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Feasibility Study on Applying CDISC SDTM to Post-Marketing Surveillance

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Applying SDTM to Post-Marketing Surveillance





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What is Post-Marketing Study

- Post-Marketing <u>Studies</u> in Japan are regulated by Good Post-marketing Study Practice (GPSP)
 - Phase VI Clinical Study
 - "使用成績調査" Study of real-life uses of a new drug
 -> This is the topic of my presentation.
- Study of real-life uses of a new drug
 - Approximately 3,000 subjects
 - No placebo/comparators
 - Typically a specialized EDC and/or a paper CRF are used to capture patient records



Why Applying SDTM to Post-Marketing Studies?

- Accelerate Studies and Reduce Costs
 - As fast and economy as clinical trials
 - Promote use of EDC for PMS
 - Standardize analytical datasets and programs
- Better comparison between clinical trial and PMS
 - Enhance data comparability between well-controlled clinical studies and real-life PMS
 - Enable sharing methods/resources in clinical and PMS
- Enabler of Healthcare-Link
 - Accelerate speed and improve data quality
 - Enable collecting more valuable information



Technical Approach and Considerations



Technical Architecture

- Tools
 - EDC PostMaNet
 - ETL Clinical Service Bus





Key Challenges

- How can we ensure that SDTM datasets are as reliable/trustworthy as PostMaNet source data while minimizing manual QCs on the SDTM datasets?
- To what extent can we standardize data transformation programs in order to minimize cost for SDTM transformation per protocol?
- These are universal challenges with not limited to PMS data but including clinical trials data.



Reliability and Trustworthiness – Our Understanding

- **SDTM datasets** that are relied on to perform regulated activities or those submitted to a regulatory agency are considered to be **subject to Electronic Records requirements** in the region.
- A sponsor should make a decision on the extent of the validation taking into account the impact on the reliability and trustworthiness of the records.



Reliability and Trustworthiness – Validation Approach

- Mapping Specification Document
 - Including mapping between source system to SDTM, coding conversions, derivation formula, and so forth.
- Program Design & Test
 - Needed for each transformation program (could be for each transformation rule)
- Execution Records
 - Logs may substitute if SDTM datasets are produced in a fully systematic manner
- Qualification of SDTM Datasets
 - OpenCDISC may validate conformance to SDTM, but does not qualify all mapping specifications are met.
 - Manual QC may still be needed.



Transformation Steps



Reliability and Trustworthiness – Audit Trails

- A typical audit trail record contains who, when, and what (e.g. old value/new value) information.
- What are audit trails in terms of the following SDTM transformation?
 - when {0, 1} values are converted to {M, F}
 - when the minimum Exposure Date on CRF is calculated to derive SDTM Subject Reference Start Date
 - when a field on CRF is mapped to a different SDTM variable based on its context



Reliability and Trustworthiness – Our Logging Approach

- We identified that the following information should appear in the transformation log;
 - Execution user name
 - Date/time of execution
 - Input/output file names (i.e. variable names)
 - Number of records processed
- The logs will need to be retained along with input/output data during the required record retention period.



Cost Effectiveness – Our Findings

- Many transformation programs can be reused
 - Programs at step1 & 3
 - Common patterns of transformations at step 2
- SDTM transformation tend to require ad-hoc programs thus increase the cost, when;
 - Variable names and/or codelists in the source system are inconsistent across protocols.
 - Mapping is determined by the value of data
 - SUPP-- domains are used.

* Above is only a partial list.



Summary

- SDTM can be applied to post-marketing studies similarly to clinical studies.
- Maintaining reliability/trustworthiness and increasing cost effectiveness are the two key challenges in implementing transformation.
- Validation and logging approach should be defined clearly to ensure regulatory compliance.
- Use of ad-hoc programs should be minimized to reduce costs.





Thank you for listening!

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