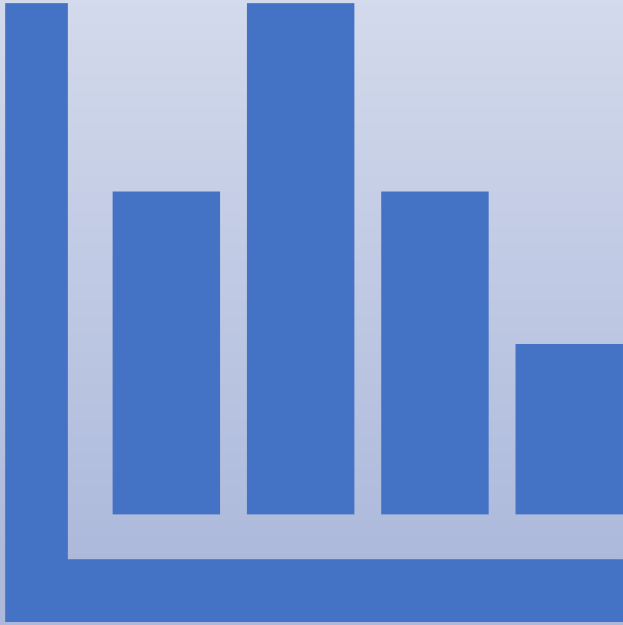
*If it's not written  
down,  
it didn't happen*

## ✓ Data Collection (ALCOACCEA)

- Accurate source and on time data entry to be done correct at once

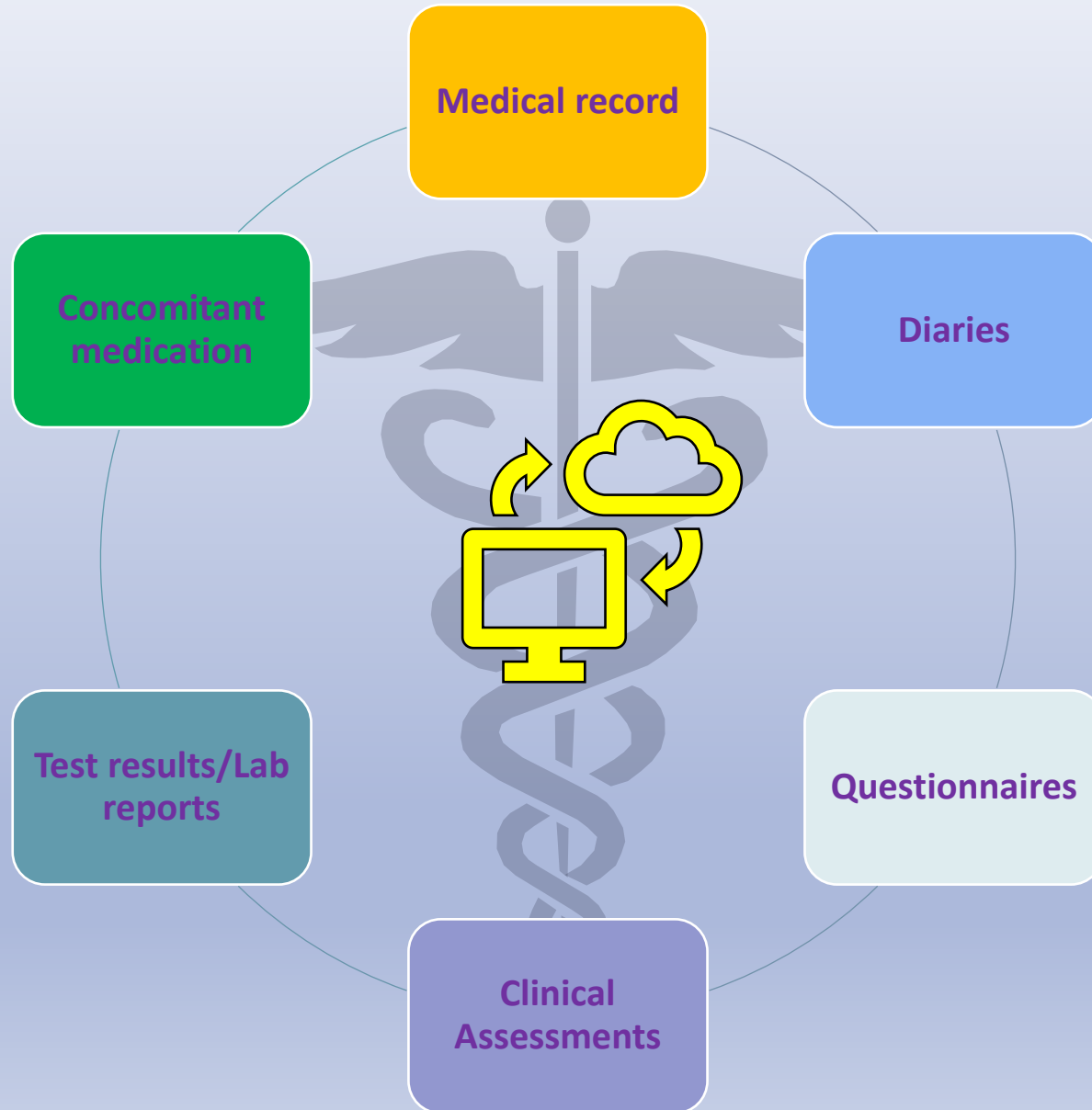
## ✓ Be Ready for audit, inspection

*"Well, if you don't have time  
to do it right,  
what makes you think  
you'll have time to do it over?"*

