

PhUSE Single Day Event

# **Inter-organizational SEND Model in Japan: CRO-Sponsor collaboration for SEND**

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# **Matters concerning SEND**

- 1. Who is responsible for SEND?**
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## 1. Who is responsible for SEND?

SEND is...

### An Applicant (pharmaceutical)-Centered Project



## 1. Who is responsible for SEND?

SEND is not just for pharmaceuticals.

### From a CRO's perspective



**Pharmaceutical**

- Assistance to Sponsors in application preparation
  - ⇒ Providing SEND data for CRO studies
  - ⇒ Providing SEND data for non-CRO studies



Provision of SEND  
data service



**CRO**

- Promotion of SEND by collaboration with CROs
  - ⇒ Providing more extensive SEND services
  - ⇒ Offering several patterns of SEND preparation based on best practices

### 1. Who is responsible for SEND?

SEND is not just for pharmaceuticals.

#### From an IT vendor's perspective

- Develop efficient SEND conversion environments
  - ⇒ Provision of a SEND data conversion systems
  - System updates for the system users
  - Sales of SEND data conversion systems
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- Intense competition between IT vendors encourages the improvement of IT infrastructure
  - ⇒ Achieve seamless operability between systems
  - ⇒ Expansion of the automation processes (electronic formatted data)

### 1. Who is responsible for SEND?

SEND is not just for the pharmaceuticals.

From a solution provider's perspective

- Assistance for SEND data preparation (FDA submission) in all aspects
  - ⇒ Consultation for SEND data conversion
  - ⇒ Providing assistance for FDA submission as well as system selling



Keep suggesting the essence of SEND as a SEND preacher

- ⇒ Assist SEND related persons to select an optimal approach
- ⇒ Assist establishment of SEND structure for overall optimization

### 2. Purposes and expectations for SEND

#### What's expected from applicants (pharmaceuticals)

- To generate high-quality SEND datasets that will not be refused by the FDA
- To obtain up-to-date information on FDA, CDISC, PhUSE
- To minimize the workload of applicants (pharmaceuticals)
- To generate flexible SEND data (adaptable to in-house specifications)

### 3. Methods of SEND data preparation

#### Applicant (pharmaceutical)-centered SEND data preparation

- **In-house studies:**

- Option A: Use own SEND converter

- Option B: Outsource to SEND conversion service providers or primary CROs

- **CRO studies:**

- Option A: Use SEND converter owned by the sponsor

- Option B: CRO generates SEND data

- Option C: Outsource to SEND conversion service providers or primary CROs

# PhUSE Inter-organizational SEND Model

- 1. I-SEND for PhUSE**
- 2. I-SEND Scenario 1, 2 and 3**
- 3. PhUSE's perspective**
- 4. Responses to SEND in non-US countries**

## 1. I-SEND for PhUSE

I-SEND developed 3 use-case scenarios incorporating data and process flows identified through collaborative sessions among representatives from CROs, Sponsors and Informatics/Data Management Vendors.

Scenario 1:

CRO Study with SEND Dataset Fully Assembled by CRO

Scenario 2:

A CRO generating SEND datasets for a study with the Sponsor or its designee providing PK/TK data

Scenario 3:

CRO Study with SEND Dataset Fully Assembled by Sponsor

## 2. I-SEND Scenario 1

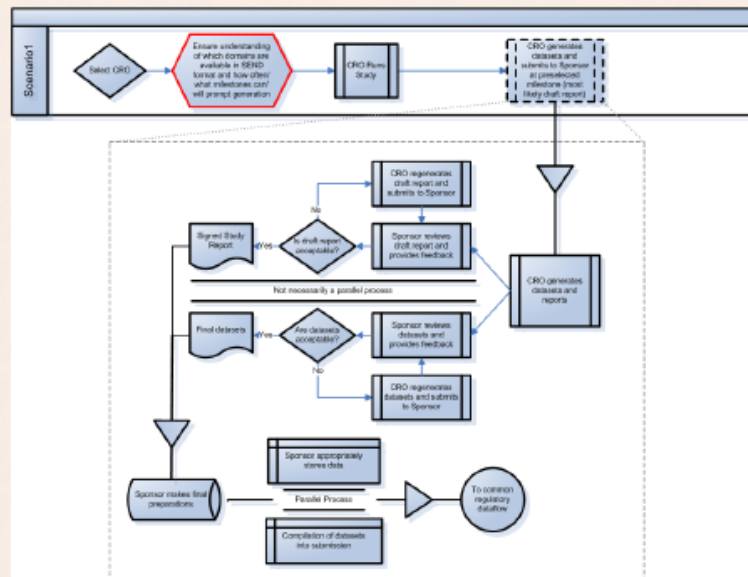
### CRO Study with SEND Dataset Fully Assembled by CRO

