

EMA Data Standardisation Strategy Stakeholder Workshop (EFPIA/EuropaBio)

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Data Standardisation: Common Data Model (CDM)

Interconnectivity between Different Networks and Data Sources

★ Standardised Data Structure

- Alignment with **regional/international** efforts for a mutually agreed upon CDM Framework leveraging open-source, consensus-based standards (interoperability)
 - ❖ Universal query and aggregation of results across a formal CDM network
 - ❖ Promote global research and analysis across a distributed network
 - ❖ Critical for robust data quality and reliability
 - Requirements for **regulatory acceptability/regulatory grade**
 - Data quality and sources from **regulatory**, **HTAs**, and **payer** perspectives

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- ★ Internationally accepted data standards (CDISC-SDTM, HL7 FHIR, ISO IDMP, others)
 - **ADOPT/ADAPT**: Avoid developing custom-made/siloed standards
 - **Avoid duplication** across **regulatory authorities** and **standards development organisations**
- ★ Leverage data standards recommendations from relevant international organisations
Ex: International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities (e.g., [Track & Trace Systems](#) for Interoperability)
 - **General Implementation Considerations**
 - ❖ Utilise compatible open standards for traceability data
 - **ISO IDMP**: Technical enabler to support interoperability for traceability data
 - Falsified medicines, batch recalls, PV, drug shortages

Data Standardisation Use Case: Clinical Trial Harmonisation Initiatives

Clinical Trial Harmonisation Initiatives:

- ★ **ICH M11**: Clinical electronic Structured Harmonized Protocol ([CeSHarP](#))-Comprehensive clinical protocol organization with standardised content
 - Harmonised template w/ common text, data fields and terminologies for data exchange
 - Technical specification for electronic exchange of clinical protocol information
- ★ **ICH E6(R3)**: Good Clinical Practice (GCP) to include Annex for **non-traditional interventional clinical trials** & **real world data** sources
- ★ **TranCelerate** Common Protocol Template ([CPT](#)) Initiative
 - Harmonised content, structure, & format w/regulator accepted endpoint definitions via therapeutic area libraries

Data Standardisation Use Case: Real World Data/Evidence (RWD/RWE)

Requirements / Use Cases in Relation to Data Standards

★ Real World Data/Evidence

- Ensure alignment with [EMRN 2025-SFA 3.2](#), [EMA RSS 2025](#), and [EU Telematics Strategy](#)
 - ★ Inclusive **data standards governance model** for all stakeholders
- Awareness of [IMI GetReal Institute](#) Initiatives
- [IMI Project-European Health Data & Evidence Network \(EHDEN\)](#)
 - ❖ Trusted open science community built for health data research via a European federated network
 - ❖ Launched to address current challenges in generation insights and evidence from real-world clinical data

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- ★ **DARWIN EU: Leverage knowledge, expertise, standards from relevant international RWD initiatives**
 - US FDA: [Common Data Model Harmonization Project](#), [Sentinel Initiative](#)
 - Other ex-EU HA RWD/RWE initiatives

- ★ **Flexibility: Support multiple formats and stakeholder use cases**
 - Evidence generation across **regulatory**, **HTAs**, **payers**, and **healthcare** domain
 - International data standards & CDM harmonisation (e.g., DARWIN EU, FDA Sentinel)
 - ❖ Open **stakeholder network access** for analysis
 - Patients, ex-EU HAs, Industry, academia, payers, etc.

Thank You



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