

Involvement of Programming in Clinical Trials Disclosure on ClinicalTrials.gov - Conclusions and Outlook

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- The ClinicalTrials.gov website
- Collecting and uploading results
- Involvement of Programming
- Conclusion



- FDA Amendment Act (FDAAA) 2007
 - A “responsible party” has to register and report results of “applicable clinical trials”

- ClinicalTrials.gov “basic results” database launched in September 2008
 - Four sections
 - Participant flow
 - Baseline characteristics
 - Outcome measures
 - Statistical analyses

ClinicalTrials.gov – starting screen

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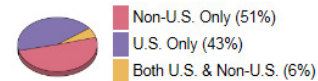
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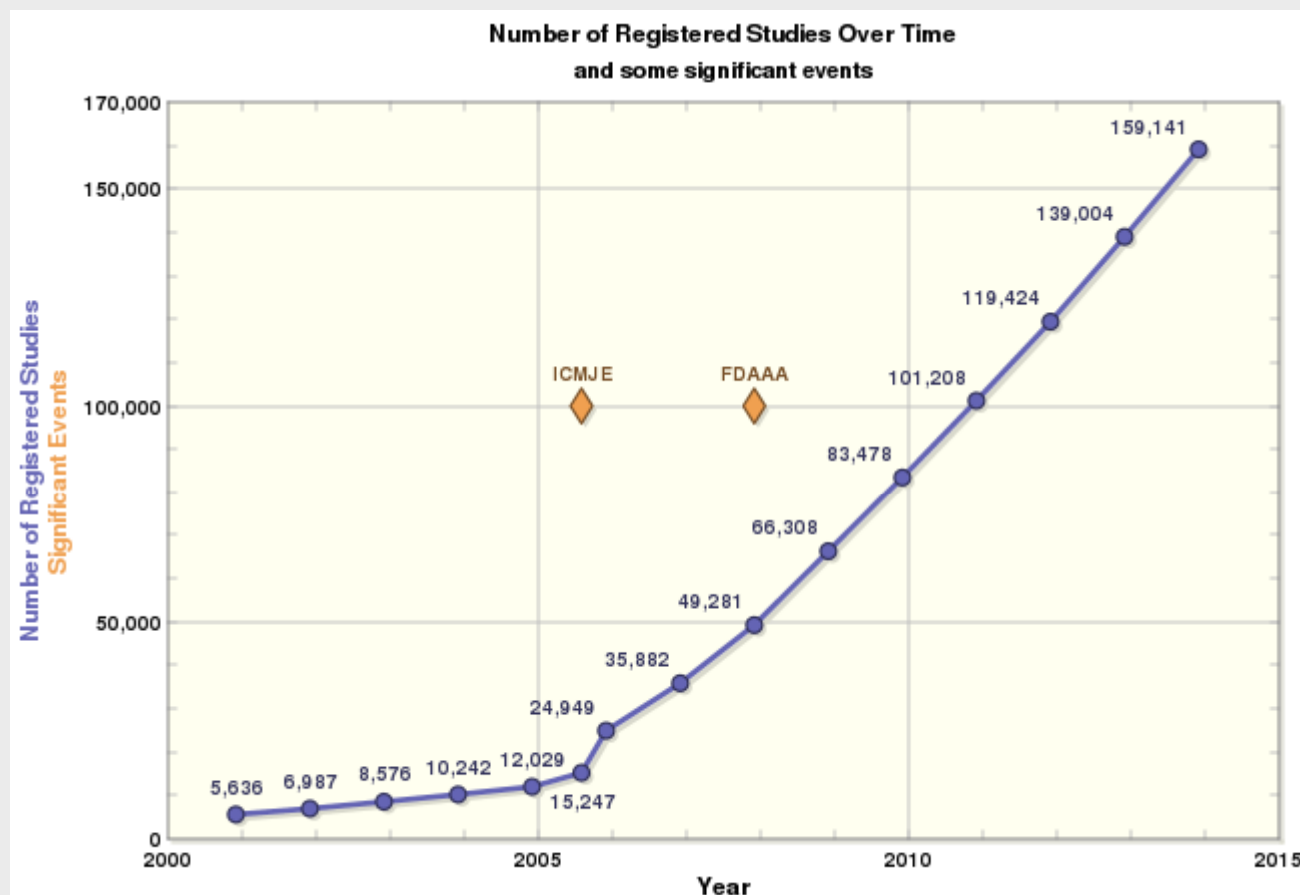
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Number of Registered Studies on CT.gov



