

What You Need to Know about eProtocol

eProtocol 进展、路径、挑战和应用场景

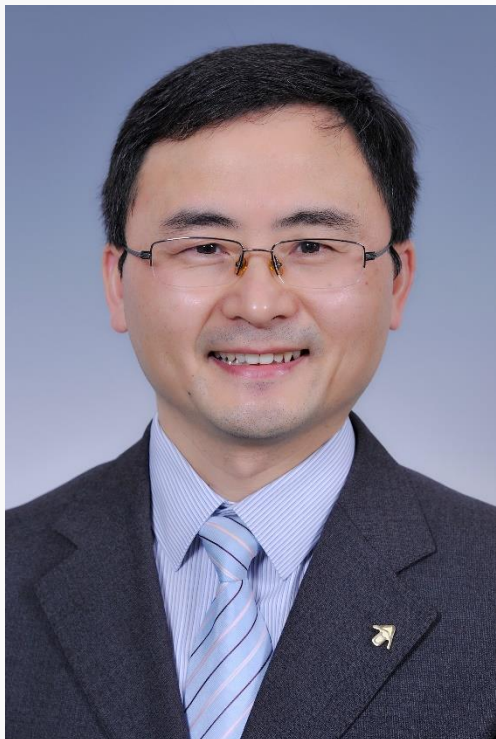
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1. 系统回顾：行业对临床研究方案（clinical protocol）进行规范化/标准化/数字化的努力，并尝试分析其策略和挑战
2. 重点介绍：ICH's **M11** (Protocol Template/Tech Spec), CDISC's Unified Study Definitions Model (**USDM**) , TCB's Digital Data Flow (**DDF**) ➔ eProtocol
3. 个人分享：e-Protocol和DDF可能的应用场景和影响

回顾1: ICH – E6 R1 (1996) to R3 (2019)

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON HARMONISATION OF TECHNICAL
REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION OF PHARMACEUTICALS FOR HUMAN
USE

ICH HARMONISED TRIPARTITE GUIDELINE

GUIDELINE FOR GOOD CLINICAL PRACTICE E6(R1)

Current Step 4 version
dated 10 June 1996

(including the Post Step 4 corrections)

This Guideline has been developed by the appropriate ICH Expert Working Group and has been subject to consultation by the regulatory parties, in accordance with the ICH Process. At Step 4 of the Process the final draft is recommended for adoption to the regulatory bodies of the European Union, Japan and USA.

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ICH – M11 (2018-now), Step 4 (2025-2026?)

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M11 Clinical electronic Structured Harmonised Protocol (CeSHarP)

✓ M11 EWG Clinical electronic Structured Harmonised Protocol (CeSHarP)

This topic was endorsed by the ICH Management Committee in November 2018. This new guideline is proposed to provide comprehensive clinical protocol organisation with standardised content, with:

- A Template which presents the format and structure of the protocol, including the table of contents, common headers, and contents;
- A Technical Specification which presents the conformance, cardinality, and other technical attributes that enable the interoperable electronic exchange of protocol content.

The Technical Specification document and Template had reached Step 2b on 27 September 2022 and entered public consultation. They have been updated by the M11 EWG following the comments received. The Technical Specification is now being submitted for a second round of public consultations, and the Template is provided as a support to the consultation.

Rapporteur: Dr. Veronica Pei (FDA, United States)

Regulatory Chair: Dr. Noemie Manent (EC, Europe)

Date of *Step 2b*: 13 March 2025

Status: *Step 3*

Public consultation dates:

ANVISA, Brazil - Deadline for comments by 28 April 2025

EC, Europe - Deadline for comments by 22 April 2025

FDA, United States - Deadline for comments by 7 July 2025

HSA, Singapore - Deadline for comments by 25 April 2025

Health Canada, Canada - Deadline for comments by 15 July 2025

MHLW/PMDA, Japan - Deadline for comments by 1 May 2025

NMPA, China - Deadline for comments by 28 April 2025

SFDA, Saudi Arabia - Deadline for comments by 21 April 2025

TFDA, Chinese Taipei - Deadline for comments by 25 April 2025

Guideline

-  M11 Draft Guideline
-  M11 Updated Template
-  M11 Updated Technical Specification

Endorsed Documents

-  M11 Concept Paper
-  M11 Business Plan
-  M11 Work Plan

WG Presentations / Trainings

-  M11 Step 2 Presentation
-  M11 Step 2 Updated Technical Specification Presentation

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2023-01-06

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关于公开征求ICH《M11：电子结构化协调的临床方案》模板文件草案意见的通知

2025-03-21

ICH《M11：电子结构化协调的临床方案》模板文件现进入第3阶段区域公开征求意见阶段。按照ICH相关章程要求，ICH的监管机构成员需收集本地区关于该文件草案的意见并反馈ICH。