#### Scenario 1: CRO Study with SEND Dataset Fully Assembled by CRO

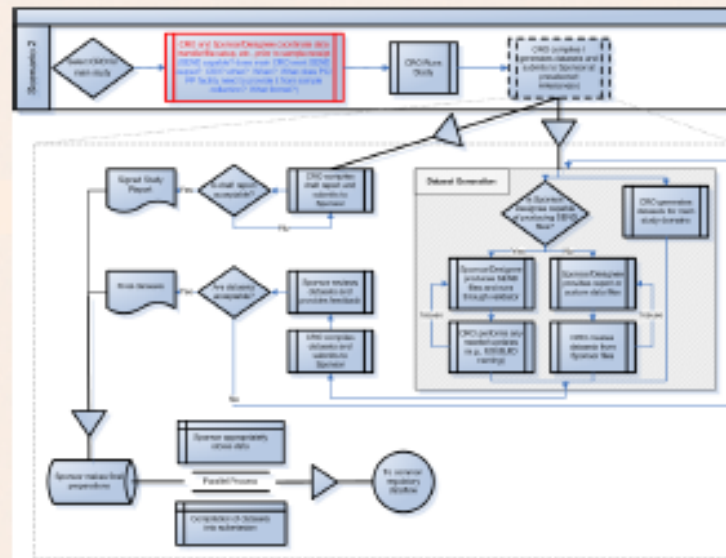
➤ A clear understanding of deliverables, limitations, milestones, and timing should be established before study initiation.

➤ Important discoveries:

- Challenges with interim data files, with incomplete data or some domains missing
- Study setup information is important to define ahead of time (e.g., TS and DM)
- Previously, a step for generation of final data sets after review was included, which does not occur in reality, as the reviewed datasets will be used
- In reality, the draft report and SEND data set flows do not always happen in parallel



A CRO generating SEND datasets for a study with the Sponsor or its designee providing PK/TK data





### 3. PhUSE's perspective

- Approaches to SEND implementation vary across organizations.
- Adoption of the use of SEND varies across primary CROs.
- Early SEND file delivery is a challenge for CROs.
- SEND file delivery is less likely to occur in parallel with draft report authoring and delivery.
- Creating SEND files from legacy data (i.e. data from previously completed studies) presents a significant resource challenge.

## 4. Responses to SEND in non-US countries

### “Responses to the Standard for Exchange of Nonclinical Data (SEND) in non-US countries”

J Toxicol Pathol. 2015 Apr;28(2):57-64. doi: Anzai T<sup>1</sup>, Kaminishi M<sup>1</sup>, Sato K<sup>1</sup>, Kaufman L<sup>2</sup>, Iwata H<sup>3</sup>, Nakae D<sup>4</sup>.

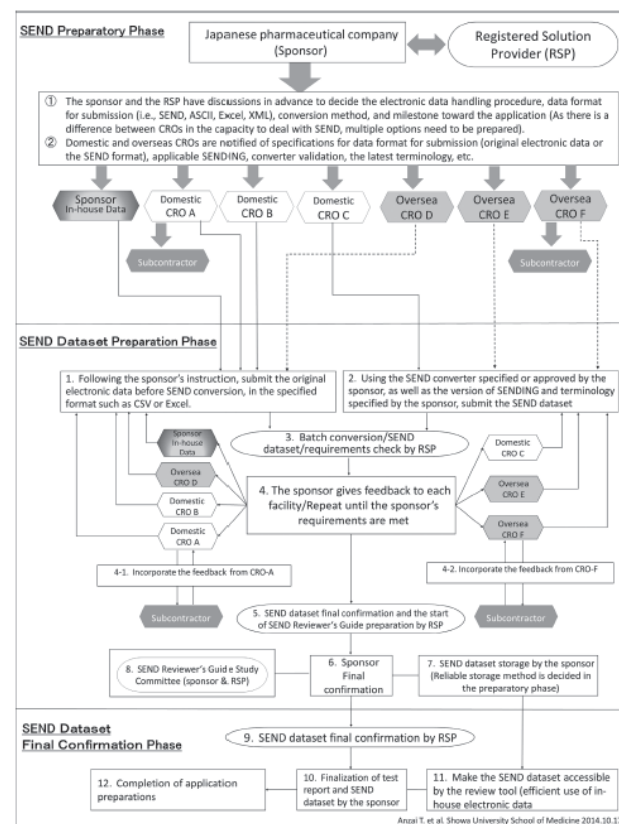
1) Showa University School of Medicine, 2) PDS Life Sciences Ltd. 3) LunaPath LLC., 4) Faculty of Applied Biosciences, Tokyo University of Agriculture

#### Trend in US (PhUSE I-SEND):

- Region-based model in which US pharmaceuticals apply to the US authority using US CROs.

