



# CTIS User Personas

CTIS Training Programme

## Document Objectives

- This document maps out CTIS User Personas, which are visual models which describe different types of users of CTIS.

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## What is a CTIS User Persona?

- A visual model that is developed to **represent different user groups**.
- Describes groups of users **whose basic tasks and needs are similar**.
- Looks inside user organisations to see **'who does what'** in relation to CTIS.
- Provides **insights** into the different user groups.

CTIS User Personas describe groups of people with similar responsibilities in CTIS who may vary in the details of their job roles or responsibilities. The CTIS User Personas aim for a **'best fit'** in representing broad user groups. Please note that **User Personas are not the same as user roles in CTIS**. Rather, they represent the actual people in sponsor organisations that will have CTIS user roles.

The CTIS User Personas describe typical tasks each Persona may complete in CTIS and possible user roles they could be assigned to complete these tasks, based on user research. It must be noted that **the User Personas only describe expected typical practices in CTIS. Organisations may assign tasks and user roles in any way they wish within CTIS.**

The following CTIS User Personas have been developed.



## Member State National Competent Authorities

- [National Competent Authority Head of Unit](#)
- [National Competent Authority Coordinator](#)
- [National Competent Authority Assessor](#)
- [National Competent Authority Inspector](#)



## Member State Ethics Committees

- [Ethics Committee Coordinator](#)
- [Ethics Committee Assessor](#)



*Click on each Persona to see more detail*




“  
*I will mostly rely on my team to complete CTIS processes, while I will maintain **oversight of ongoing work** and advise on complex issues as needed.*”


**Possible user role in CTIS:**  
Viewer Part I full rights, Viewer Part II. Decision Maker-Submitter in some Member States

**My background**

- Experienced senior manager

**My technology knowledge**

Frequency of CTIS use: Infrequent, variable 

Level of familiarity with technology: Not very familiar 

	<b>My CTIS application usage</b>	<b>My work environment</b>
<b>MY USE OF CTIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Perform dedicated tasks in CTIS in some Member States, e.g. approving choice as Reporting Member State</li><li>Only use CTIS on ad-hoc basis in others, to view the details of a complex Clinical Trial Applications</li><li>Review metrics and reporting, often with the help of a team member to extract the data</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Responsible for managing the Clinical Trial Unit and reporting to NCA leadership</li><li>Many time-consuming responsibilities and tasks delegated to other managers in their team</li></ul>





“ I act as the **bridge between NCA Assessors, Sponsors and the Ethics Committee**. I am an experienced Project Manager, familiar with using IT systems. I need to know about all aspects of CTIS. ”

### Possible user role in CTIS:

Clinical Trial Coordinator, possibly Assessor Part I & Part II Submitter, Validator, Decision Maker-Submitter

### My background

- Experienced in project management/communication

### My technology knowledge

Frequency of CTIS use: Daily



Level of familiarity with technology: Very familiar



### MY USE OF CTIS

#### My CTIS application usage

- Select Reporting Member State (in some Member States done by Head of Unit)
- Coordinate responses to applications
- May assign tasks to other users
- Input information from assessors and other users (in some Member States)
- Complete validation (in some Member States)

#### My work environment

- Office environment
- Close work with NCA assessors
- Ensure timely completion of Clinical Trial assessment and supervision





“ I am a **self-directed researcher** responsible for assessing the content of the clinical trial application. I will search CTIS, view documents, and prepare my assessment. ”

**Possible user role in CTIS (if access is given):** Assessor Part I Preparer, may also be Submitter.

## My background

- Specialisation in different areas (pre-clinical, clinical etc.)

## My technology knowledge

Frequency of CTIS use: Regular



Level of familiarity with technology: Quite familiar



## MY USE OF CTIS

### My CTIS application usage

- Monitor clinical trial application review deadlines
- Search for applications and documents
- Download and review documents/data
- Prepare assessment report
- Submit assessment (limited to some users e.g. seniors)

### My work environment

- Office environment
- Core focus on deadline management, prioritisation and scientific excellence



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*I will use CTIS to **prepare inspection reports**, and to **search for data** on inspection sites.*

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**Possible user role in CTIS (if access is given):** Inspector  
Preparer or Submitter.

## My background

- Highly trained in the area of inspections

## My technology knowledge

Frequency of CTIS use: Frequent



Level of familiarity with technology: Very familiar



## MY USE OF CTIS

### My CTIS application usage

- Search for investigation sites
- View clinical trial applications and protocols
- Download documents
- Work with the Inspections module
- In some Member State, the inspector's work is done by a Coordinator

### My work environment

- Works in the office and at inspection sites
- Core activity: preparation for and conducting inspections





“ I coordinate responses from Ethics Committee Assessors, communicate with the National Competent Authority Coordinator, and ensure timely Ethics Committee contributions are made to CTIS. ”

**Possible user role in CTIS:** National Organisation Administrator, Assessor Part II Submitter

## My background

- Experienced administrator

## My technology knowledge

Frequency of CTIS use: Daily

Level of familiarity with technology: Familiar



## My CTIS application usage

- Monitor clinical trial application notifications
- Send documentation to rapporteurs/Ethics Committee members
- Upload Part II assessments to CTIS
- Monitor deadlines


MY USE OF CTIS

## My work environment

- Day-to-day management of Ethics Committee activities and deadlines
- Ensure Ethics Committee Assessors have appropriate documentation
- Upload Ethics Committee assessments to CTIS
- Office environment
- Work with secretaries with different responsibilities








**“** *I assess clinical trials for the Ethics Committee on a voluntary, part-time basis on top of my full-time job.* **”**


**Possible user role in CTIS (if access is given):** Assessor  
Part I Viewer, Assessor Part II Viewer or Preparer

**My background**

- Senior specialists in medicine, law, ethics, or laypersons

**My technology knowledge**

Frequency of CTIS use: Not expected to be regular 

Level of familiarity with technology: Quite familiar 

	<u>My CTIS application usage</u>	<u>My work environment</u>
<b>MY USE OF CTIS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Variable use &amp; access for Assessors (not yet fully determined for most Ethics Committees)</li><li>• If access to CTIS, may review some sections of Part I, for national Ethics Committees may review all sections of Part II and prepare Part II assessment</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review Clinical Trials documents and handles requests based on their area of expertise within their own working environments</li><li>• Meet with Ethics Committee on a regular basis to discuss and finalise assessments for entry into CTIS</li></ul>



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