M11模板文件草案的英文原文和中文译文见附件，现就指导原则内容及中文译文向社会公开征求意见。

社会各界如有相关建议，请于2025年4月10日前通过电子邮箱反馈我中心。

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附件：1.【英文】M11模板文件（草案）

2.【中文】M11模板文件（草案）

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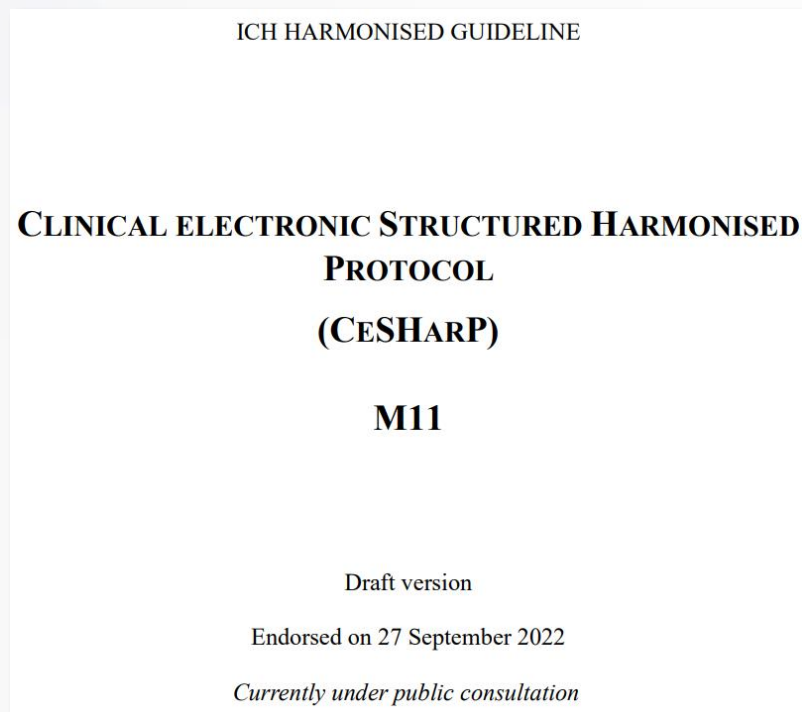
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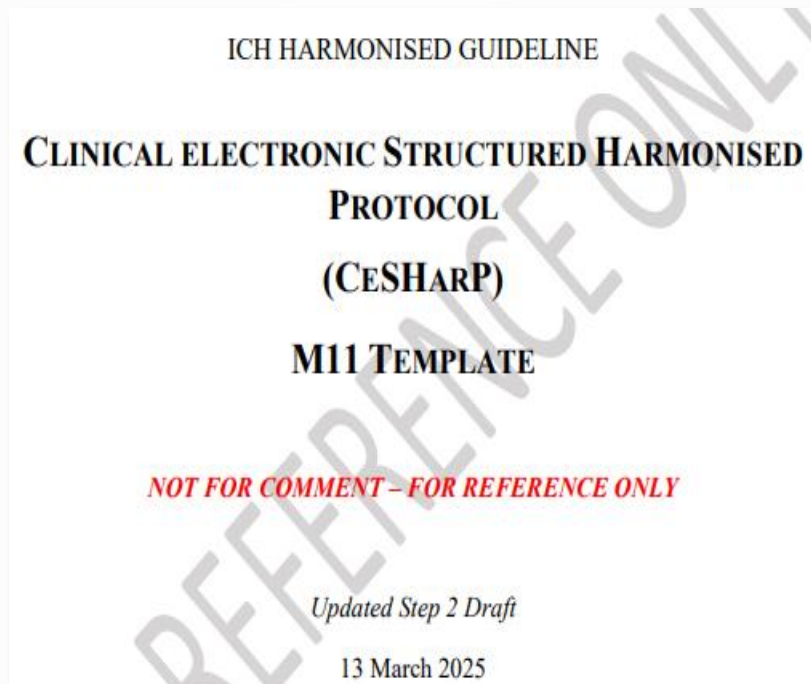
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Guideline (7pp)



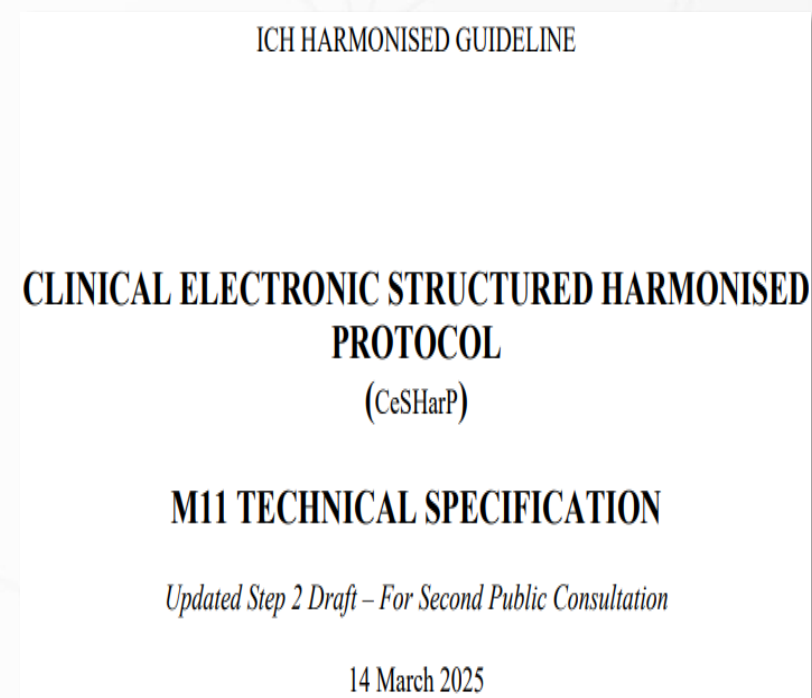
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Template (64pp)



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Tech Spec (280pp)



Provides a set of data element definitions aligned with the template specification

回顾2 – CDISC Protocol相关标准

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临床研究流程中CDISC标准运用
CDISC Standards in the Clinical Research Process



Protocol相关标准:

- SDTM.TDM (v1.0, 2004 to v2.1, 2024)
- BRIDG (v1.0, 2007 to v5.3.1, 2019)
- PRM (v1.0, 2009)
- USDM (v1.0, 2022 to v4.0, 2025)

CDISC PRM (Protocol Representation Model)

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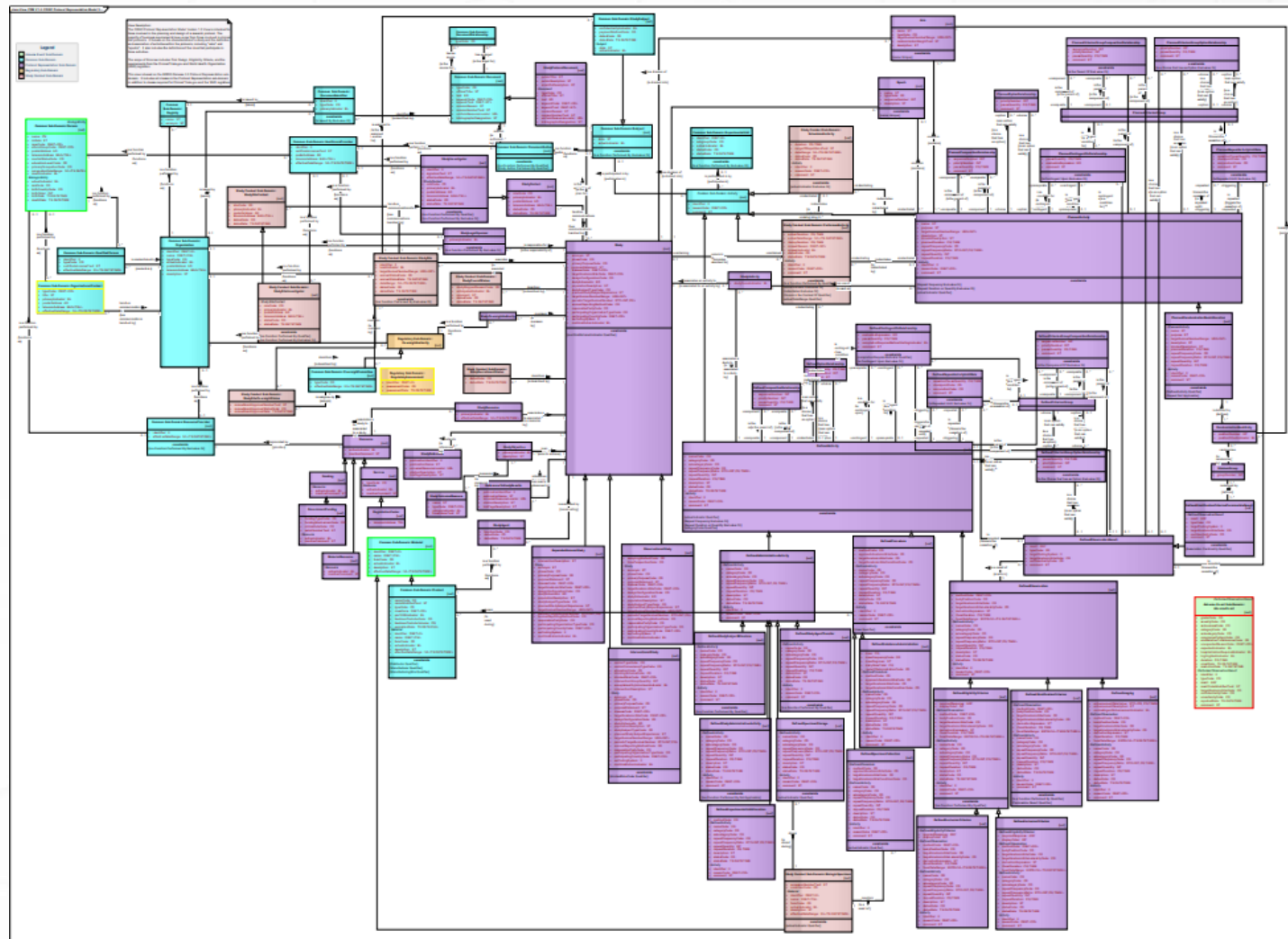


