

SDTM Amendment 1 and CDER Data Standards Common Issues

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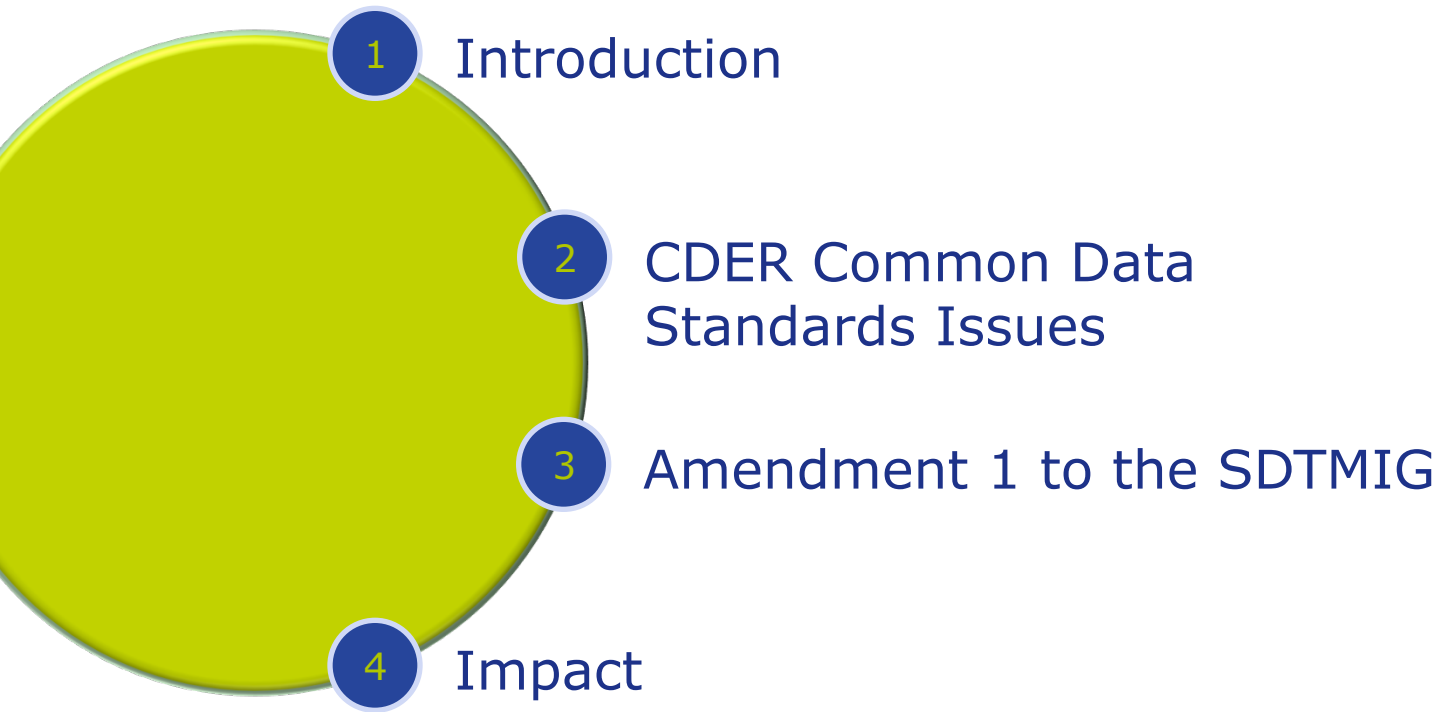
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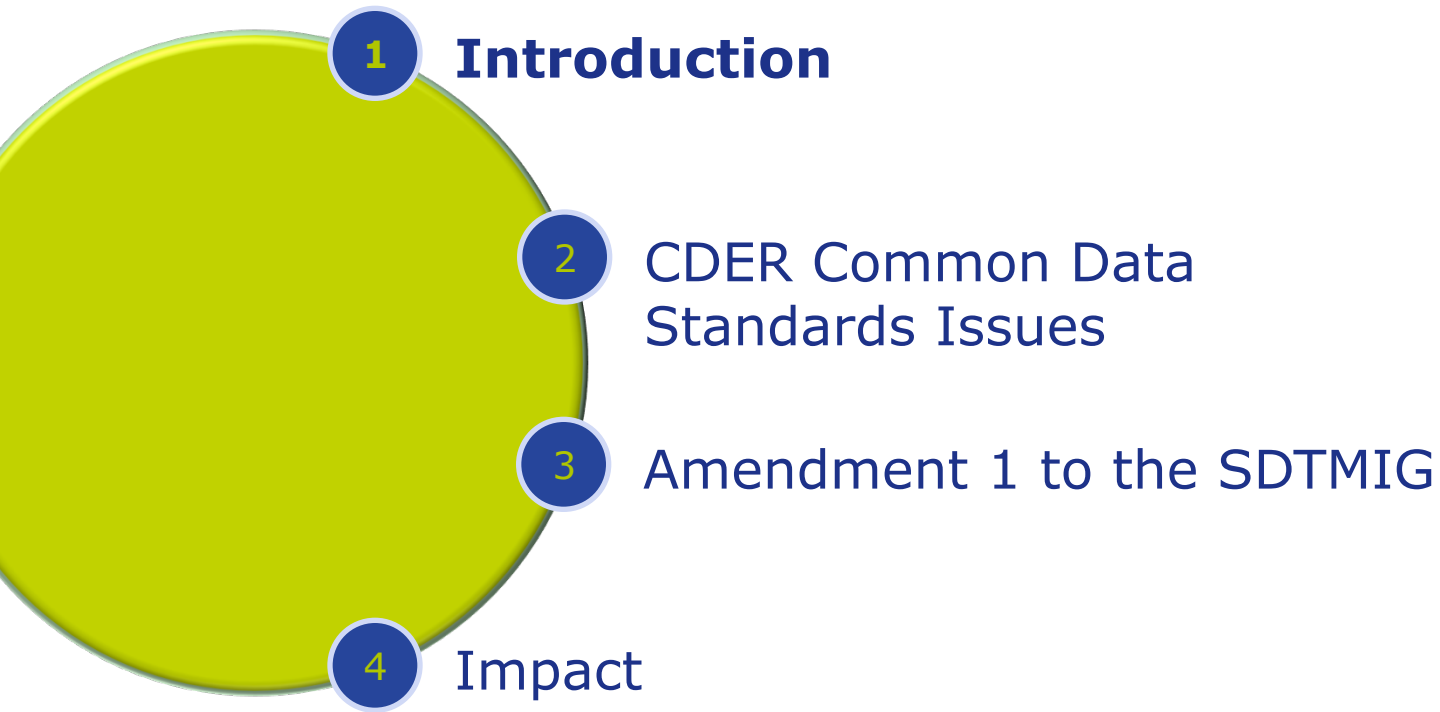
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Introduction