Source: <http://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/resources/trends> (as of April 28, 2014)

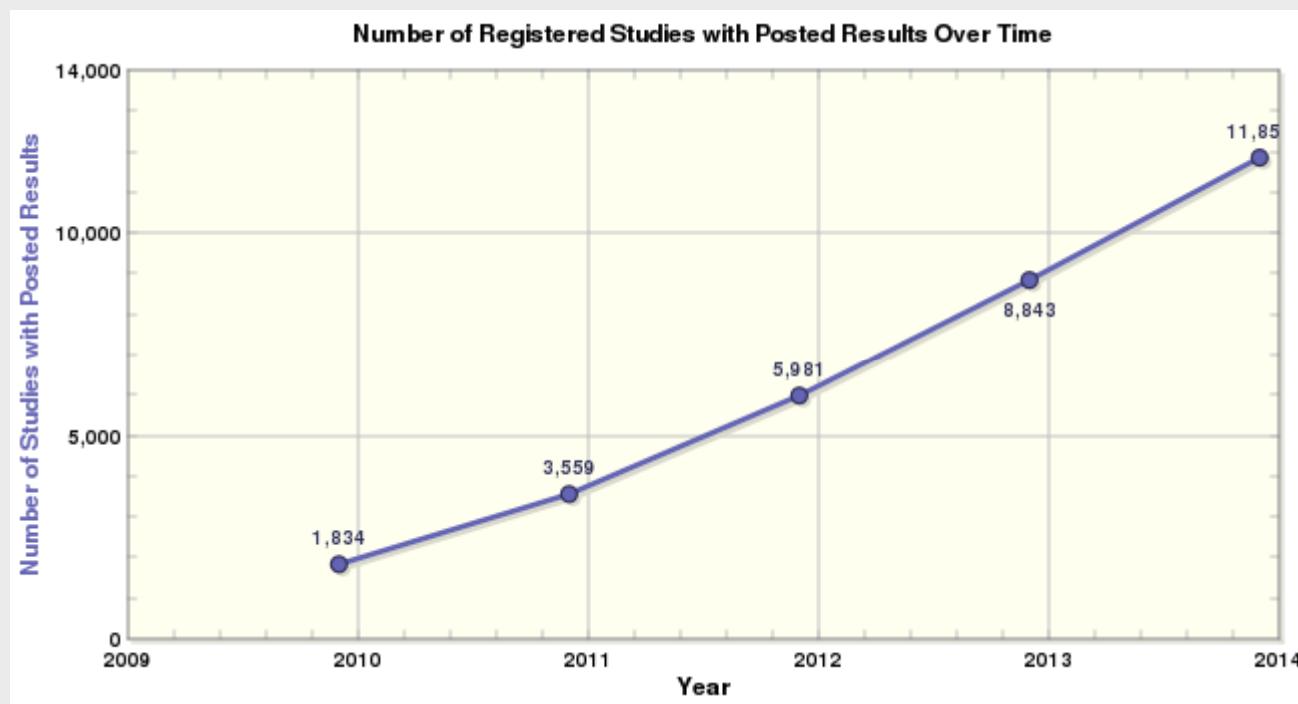
ICMJE

International Committee of Medical Journal Editors began requiring trial registration as a condition of publication (Sep 2005)

FDAAA

expanded registration requirements of FDAAA began and were implemented (Dec 2007)

Number of Studies with Results on CT.gov



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Sections of “basic results” part

1. Participant flow
 - Patients dropped out the trial
 - Number of completed and not completed for every milestone
2. Baseline measures
 - Demographic and other baseline data overall and for each arm
 - Age, gender, and user-specified measures
3. Outcome measures and statistical analyses
 - Primary and secondary outcome measures
 - Statistical analysis description and results
4. Serious and frequent adverse events
 - Serious adverse events grouped by organ system
 - Adverse events above a 5 % threshold by organ system

Columns represent “arms” or “groups”