The Protocol Representation Model Version 1.0

Prepared by:
The CDISC Protocol Representation Group (PRG)

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CDISC New Strategic Goal

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*Expand and enable **standards driven automation** across the **end-to-end study information lifecycle** from study design through results*
(CDISC will expand and realize the original 360 vision)



Expand & Connect

Expand,
Connect, and
Digitalize our
Standards

Enable & Automate

Reduce
Variability,
Enable
Interoperability,
and Increase
Automation

Engage & Adopt

Focus on
Community
Needs

Deliver
Business Value

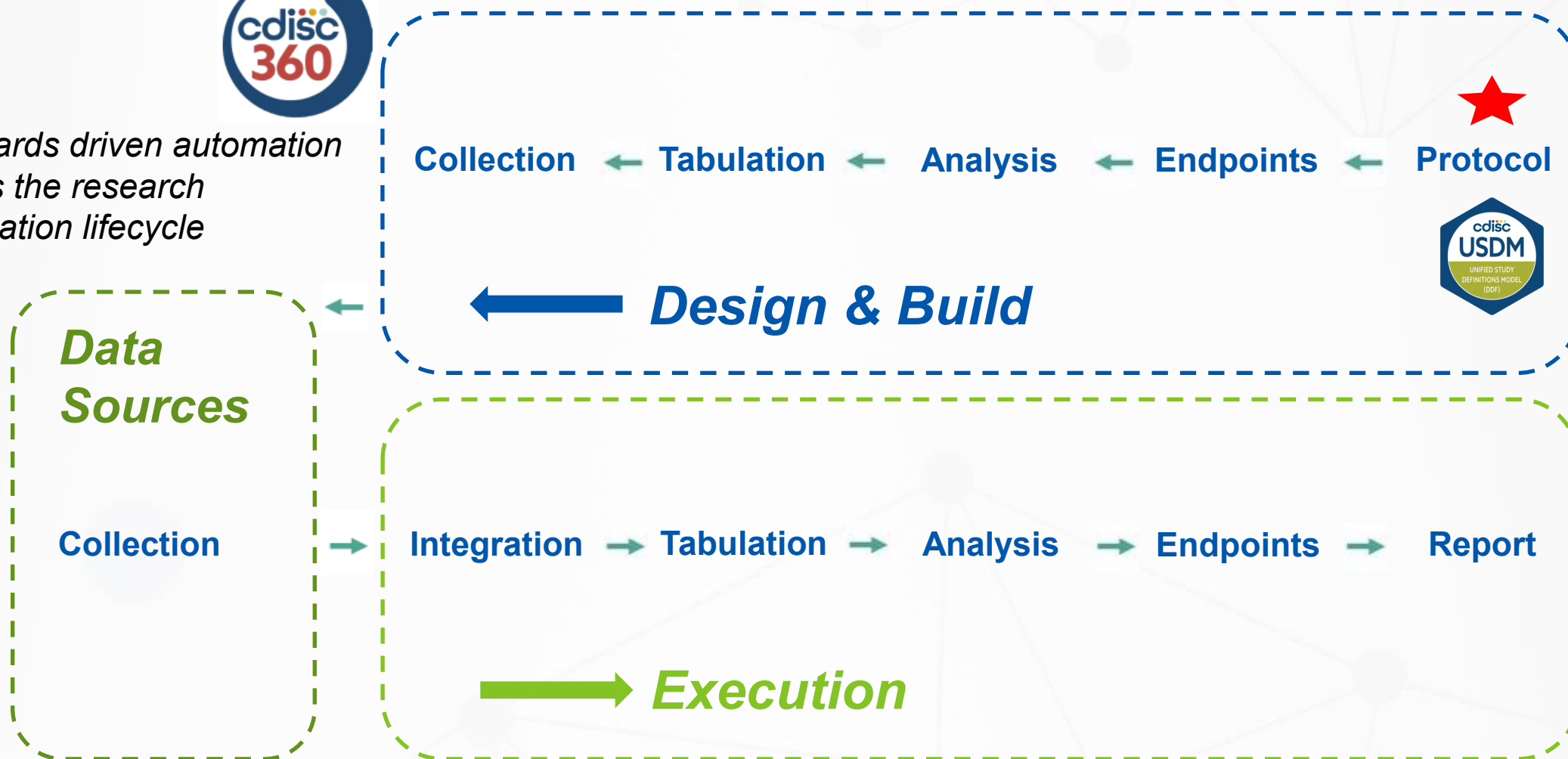
<https://www.cdisc.org/cdisc-roadmap>

End to End Study Information Lifecycle

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Standards driven automation
across the research
information lifecycle



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回顾3 – TCB: Common Protocol Template (CPT)

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Clinical Content & Reuse (CC&R)

Formerly Common Protocol Template (CPT)

Create a common template suite for clinical trial information to ease interpretation and use, enable downstream automation of clinical processes and align to industry data standards

➔ Project Life Cycle Phase:



➔ Benefits:

- Develops harmonized format and streamlined content of key clinical trial documents
- Enables content reuse to downstream documents and registries
- Enables ease of review & interpretation
- Enables end-to-end use of metadata and traceability
- Improves access to protocol information
- Increases quality of clinical development

➔ Solutions:



TransCelerate Clinical Template Suite (CTS) (2015-2024):
Basic Word Edition of the CPT(2015), SAP & CSR editions added in 2018



eCPT (2015-2024), eSAP, and eCSR (2019-2024):
Technology-enabled versions of the Clinical Template Suite.