- May-2011: CDER published Common Data Standards Issues Document v1.0 on the FDA website
- Dec-2011: v1.1 is published

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Study Data Standards for Submission to CDER

These resources are intended to assist submitters in the preparation and submission of standardized study data to CDER.

- **CDER Data Standards Common Issues Document (PDF - 115KB)** - The goal of this document is to communicate general CDER preferences and experiences regarding the submission of standardized data to aid sponsors in the creation of standardized datasets. The document is not intended to replace the need for sponsors to communicate with review divisions regarding data standards implementation approaches or issues, but instead, it is designed to compliment and facilitate the interaction between sponsors and divisions.
- **Study Data Specifications** - Study specifications for submitting animal and human study datasets in electronic format

Source:

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/FormsSubmissionRequirements/ElectronicSubmissions/ucm248635.htm>

Introduction

- Dec-2011: Amendment 1 to the SDTM V1.2 and SDTMIG V3.1.2 has been posted on the CDISC website

The screenshot displays the CDISC website interface. At the top, the CDISC logo is accompanied by the tagline "Strength Through Collaboration". A navigation bar includes links for ABOUT, STANDARDS & INNOVATIONS, RESOURCES, NEWS, EDUCATION & EVENTS, MEMBERSHIP, and MEMBERS ONLY. On the left, a sidebar lists various standards and innovations, including ADaM, BRIDG Model, CDASH, Define.XML, Healthcare Link Initiative, LAB, Operational Data Model, Protocol, SEND, and CDISC SHARE. The main content area features a heading "Study Data Tabulation Model" followed by the announcement: "Amendment 1 to the Study Data Tabulation Model (SDTM) v1.2 and the SDTM Implementation Guide: Human Clinical Trials V3.1.2 Open for Public Review". Below this, a paragraph states: "The Submissions Data Standards Team is pleased to release this amendment for public review." Another paragraph explains: "This document includes additional variables related to human clinical trials added at the request of FDA CDER and is being posted for comment and for trial use in advance of the next formal release of the SDTM and SDTMIG. Please provide review comments using the spreadsheet provided below by 6 June 2011." A link at the bottom of the main content area reads "Amendment 1 to SDTM V1.2 and SDTM IG V3.1.2 (doc)". On the right side of the page, there is a section for "Become a CDISC Member (Fee Based)" with a "Become A Member" link, and a "Member Log-in" section with input fields for "user name" and password, a "Log In" button, and a "forgot your password?" link.

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- ADaM
- BRIDG Model
- CDASH
- Define.XML
- Healthcare Link Initiative
- LAB
- Operational Data Model
- Protocol
- SEND
- CDISC SHARE

Study Data Tabulation Model

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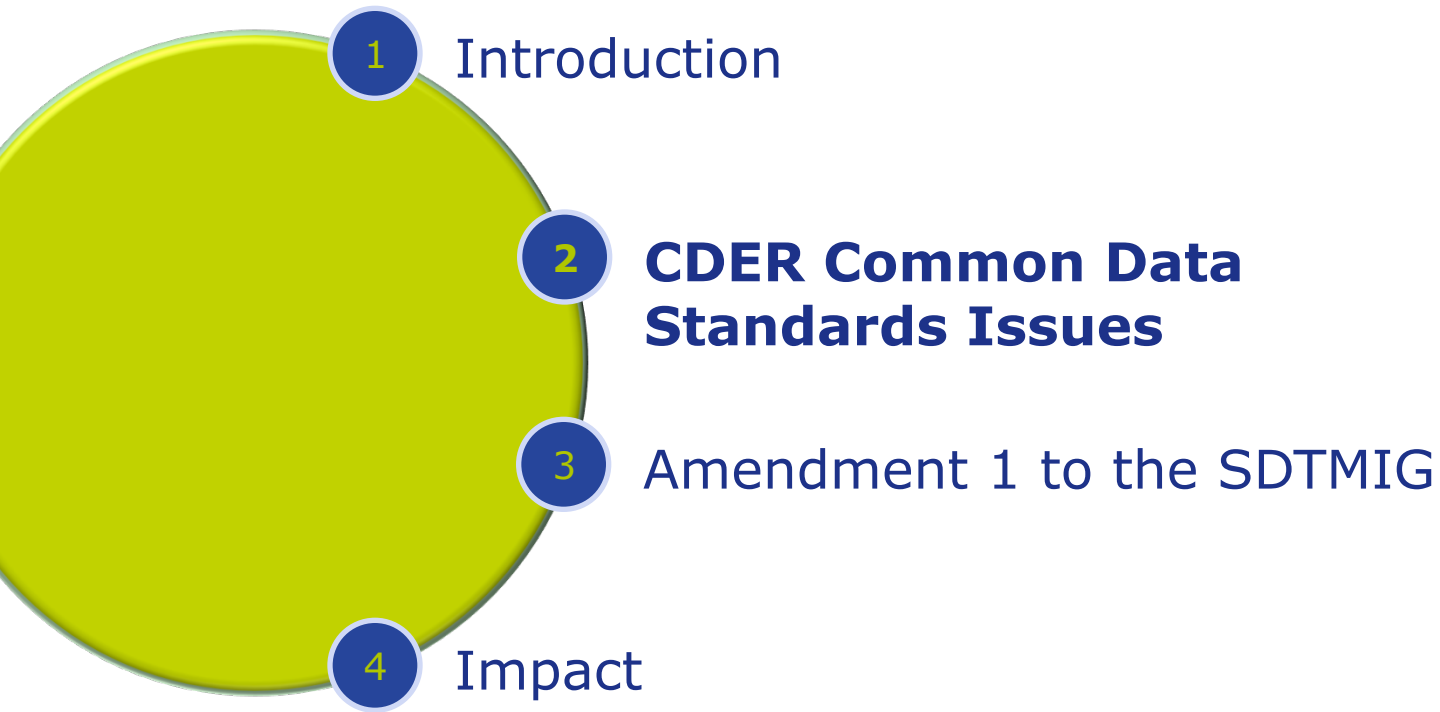
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Source: <http://www.cdisc.org/sdtm>