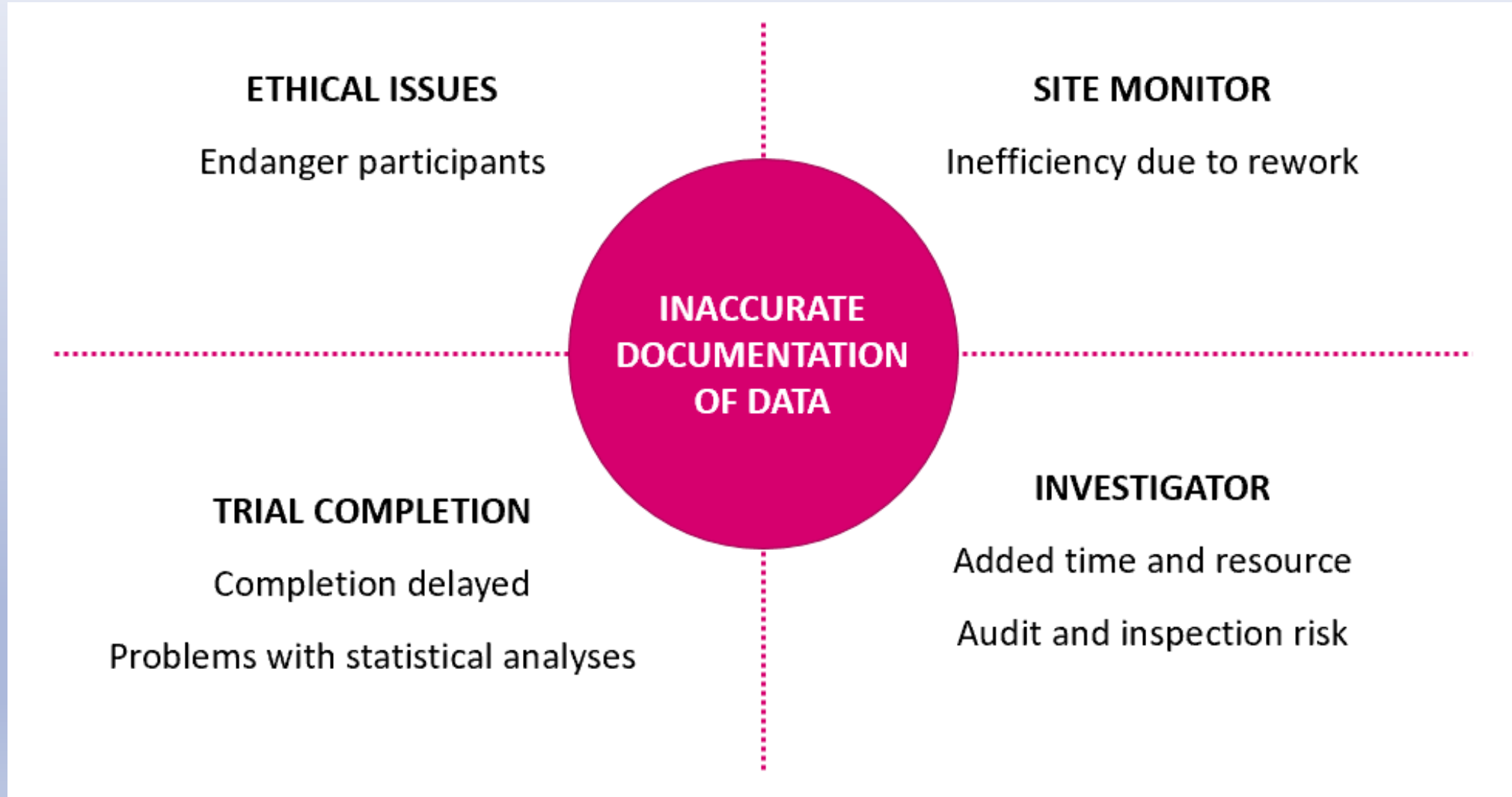


**Data Reporting**

# Data Reporting



# Consequences of inaccurate data



# Clinical Study Report

- ▣ A written description of a trial/study of any therapeutic, prophylactic, or diagnostic agent conducted in human subjects, in which the clinical and statistical description, presentations, and analyses are fully integrated into a single report (ICH E6 1.13)

- ✓ CSR will support a New Drug Application
- ✓ New Drug Application will lead to GCP inspections



# Take away note

- Key points to increase the clinical trials competitiveness
  - ✓ Regulatory support (e.g.; DCT environment build up)
  - ✓ Institution support to speed up the start up review cycle (IRB/EC and Contract)
  - ✓ Site facility (e.g.; clinical trial space, pharmacy setting, monitoring space..etc) to be flexible and friendly
  - ✓ Good tracked record on recruitment performance
  - ✓ Good quality for data and on time data entry
  - ✓ Investigators awareness and operations staff's resource

A better environment shaping for Taiwan



**THANK YOU**  
**for your participation!**

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