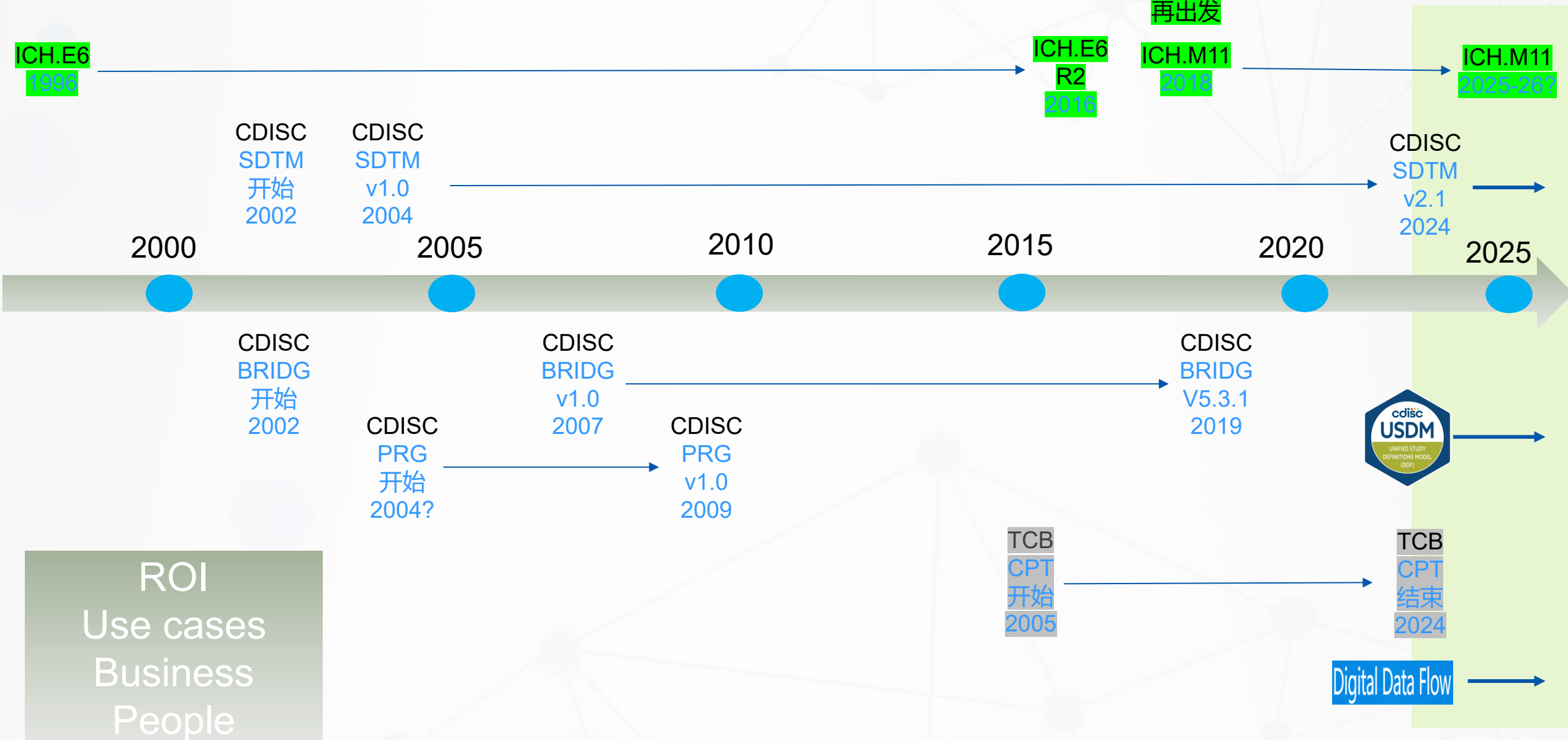
CTS Implementation Toolkit (2015-2024):
Support materials for evaluation and implementation of solutions



Innovation & Collaboration
Procedures Library White Paper (2022), SoA Point of View Blog (2024), TransCelerate/ACRO: CSR Points to Consider for Disrupted Clinical Trials (2023), Master Protocol Design Considerations (2024)

回顾总结：eProtocol - ICH, CDISC, TCB

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eProtocol – Industry Collaboration

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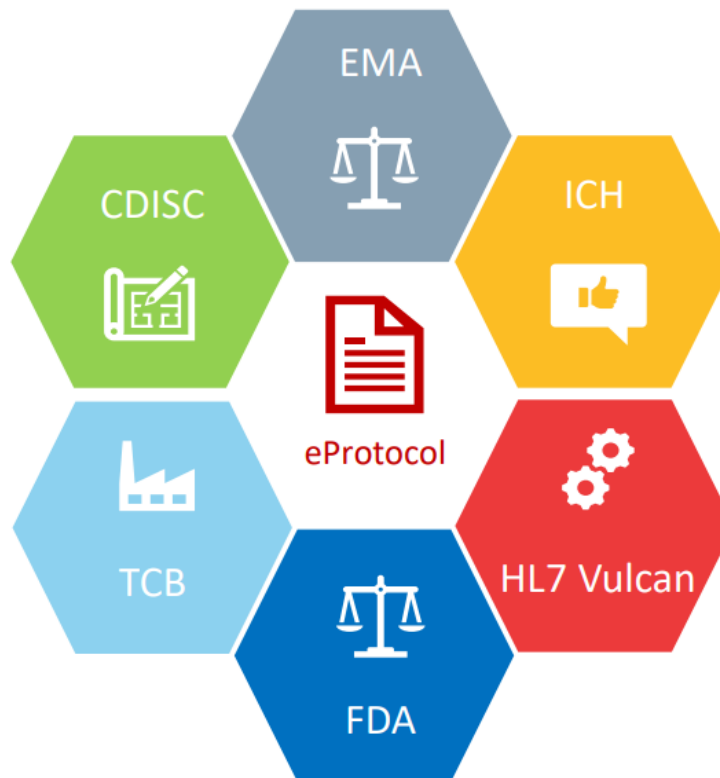
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Unified Study
Definitions Model
(USDM) Reference
Architecture

TransCelerate's
Study Definitions
Repository (SDR)

TCB Digital Data Flow 2



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ICH HARMONISED GUIDELINE

CLINICAL ELECTRONIC STRUCTURED HARMONISED
PROTOCOL
(CESHARP)

M11 TEMPLATE

Draft version
Endorsed on 27 September 2022
Currently under public consultation

At Step 2 of the ICH Process, a consensus draft text or guideline, agreed by the appropriate ICH Expert Working Group, is transmitted by the ICH Assembly to the regulatory authorities of the ICH regions for internal and external consultation, according to national or regional procedures.