General Considerations

- Sponsors should refer to the latest version of SDTMIG
- Sponsors should refer to Amendment 1 to SDTM V1.2
- Sponsors should ensure that every data variable's codelist, origin and derivation is clearly and easily accessible in define file
- Include variables EPOCH for every subject-level observation
- SDTM should be consistent with submitted analysis datasets

Traceability SDTM and ADaM

- Understanding relationship between the analysis results, the analysis datasets and the SDTM domains
- Establishing the path between an element and its immediate predecessor
- Two levels:
 - Metadata traceability
 - Relationship between an analysis result and analysis dataset(s)
 - Relationship of the analysis variable to its source dataset(s) and variable(s)
 - Data point traceability
 - Predecessor record(s)

Traceability SDTM and ADaM

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Height cm

Weight kg

Waist circumference cm

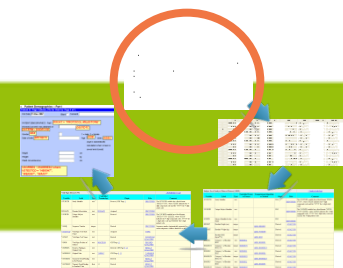
VSORRES / VSORRESU where VSTESTCD = "HEIGHT", "WEIGHT", "WAIST"

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DOMAIN	Domain Abbreviation	text	DOMAIN	Assigned	IDENTIFIER	
USUBJID	Unique Subject Identifier	text	Protocol		IDENTIFIER	The USUBJID variable has a fixed format: 'XXXX-YYYY-ZZZZZ', where 'XXXX' indicates the 4-digit compound code, 'YYYY' the 4-digit study code and 'ZZZZZ' the 5-digit patient code.
VSSEQ	Sequence Number	integer	Derived		IDENTIFIER	Sequence number (automatically generated) to ensure uniqueness within a dataset for a subject
VSTESTCD	Vital Signs Test Short Name	text	Assigned		TOPIC	
VSTEST	Vital Signs Test Name	text	Derived		SYNONYM QUALIFIER	
VSPOS	Vital Signs Position of Subject	text	POSITION	CRF Page 12	RECORD QUALIFIER	
VSORRES	Result or Finding in Original Units	text	Derived, CRF Page 9, 11		RESULT QUALIFIER	
VSORRESU	Original Units	text	VSRRESU	CRF Page 9, 11	VARIABLE QUALIFIER	
VSTRES	Character Result Finding in Std Format	text	Derived		RESULT QUALIFIER	
VSTRESN	Numeric Result Finding in Standard Units	float	3.1	Derived	RESULT QUALIFIER	

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SUBJID	Subject Identifier for the Study	text			DM	IDENTIFIER	
HEIGHT	Baseline Height (cm)	integer		ADSL HEIGHT	Derived	ANALYSIS	
WEIGHT	Baseline Weight (kg)	integer		ADSL WEIGHT	Derived	ANALYSIS	
BMI	Baseline BMI (kg/m**2)	integer		ADSL BMI	Derived	ANALYSIS	
BMIGR1	Category 1 of Baseline BMI	text	BMIGR1	ADSL BMIGR1	Derived	ANALYSIS	
BMIGR1N	Category 1 of Baseline BMI (N)	integer	BMIGR1N	ADSL BMIGR1N	Derived	ANALYSIS	
BMIGR2	Category 2 of Baseline BMI	text	BMIGR2	ADSL BMIGR2	Derived	ANALYSIS	
BMIGR2N	Category 2 of Baseline BMI (N)	integer	BMIGR2N	ADSL BMIGR2N	Derived	ANALYSIS	
BMIGR3	Category 3 of Baseline BMI	text	BMIGR3	ADSL BMIGR3	Derived	ANALYSIS	
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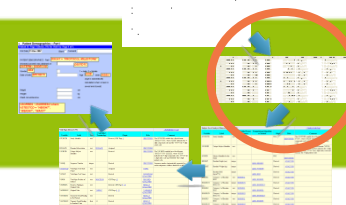


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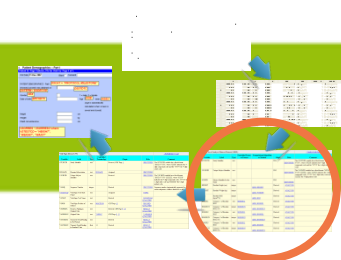
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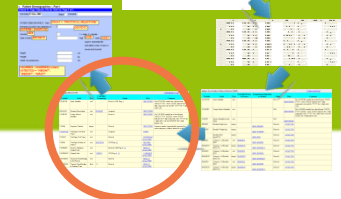


- ADaM define.xml

Computational Algorithms (ADSL.BMI)	
Reference Name	Computation Method
ADSL.BMI	Continuous variable, calculated using $ADSL.WEIGHT / (ADSL.HEIGHT * 0.01) ** 2$ value at visit 3 if visit 3 data not available, the last data collected before randomisation
Computational Algorithms (ADSL.HEIGHT)	
Reference Name	Computation Method
ADSL.HEIGHT	equal to VS.VSSTRESN when VS.VSTESTCD="HEIGHT"
Computational Algorithms (ADSL.WEIGHT)	
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ADSL.WEIGHT	equal to VS.VSSTRESN when VS.VSTESTCD="WEIGHT" and VS.VISITNUM=30 if visit 3 data not available, the last data collected before randomisation