	Arm 1	Arm 2
Measure 1	Cell	
Measure 2		
Measure 3		

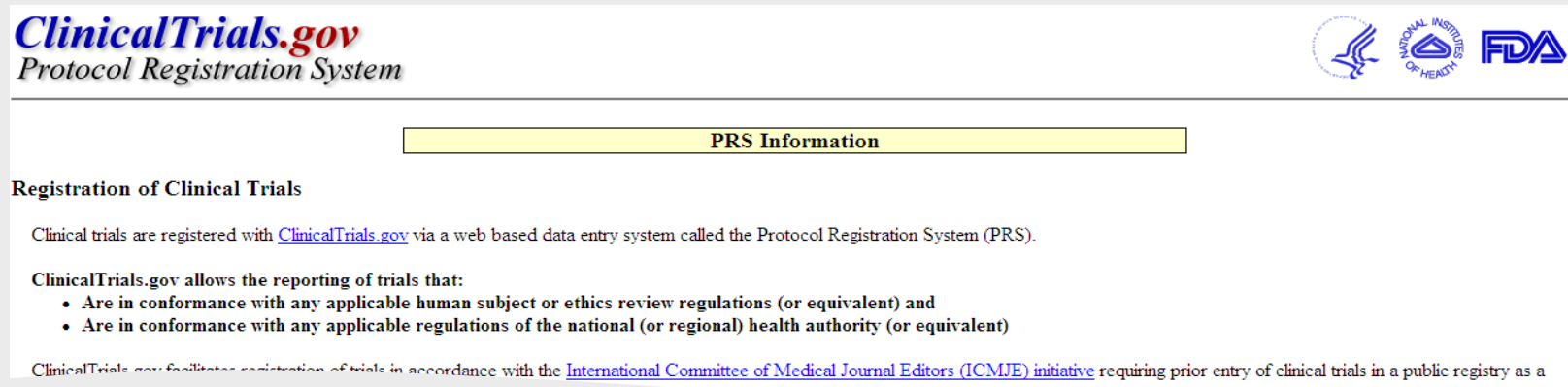
Rows represent “measures” or “categories” of a measure

A cell represents the value
(e.g., mean and standard deviation)
of a measure for an arm or group

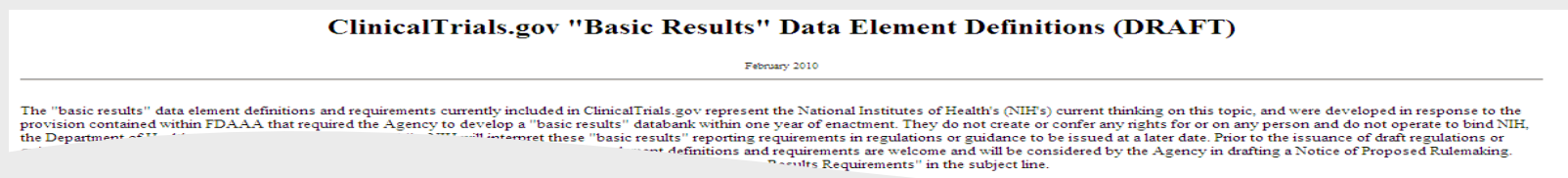
Tse T et al. Chest 2009;136:295-303

Upload to ClinicalTrials.gov

- Manual data entry via a web-based Protocol Registration System (PRS)



- Upload part of/complete results as XML file
 - Contents by data element definition
 - XML schema available