PROJECT **PRISM**
A Regulatory Cloud Collaborative Initiative

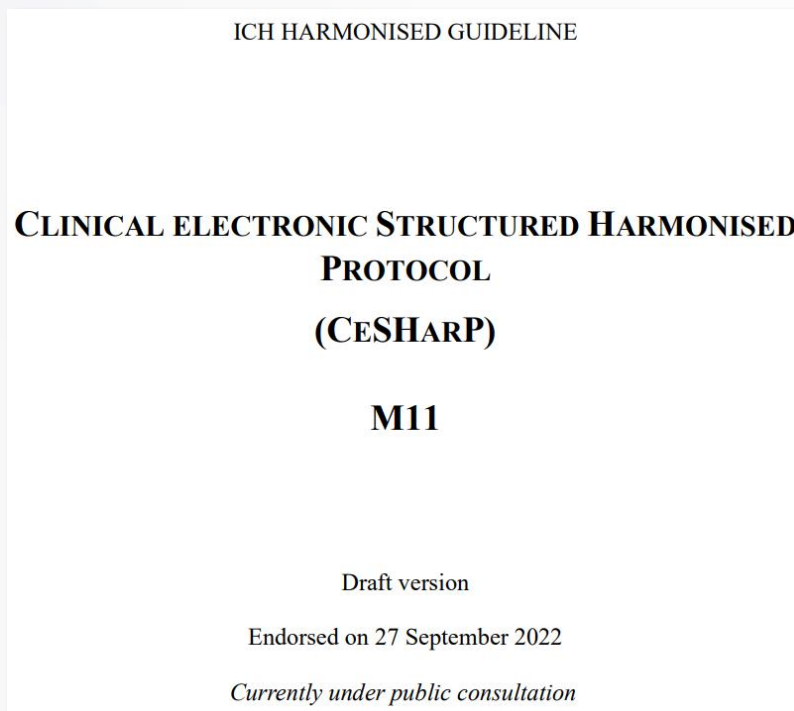


precisionFDA Regulatory Information Service Module
FDA-Industry Research Collaboration Agreement
(Public-Private Partnership)

① ICH – M11 Clinical electronic Structured Harmonised Protocol (CeSHarP)

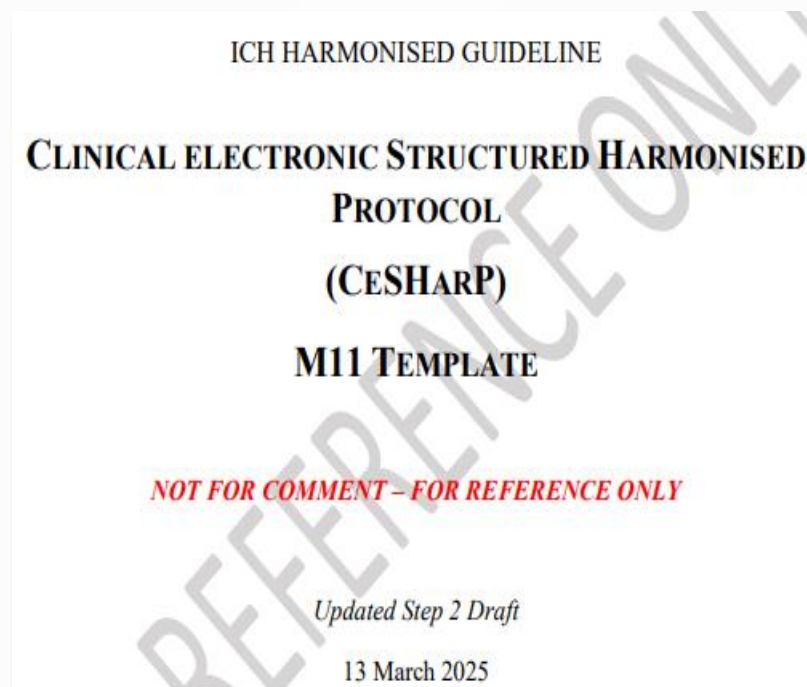
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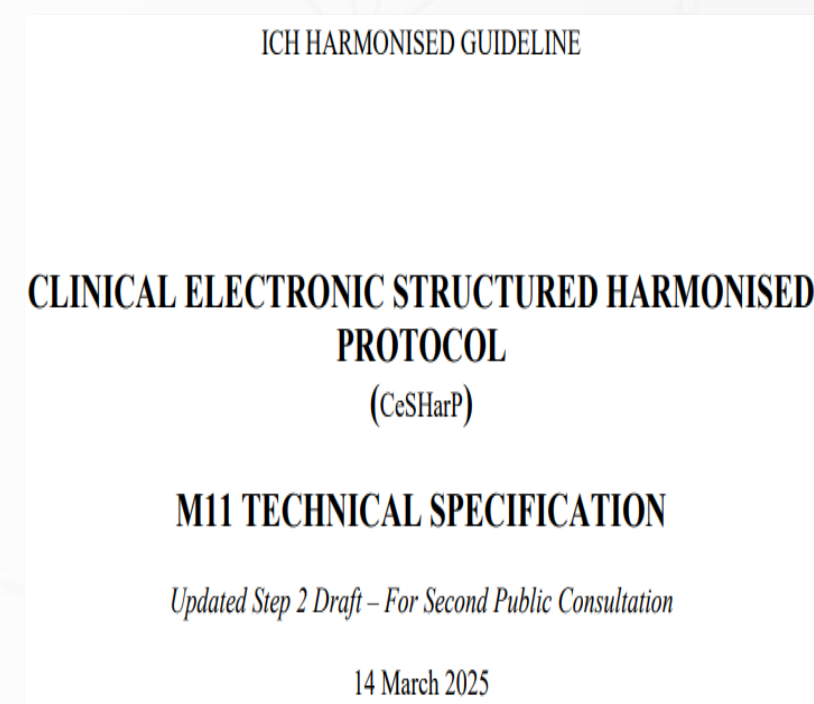
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Protocol Template – Principles

- **Build common core content**
- Serve the needs of stakeholders
- **Define content for electronic exchange**
- Design for content re-use
- Maintain flexibility

Protocol Tech Specs – Principles

- **Promote structured common core content**
- Define content specifications for electronic exchange
- **Develop a data model based on specifications**
- Focus on relevant content use and re-use
- **Use an open, non-proprietary exchange message standard**
- Maintain flexibility for technical innovation and region-specific use

ICH – M11 eProtocol TEMPLATE & Tech Spec

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6.1	Description of Trial Intervention.....

1 PROTOCOL SUMMARY

No text is intended here (header only).

1.1 Protocol Synopsis

The protocol synopsis is a short summary of the key points of the trial.

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Primary and Secondary Objectives and Endpoints

Include a copy of the Objectives/Endpoints Table including primary and secondary endpoints only from Section 3 of the protocol and follow all the same instructions. Not all trials will have a complete estimand. Do not include exploratory endpoints in the synopsis.

[Primary and Secondary Objectives and Endpoints](#)

Overall Design

Several key aspects of the trial design are summarised below.