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BMIGR3	Category 3 of Baseline BMI	text	BMIGR3L	ADSL.BMIGR2N	Derived	ANALYSIS
BMIGR3N	Category 3 of Baseline BMI, (N)	integer	BMIGR3N	ADSL.BMIGR3	Derived	ANALYSIS
				ADSL.BMIGR3N		

Traceability SDTM and ADaM



- SDTM define.xml and aCRF

Value Level Metadata (ValueList.VS.VSTESTCD)

Source Variable	Value	Label	Type	Controlled Terminology	Origin	Role	Comment
VSTESTCD	DIABP	DIASTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE	text		CRF Page 13		
VSTESTCD	HEIGHT	HEIGHT	text		CRF Page 9		
VSTESTCD	PULSE	PULSE RATE	text		CRF Page 13		
VSTESTCD	SYSBP	SYSTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE	text		CRF Page 13		
VSTESTCD	WAIST	WAIST CIRCUMFERENCE	text		CRF Page 9		
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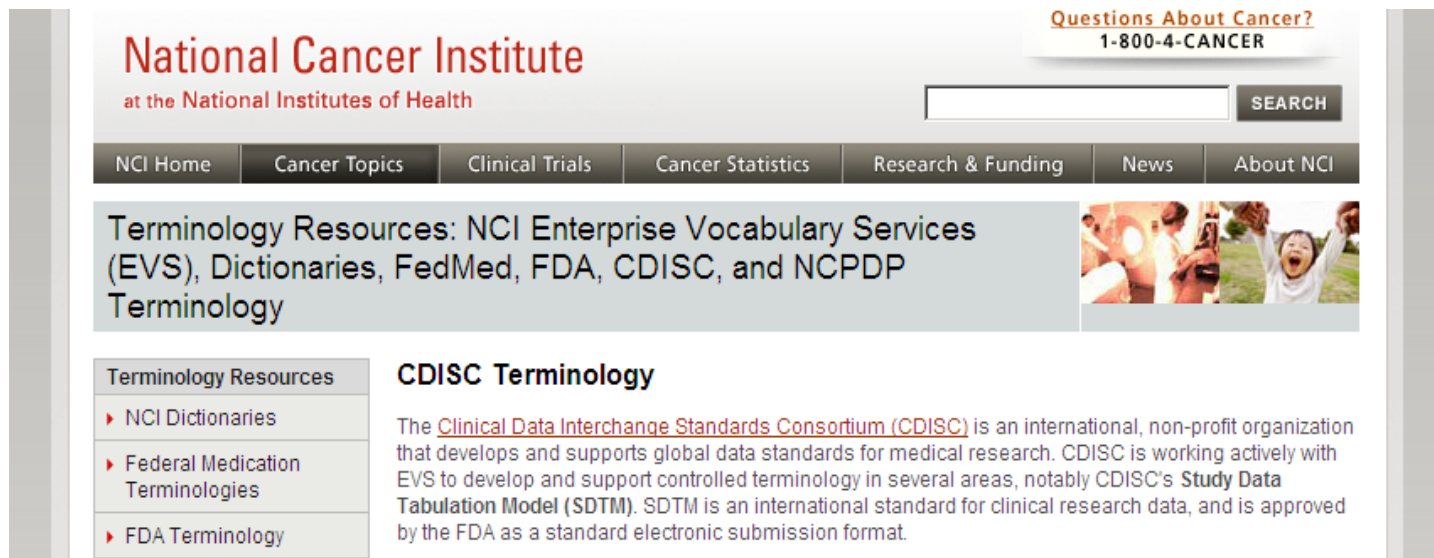
Weight kg

Waist circumference cm

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Controlled Terminology

- Use existing CDISC terminology
- If available CDISC terminology is insufficient, sponsors should create their own terminology
- Documentation on sponsor-specific terminology should be included in define.xml



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CDISC Terminology

The [Clinical Data Interchange Standards Consortium \(CDISC\)](#) is an international, non-profit organization that develops and supports global data standards for medical research. CDISC is working actively with EVS to develop and support controlled terminology in several areas, notably CDISC's **Study Data Tabulation Model (SDTM)**. SDTM is an international standard for clinical research data, and is approved by the FDA as a standard electronic submission format.

Source: <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/cancerlibrary/terminologyresources/cdisc>

MedDRA and Common Dictionaries

- Sponsors should exactly follow spelling and case
- MedDRA version should be consistent across trials within the submission
- Dictionary name and version should be documented in define.xml

Controlled Terminology (External Dictionaries)	
ADVERSE EVENT DICTIONARY, Reference Name (Codelist.AEDICT_F)	
External Dictionary	Dictionary Version
MedDRA	13.1
DRUG DICTIONARY, Reference Name (Codelist.DRUGDICT_F)	
External Dictionary	Dictionary Version
WHO Drug	WHO-DD 10.SEP
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SDTM Datasets