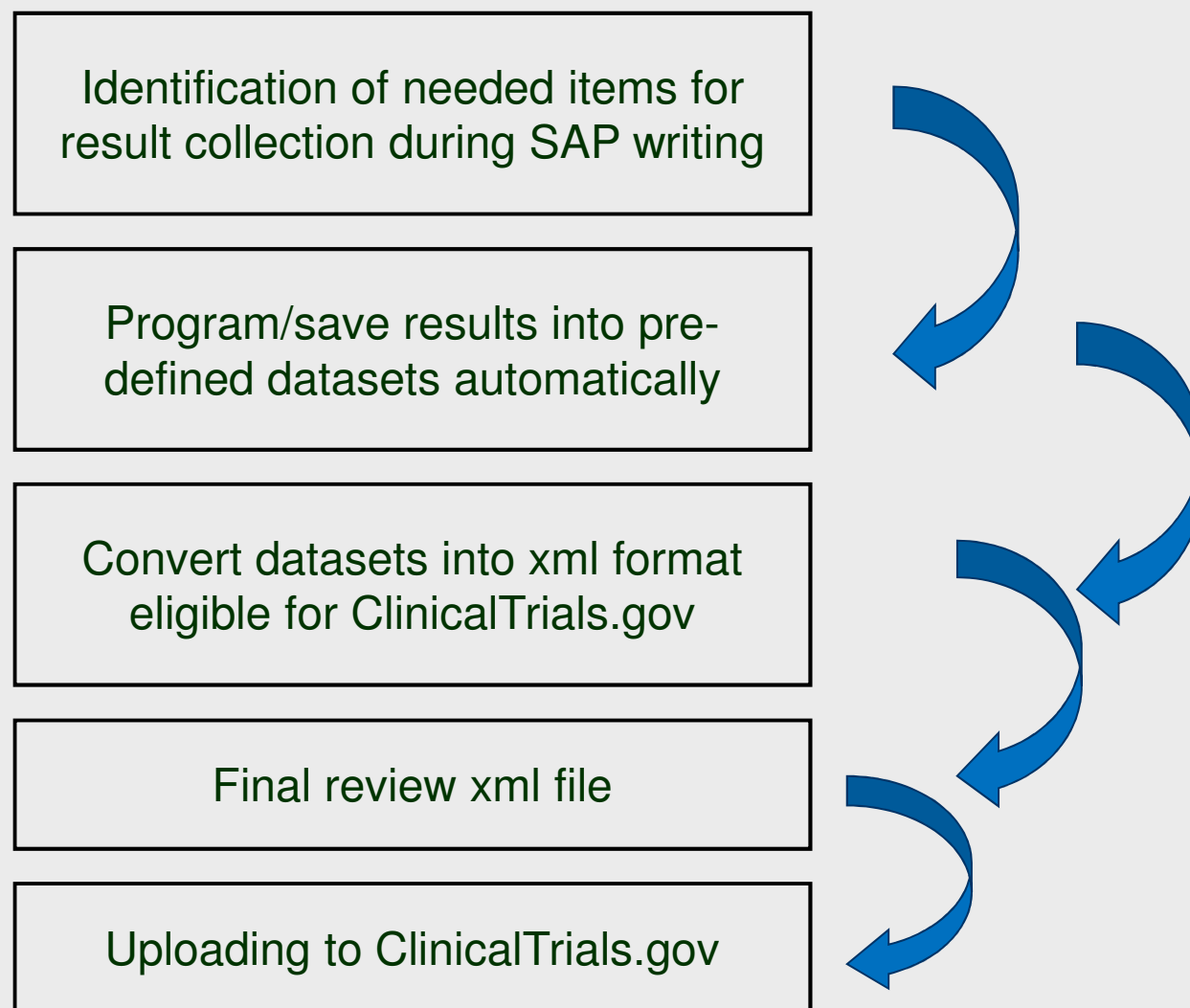


- Upload of Adverse Events frequencies as text file
 - Template text file with mandatory header information available for download
- Changes of contents and layout possible

Challenges for ClinicalTrials.gov Reporting

- Consistency of CTR results and CT.gov disclosure
- Non-standard outputs required for CT.gov disclosure (e.g., non-serious Adverse Events)
- Adherence to Timelines (1 year after LPO, 30 days after first submission)
- Consider interim analyses
- Complex (non-standard) study design or endpoint collection
- Involvement of very different functions in review and approval

Example Process Flow



Involvement of Programming – pros and cons

Specification and creation of CT.gov items for disclosure done during SAP writing and table programming for CTR

- + Process fully embedded in established processes
 - + CT.gov results available when CTR is finalized
 - + Consistency between CT.gov and CTR results
 - + Easy expandable to other results disclosure requirements in future
 - + Highly standardized process
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- Additional workload (specs and programming)
 - Different outcome formats
 - Updates to required contents and formats
 - Separate review circle for CT.gov



Conclusions

- Developing a standardized process to handle the legal requirements
- No manual data entry – very error-prone, additional validation are needed
- New process fully integrated in existing workflow for CTR creating
- Main responsibilities by Statisticians and Programmers (and ?)
- Final disclosure information prepared at same time as CTR tables are finalized

Involvement of Programming:

Minor additional workload – meet legal requirements – standardized process