Intervention Model:	[intervention model]	Population Type:	[population type]
Control:	[control]	Population Diagnosis or Condition:	[diagnosis or condition]
Active Comparator:	[comparator]	Population Age:	Minimum: [minimum age] – Maximum: [maximum age]
Trial Intervention Assignment Method:	[intervention assignment method]	Site Distribution:	[geographic scope]

Briefly state the following:

- Intervention model (for example, single group, parallel group, cross-over, factorial, sequential).
- Control (for example, placebo, active comparator, low dose, historical, standard of care, sham procedure, or none [uncontrolled]).
- Active comparator, if applicable; indicate N/A if not applicable.
- Trial intervention assignment method (for example, randomisation, stratification, or both). Do NOT state block size. If assignment to intervention is by randomisation, describe when randomisation occurs relative to screening.

Term (Variable)	Intervention Model
Data Type	Pick List
Topic, Value or Header	D
Definition	
User Guidance	Intervention model (for example, single group, parallel group, cross-over, factorial, sequential, other)
Conformance	Required
Cardinality	
Relationship content from ToC representing the protocol hierarchy	Protocol Summary
Relationship (reference to high level conceptual model)	
Value	Single group, parallel group, cross-over, factorial, sequential, other
Business rules	Value Allowed: Yes Relationship: n/a Concept: n/a
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Term (Variable)	Control
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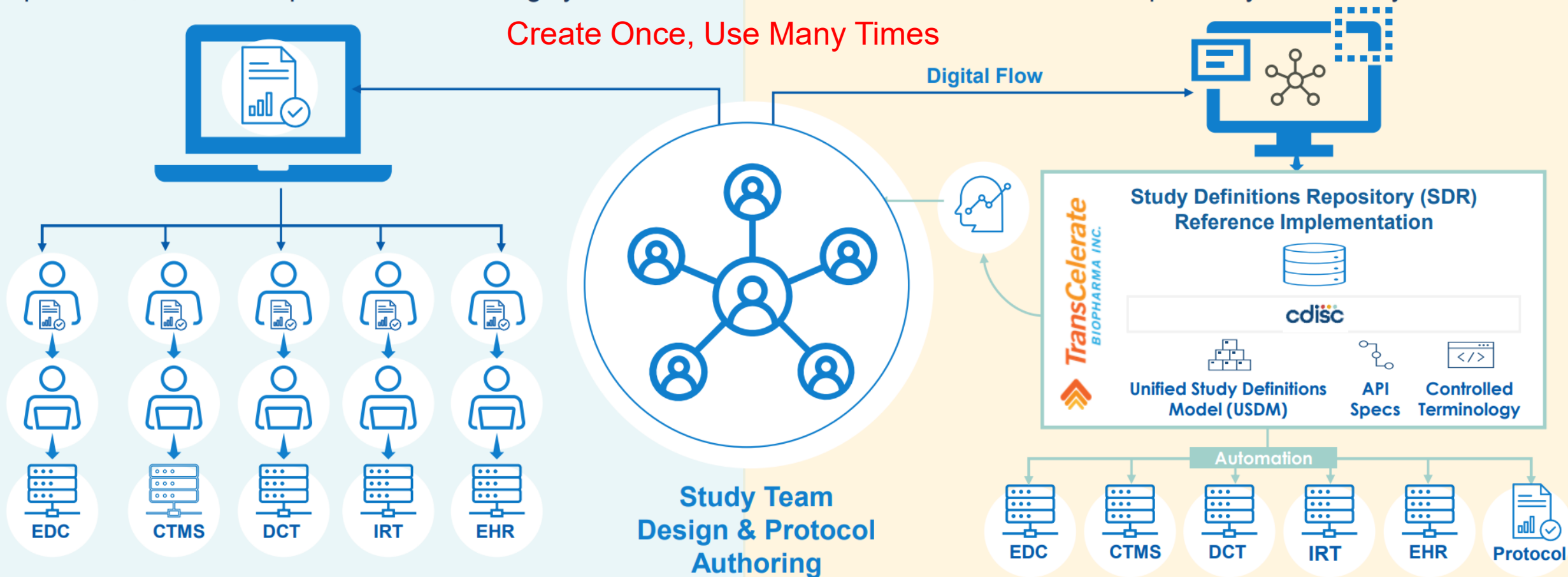
② TCB Digital Data Flow (DDF) Initiative

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TODAY: Document-based paradigm for protocol creation, interpretation, and transcription into consuming systems

TOMORROW: Digital paradigm for protocol creation, with fully automated data flow and interoperability between systems

Create Once, Use Many Times



Source: <https://www.transceleratebiopharmainc.com/assets/digital-data-flow-solutions/>

TCB DDF Initiative Three Key Principles

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Engage with critical stakeholders

- Sponsors
- Solution Providers
- CROs
- Health authorities
- Clinical study sites



Development of clinical protocol standards

- CDISC
- ICH M11
- CC&R initiative (Common Protocol Template)
- Vulcan HL7 FHIR



Encourage development of technical solutions

- Vendor-agnostic, platform-independent framework for end-to-end digitalization
- Eventual industry-led governance for long-term sustainability of DDF solutions

TCB DDF Initiative Roadmap

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Introduce clinical trial protocol standards

- Partnered with CDISC for standards development (USDM)
- USDM encapsulates all sections of a protocol allowing for the generation of an entire protocol document

Introduce reference implementation for end-to-end digitalization

- Study Definitions Repository (SDR) Reference implementation of a novel central component to manage data flow
- SDR open-source code available on a public GitHub site for use and feedback by the open-source community

Introduce mechanisms for industry adoption

- Toolkits development
- Solutions forum
- Community meetings
- Other efforts (not exhaustive)

Setup a long-term sustainable governance model for DDF

- Industry-run governance model

DDF Evolution: Phases One to Four

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		PHASE ONE July 2021 – July 2022	PHASE TWO Oct 2022 – Sep 2023	PHASE THREE July 2023– May 2024	PHASE FOUR Apr 2024– 1Q 2025
CDISC's USDM Reference Architecture	 USDM Data Model				
	 API Specification				
	 CDISC Controlled Terminology				
	 Implementation Guide				
	 Test Files				
	 Conformance CORE Rules			 POC	
TransCelerate's SDR & Implementation Support	 Study Definitions Repository (SDR)				
	 Common Protocol Template (CPT) Interface Tool – POC				
	 Implementation Architecture Scenarios Toolkit				
	 Persona Toolkits (MW, DM, IT)				
	 Cloud-agnostic SDR POC				
	 Vendor Solution Directory				