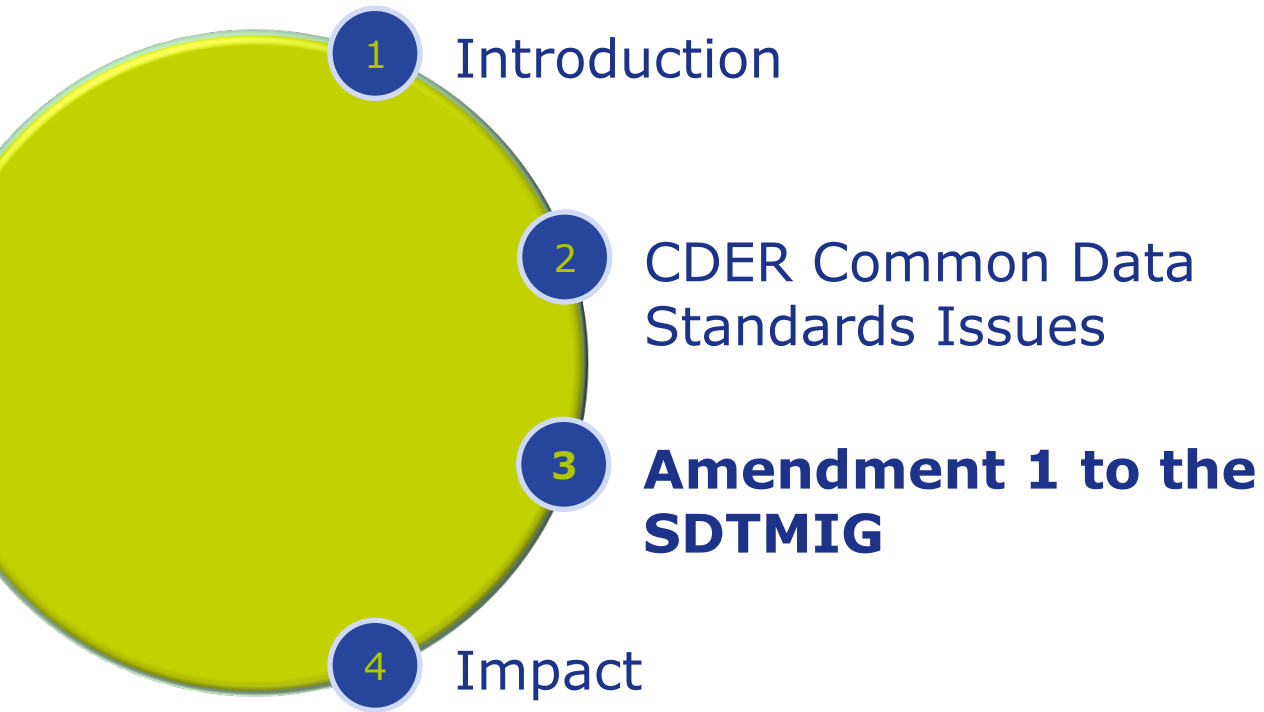
- SUPPQUAL
 - Should not be used as a waste basket
- DM
 - Strongly preferred to use additional variables in Amendment 1
- DS
 - EPOCH should be used to distinguish between multiple disposition events
 - If DEATH occurs, it should be documented in the last record with the associated EPOCH

SDTM Datasets

- AE
 - Provide variables for MedDRA hierarchy
 - Sponsors should include all AEs, not only the one caused by the study treatment
 - AESOC = MedDRA-defined, primary mapped SOC
 - AEBODSYS = SOC used for analysis
- Custom Domains
 - Only to be used for data that does not fit in a published domain
- Filesize
 - Ideal filesize < 1Gb
 - Larger files should be split according to --CAT, --SCAT; Non-split dataset should also be included
 - Discuss with your review division

SDTM Variables

- Permissible variables that CDER expects to see
 - --BLFL (LB, VS, EG, Pharmacokinetics, Microbiology)
 - EPOCH
 - --DY, --STDY, --ENDY (Calculated from RFSTDTC)
- No imputations allowed
- Dates in ISO 8601
 - Missing dates are missing dates
- USUBJID
 - No leading or trailing spaces allowed
 - should match across all datasets (SDTM, ADaM) on a character basis



Additions to SDTM V1.2/SDTMIG V3.1.2

- New variables in Demographics
- New variables in Events General Observation Class
 - Additional accomodation for MedDRA codings
 - Part of these previously used in SUPPQUAL

Additions to DM

Variable	Label
ACTARMCD	Actual Arm Code
ACTARM	Description of Actual Arm
RFXSTDTC	Date/Time of First Study Drug Exposure
RFXENDTC	Date/Time of Last Study Drug Exposure
RFICDTC	Date/Time of Informed Consent
RFPENDTC	Date/Time of End of Subject Participation
DTHDTC	Date of Death
DTHFL	Subject Died Flag

Additions to DM

- ACTARMCD, ACTARM
 - Actual arm a subject participated in during the trial
 - Randomized subjects that are not treated
 - ACTARMCD/ACTARM= 'NOTTRT' / 'Not Treated'
- RFXSTDTC, RFXENDTC
 - Date/Time of first/last study treatment exposure
- RFICDTC
 - Date/Time of informed consent
 - Should match entry in DS if this is documented as a protocol milestone

