Issue, Project Overview, and Meeting Objectives

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Issue: Strengthening the Investigator Site Community

- Productive, experienced site investigators are a crux on the clinical trial enterprise.
- An enormous amount of time and resources are expended by clinical trial investigators, sponsors, and others, to initiate new investigators into the clinical trial process.
- The high rate of attrition by U.S. investigators and the initiation of new investigators impact site and overall trial performance.

Project Purpose

- Issue recommendations to strengthen and grow the participation of productive, experienced principal investigators.
Project Objectives

- Obtain a more thorough understanding of factors that influence investigators’ decisions to leave or remain in clinical research practice
- Facilitate an informed discussion of the challenges to and strategies for ensuring an adequate investigator workforce

Anticipated Impact

- There will be increased investigator sustainability and decreased attrition rate of experienced clinical investigators leading to increased efficiency in clinical trial start-up and conduct.
Project Methods

- Conduct structured interviews with investigators to determine barriers and possible solutions to remain in clinical research
- Survey site investigators who left the clinical trial enterprise for a landscape of issues contributing to investigator attrition – One and Dones
- Interview active investigators to identify challenges experienced and describe the strategies used to manage these challenges – Stayers/Active Investigators
- Convene multi-stakeholder meeting of experts to discuss recommendations, strategies to address the concerns identified in the interviews and survey
Products

Recommendations
Documents & Associated Tools

Manuscripts

Workshop Summaries

Conference Presentations

Extensive, continual efforts to drive adoption of recommendations and tools
- Audiences include sites, sponsors, CROs, AROs and others
Today’s Meeting Objectives

- Present findings from CTTI’s Strengthening the Investigator Site Community Project: expert interviews and survey
- Receive feedback on identified challenges experienced by investigators and strategies to overcome these challenges
- Identify essential elements necessary to strengthen and grow the community of productive, experienced site investigators
- Develop strategies and best practices to promote the growth and strengthening of the community of experienced site investigators
- Identify barriers to strategy implementation and propose solutions
THANK YOU.

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