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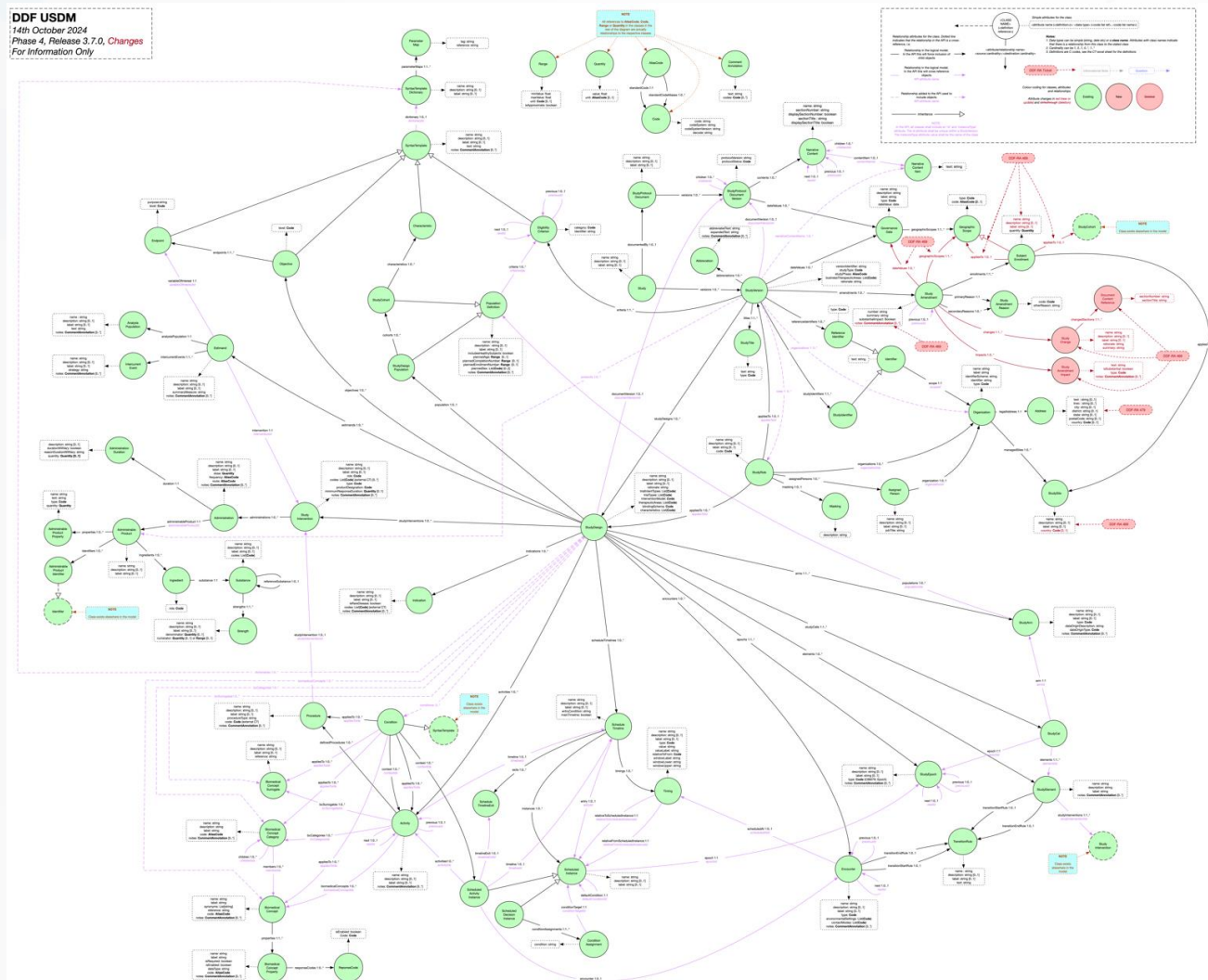
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③ CDISC - USDM Standard & DDF



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Controlled
Terms

Study, Identifiers,
Amendments

Estimands

Unstructured Content

Populations

Study Designs,
Arms, Epochs

Inclusion &
Exclusion

Interventions &
Indications

Detailed Study Logic,
Encounters

Objectives &
Endpoints

Procedures, Biomedical Concepts

Unified Study Definitions Model (USDM) Phase 4 Graphic, source: <https://github.com/cdisc-org/DDF-RA>

CDISC - USDM IG (V4.0 final, 119pp)

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Unified Study Definitions Model Implementation Guide (USDM-IG)

Version 4.0 (Final)