Additions to DM

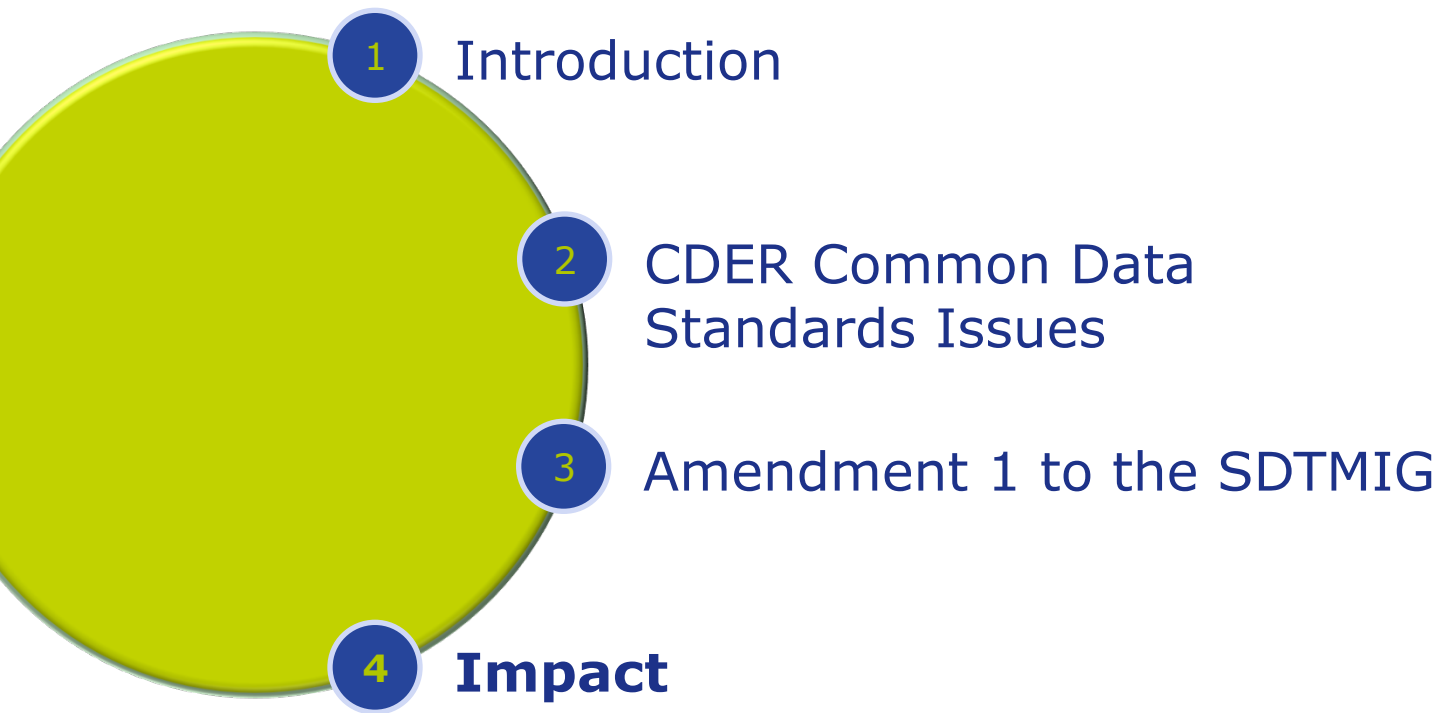
- RFPENDTC
 - Date/Time of end of participation
 - Last known date of participation FOR DATA
 - NOT the last date of participation in study
- DTHDTC, DTHFL
 - Date of death, Subject death flag

Additions to AE

Variable	Label
AELLT	Lowest Level Term
AELLTCD	Lowest Level Term Code
AEPTCD	Preferred Term Code
AEHLT	High Level Term
AEHLTCD	High Level Term Code
AEHLGT	High Level Group Term
AEHLGTCD	High Level Group Term Code
AESOC	Primary System Organ Class
AESOCCD	Primary System Organ Class Code
AEBDSYCD	Body System or Organ Class Code

Additions to AE

- AELLT, AELLTCD, AEPTCD, AEHLT, AEHLTCD, AEHLGT, AEHLGTCD, AESOCCD
 - Promoted from SUPPQUAL (SDTMIG Appendix C5) into the parent domain
- AESOC
 - Primary system organ class
 - AEBODSYS should contain the SOC used in analysis
- AEBDSYCD
 - Body system code



Impact

1. Additional Variables in AE

- Low impact
- The majority of the added variables were previously included in SUPPAE
- Difference between ‘Primary System Organ Class’ and ‘System Organ Class’ used for the analysis

Impact

2. Additional Value 'DEATH' in DS.DSTERM/DSDECOD

- Low impact
- Most sponsors are already using this rule
- Value may be derived from:
 - Death report
 - Survival status
 - Follow up report
 - AE outcome
 - End of study status

Impact

3. Additional Variables in DM

- Medium impact
- Clear distinction between planned and actual ARM/ARMCD in their source
- Additional (complex) derivations from EX, DS, SE

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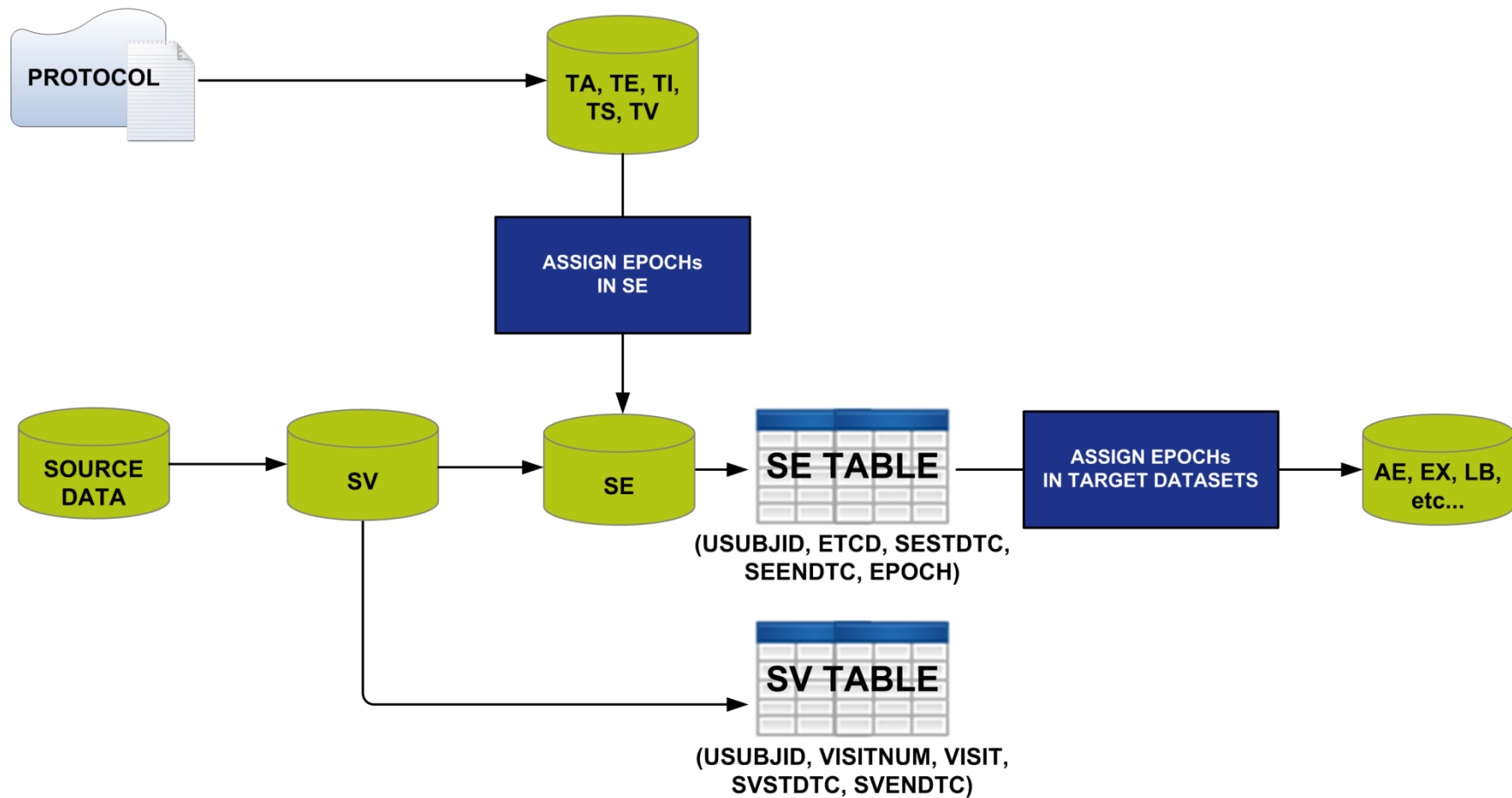
4. File Size Limitations