#### Trend in non-US countries:

- Use more than 1 Japan-based CRO as well as CROs in multiple countries



# **Inter-organizational SEND Model in Japan**

- 1. Framework for SEND at Ina Research Inc.**
- 2. Workflow for SEND at Ina Research Inc.**
- 3. Future challenges for INA in each process**

## 1. Framework for SEND at Ina Research Inc. (INA)

### Collaboration with PDS



## 1. Framework for SEND at INA

### **Points considered at INA for establishment of SEND framework**

#### 1. Using minimum resources required

- ⇒ Minimize investment in business activities other than entrusted study implementation
- ⇒ Minimize disruptions at introduction of SEND (IT-related matters)

#### 2. Selection criteria for outsourcing companies

- ⇒ Ability to collect latest information (information management ability)
- ⇒ Extensive experience and practical accomplishment in SEND
- ⇒ GLP-conscious, highly-reliable processes

### 2. SEND workflow at INA

#### **Distinct responsibilities for SEND implementation**

- 1) Sponsor
- 2) Ina Research Inc.
- 3) Test sites
- 4) PDS

### 2. SEND workflow at INA

#### Specific work descriptions at INA



- Clarification of the contract terms and conditions, roles and deliverables
- Prior arrangements start at preparation of a study protocol
- For multi-site studies, prior discussions with the test site(s) to determine data handling procedures

### 2. SEND workflow at INA

#### Specific work descriptions at INA



- Preparation of electronic data (before conversion) in standardized formats
  - ✂ Utilize CSV export function for safety study data in LIMS
  - ✂ Manually create electronic data files for study designs, etc. based on the study protocol/final report
- Obtain electronic data in a specified format from the test sites
- It is important to retain authenticity of the original data that will be the data source for SEND conversion

### 2. SEND workflow at INA

#### Specific work descriptions at INA



#### SEND data review (QC) at INA

- SEND datasets
- Define.xml files
- Study Data Reviewer's Guide

### 2. SEND workflow at INA

#### Specific work descriptions at INA



- Finalization of SEND data
- Preparation of the SEND report
- FDA trial submission following SEND data finalization

### 3. Future challenges for INA in each process



- To develop standard deliverables from INA
- To better understand a Sponsor's requests and adapt SEND data exactly to their needs
- To re-consider the data handling procedures between INA and test sites (currently, test site(s) provide the electronic data in a specified format)



Receiving SEND dataset created by the test sites  
is under consideration

### 3. Future challenges for INA in each process



- To prepare original electronic data in standardized format for all studies
- To explore the possibility of automatic generation of original electronic data
- To find more efficient QC procedures for original electronic data
- To establish standard procedures for the generation of original electronic data (improvement of check lists)

### 3. Future challenges for INA in each process



- Implementation of efficient review (QC) by using appropriate review tools.
- To establish standard procedures for data review (improvement of check lists)
- To have flexibility in response to Sponsor's requests for Study Data Reviewer's Guide
  - Learn practical know-how on preparation of SDRG to have ability to provide it from INA.

### 3. Future challenges for INA in each process



- To establish archiving strategies (area, procedures) for SEND data and related records/documents
- To standardize the finalization procedures (timing, conditions)
- Operational improvement toward prompt finalization

# Summary

- 1. Key points for SEND implementation**
- 2. Key points for I-SEND**
- 3. Preparation for regulatory submission**

# 1. Key points for SEND implementation

## **From INA's perspective:**

- Information-gathering ability (information management ability)
- Selection of business partners (highly-reliable procedures)
- Simulation practice (SEND pilot trial)

## **From a CRO's perspective:**

- Flexible responses for SEND  
(flexibility in the company, responses to clients' requests)
- To establish highly-reliable procedures

## 2. Key points for Inter-organizational SEND

- Prior distribution of roles  
(specific responsibility assignment)
- Presentation and management of more detailed SEND specification (rules for SEND conversion)
- Prior arrangement with test sites for multi-site studies
- Clarification of finalization timing and conditions

### 3. Preparation for regulatory submission

Preparation toward SEND implementation is .....

# Proof of Concept

- There are limitations to desk-bound discussion.
- Outsource to an experienced SEND solution provider/CRO to gain not just a SEND dataset, but experience in the process itself
- Find solutions to a variety of challenges revealed through experience.

*Thank you for your attention*

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