Prepared by the DDF Team

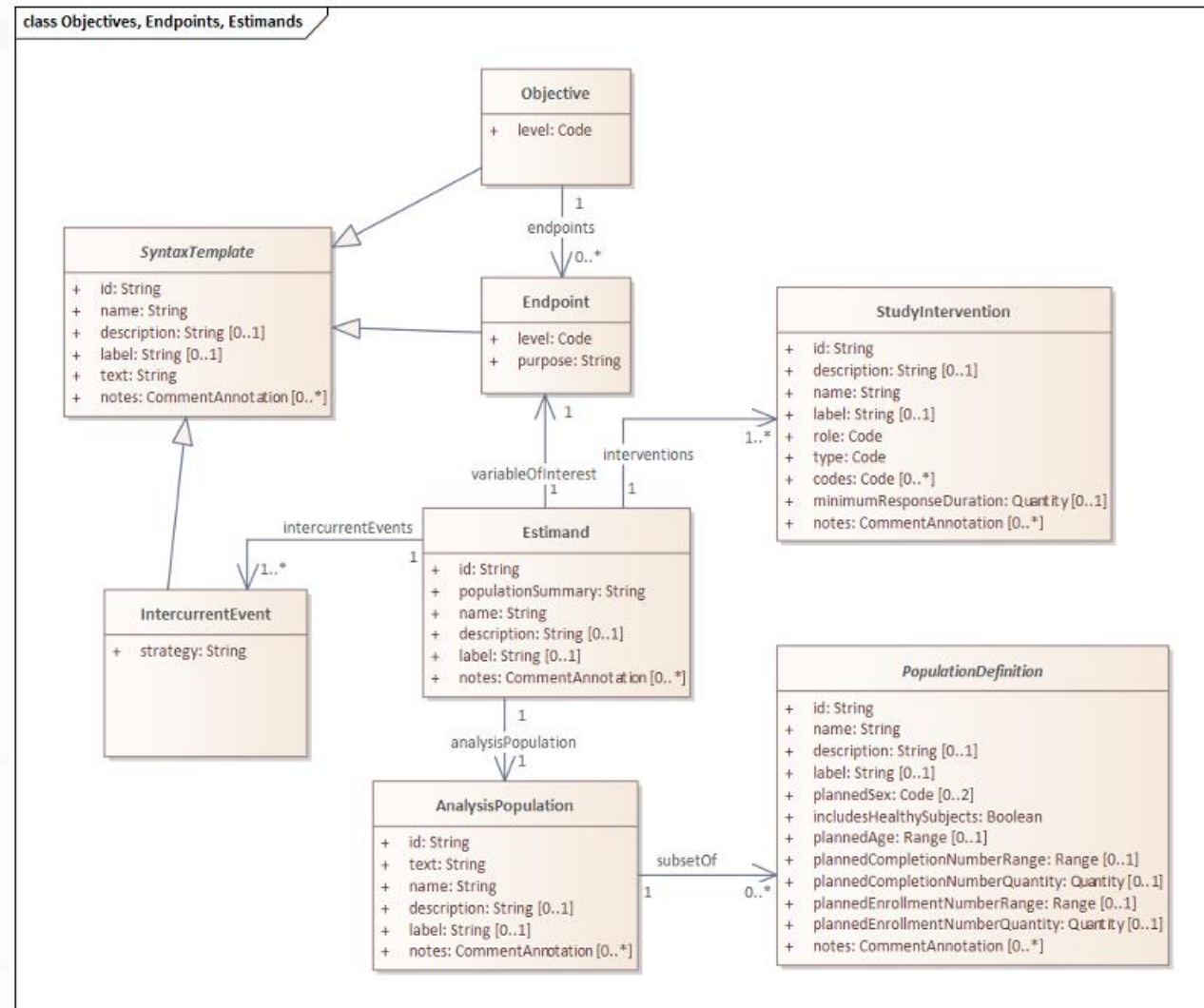
Notes to Readers

This is the final Version 4.0 of the Unified Study Definitions Model Implementation Guide (USDM-IG v4.0).

Revision History

Date	Version
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2024-04-16	3.0 Final
2023-06-07	2.0 Final
Not applicable*	1.0

*No USDM-IG was developed for USDM Version 1.0.



CDISC USDM & DDF Resources

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[Overview](#) [What is the USDM](#) [Participate](#) [Webinars](#) [Versions](#) [FAQ](#) [Contact Us](#)



Welcome to Digital Data Flow (DDF) for Clinical Trial Protocols

Digital Data Flow Initiative will help modernize clinical trials by enabling a digital workflow with protocol digitization. This initiative establishes a foundation for a future state of automated & dynamic readiness that can transform the drug development process.

Below are a list of the different websites sourcing specific content and resources. Depending on where you are in the journey, please feel free to explore the different websites and their information.

 CDISC DDF Website <i>You are here!</i> Learn about and access the Unified Study Definitions Model (USDM) Reference Architecture supporting Digital Protocol Data Standards	 DDF Website As the main website for the DDF initiative, learn and access all resources for DDF solutions	 DDF GitHub Repos Learn about a technical Reference Implementation of the USDM, the Study Definitions Repository (SDR), and access the supporting codebase	 TransCelerate DDF Initiative Solutions Learn about DDF Initiative background and roadmap
Target Audience: All those interested in data standards	Target Audience: All those interested in implementing DDF Solutions	Target Audience: All those interested in SDR development	Target Audience: All those generally interested in TransCelerate initiatives

<https://www.cdisc.org/ddf>

DDF Use Cases

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From machine actionable Protocol authoring to automation of downstream connectivity



Protocol development to approval

Connectivity to downstream systems

Use cases to improve study design and analytics

Predictive model -
likelihood of
Amendments

Ingestion and mining
of retrospective
protocol data

Compute protocol
complexity, site
burden, etc

Optimizing Inclusion /
Exclusion Criteria

Determine study feasibility
including subject
recruitment

Use cases to automate downstream processes and enable E2E traceability

Setup of data
capture systems

Generation of SDTM
Trial Design datasets

Provision of study
information to a
Clinical Trial Registry

Publishing Protocol Data
into different document
templates/views

Update CTMS, TMF, and
other downstream
systems



"As a medical writer, the digitalization of data flows enables me to work faster with my team on one dedicated system, accessing study content in a single digital study design system.



"As a data manager, the digitalization of end-to-end processes from study design to EDC generates structured data that can be leveraged to track outcomes and progress made.



"As a technical expert, the digitalization of data flows reduces tedious manual work freeing up time for more complex projects that cannot be automated (value-added activities focus).

- Protocol Authoring (incl. ICH M11)
Tools for protocol authoring, review, analysis etc
- Clinical trial registries (ct.gov, CDE临床试验注册平台)
- EDC/IRT
- CTMS/TMF
- SDTM.TDM
- Define.XML
- ...

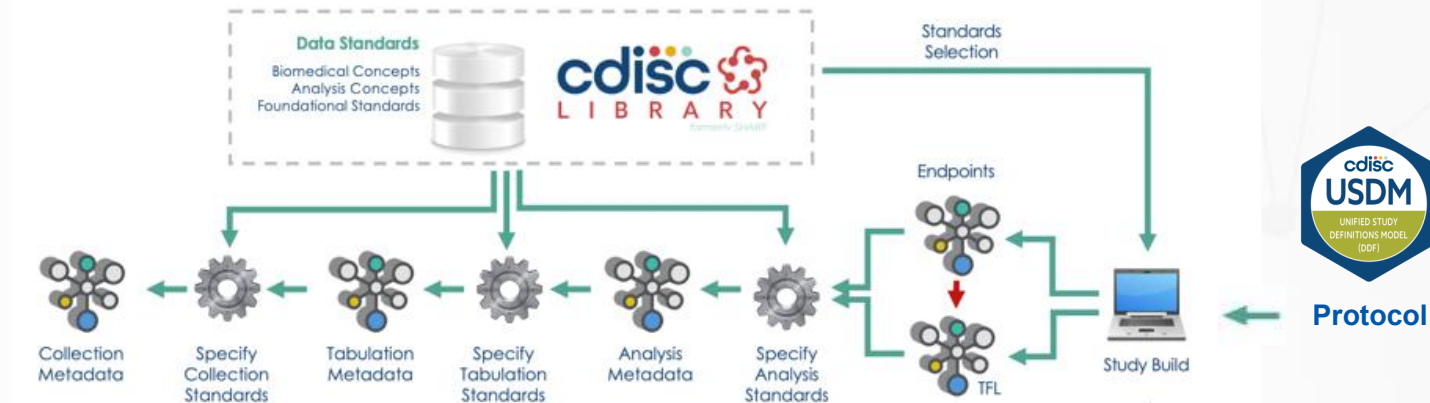
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Use cases
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CDISC E2E Standards Driven Automation

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Expand and enable standards driven automation across the end-to-end study information lifecycle from study design through results



← **Design & Build**

Data Sources



→ **Execution**

Summary – Key Messages

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1. Learn hard and think hard - how to put it into business
2. Use cases – need strong evidence for implementation
3. ROI
4. Data – Tools – AI
5. China

1. **ICH** E6 (GCP), M11 (eProtocol) <https://www.ich.org/page/ich-guidelines>
2. **CDISC** SDTM.TDM, BRIDG, PRM, USDM <https://www.cdisc.org/ddf>
3. **TCB** CPT, DDF <https://www.transceleratebiopharmainc.com/initiatives/digital-data-flow/>
4. **HL7** Vulcan.FHIR <https://www.hl7vulcan.org/>
5. **US FDA** Project PRISM <https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/office-digital-transformation/precisionfda>

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