- Medium impact
- Contact FDA Review division, splitting may not be required
- Some additional QC steps are needed to ensure that splitting was done correctly
- Metadata in Define.xml needs to be provided for each split dataset. Includes value level metadata

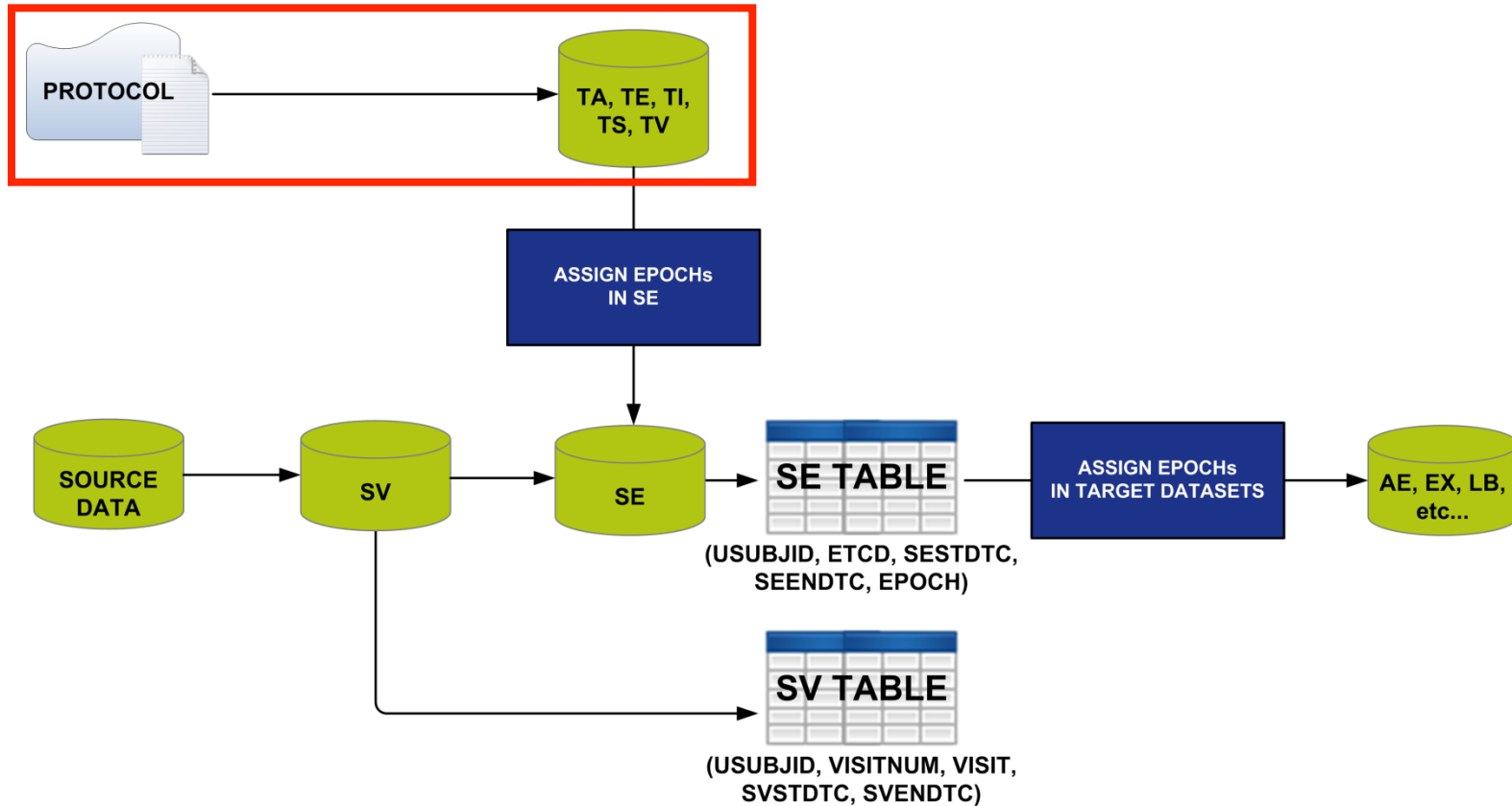
Impact

5. Additional variable EPOCH in all domains
 - High impact
 - Due to the way in which EPOCH is derived (see next slides), generating and/or updating it, is a lengthy process
 - Clear business rules for deriving EPOCHs will need to be determined at the beginning of a project

Deriving EPOCHs (1)



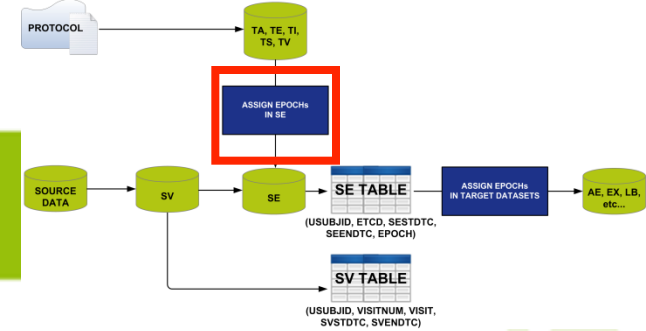
Deriving EPOCHs (2)



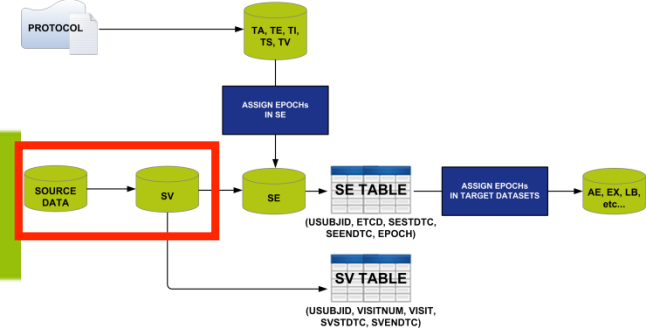
- The Trial Design domains are created based on the protocol

Deriving EPOCHs (3)

- In the TA domain, EPOCH are assigned per ELEMENT



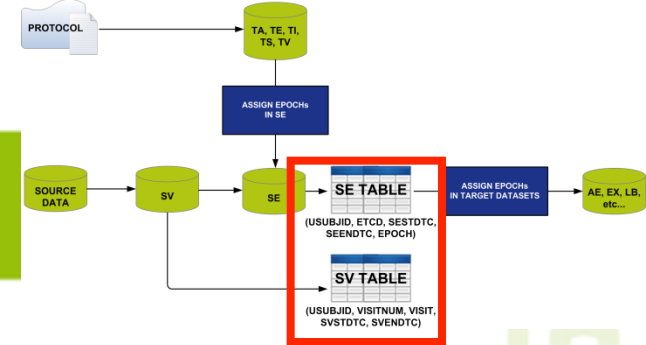
Deriving EPOCHs (4)



- The SE domain is created based on the Trial Design and the source data.

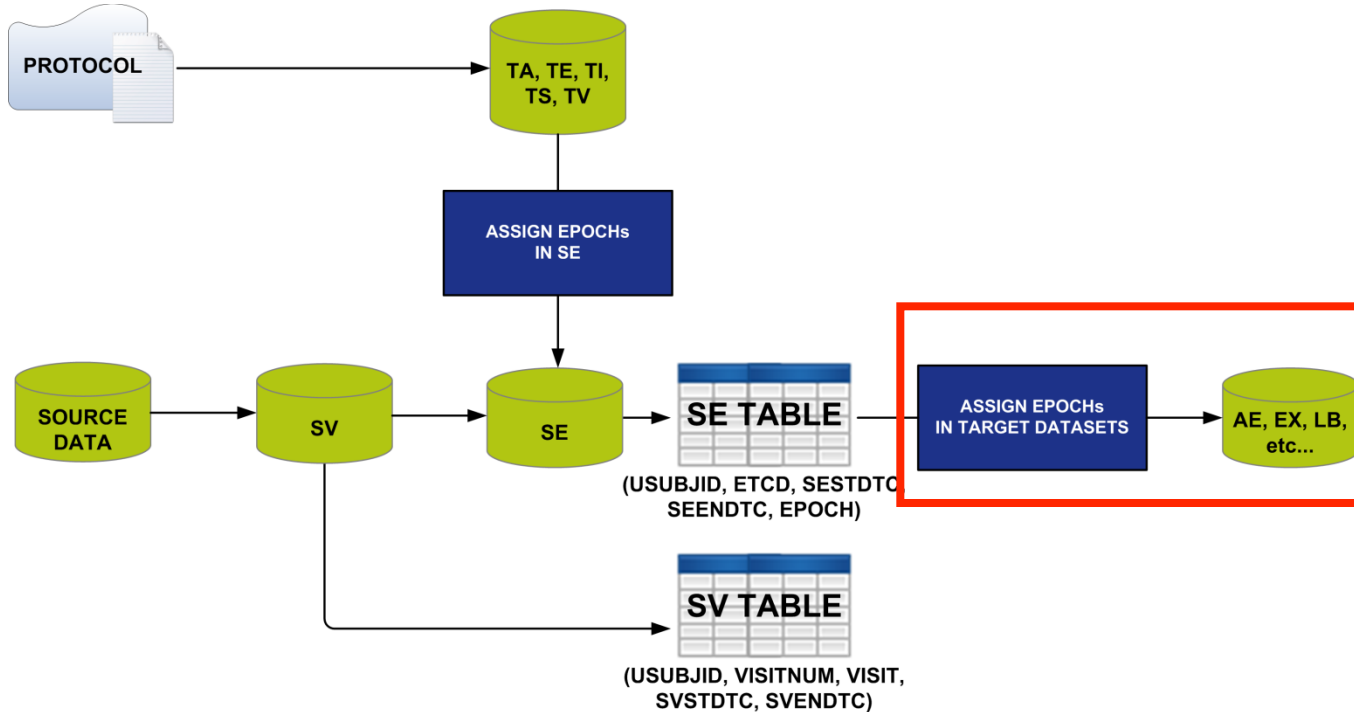


Deriving EPOCHs (5)



- Subject element start and stop are based on VISIT start and stop.
- EPOCHs are assigned to match those in TA.

Deriving EPOCHs (6)



- EPOCH in the target datasets are derived by linking the date variable to the subject element date interval.

Summary

- Adding AE variables has a minor impact.
- Additional DM variables may require complex derivations.
- Deriving EPOCHs is a lengthy and complex process.
- Clear business rules need to be established for the derivations.
- Changing these derivation rules may have a high impact on timing and resources.

Conclusion



- SDTM is for collected data

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- SDTM is analysis friendly



Thank you for your attention

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