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GCP Training Expert Meeting

Key Elements of GCP Training Programs

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Session Goal

- ▶ *The goal of this session is to identify the minimum essential elements to include in a GCP training program that are considered adequate to promote GCP and fulfill regulatory expectations.*

13 Key Elements* of GCP Training Programs

Element 1

- ▶ **Investigator qualifications and agreements:**
 - ▶ Investigator qualification (education, training, experience)
 - ▶ Demonstrate evidence of adequate training (provide up-to-date CV)
 - ▶ Awareness of and compliance with GCP and regulatory requirements
 - ▶ Investigational product familiarity
 - ▶ Allow for monitoring/auditing/inspection to enable sponsor/regulatory oversight
 - ▶ Introduce definitions of monitoring, audit and inspection
 - ▶ Use of qualified support staff
 - ▶ Document delegation of duties to appropriately qualified persons

* The Working Group reviewed the ICH E6 GCP Guidance and has identified 13 key elements of a GCP training program. Except for a few modifications, these 13 key elements are criteria that TransCelerate uses for their GCP Training Program.
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Element 2

▶ **Adequate resources:**

- ▶ Potential to recruit suitable subjects
- ▶ Sufficient time to conduct trial
- ▶ Sufficient qualified staff and adequate facilities to conduct trial
- ▶ Staff are adequately informed about protocol, IP and tasks related to the protocol

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Element 3

▶ **Medical care of trial subjects:**

- ▶ Qualified physician or dentist who is an investigator or sub-investigator should be responsible for all trial related medical decisions
- ▶ During and following the trial, the investigator/institution should ensure appropriate medical care for AEs and clinically significant lab deviations related to trial and inform subjects if medical care is needed for intercurrent illness
- ▶ Inform primary (family) physician of subject's participation in trial (after obtaining permission from the subject)
- ▶ Physician to make a reasonable effort to ascertain the reasons for subject's premature withdrawal from the trial

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Element 4

▶ **Communication with IRB/IEC:**

- ▶ Definition of IRB and IEC
- ▶ Before trial begins, obtain written, dated approval/favorable opinion for protocol and all documents provided to subjects (e.g., ICF, advertisements)
- ▶ Provide a copy of Investigator's Brochure/updated IB
- ▶ Before and during the trial, provide all documents required by IRB/IEC for review and appropriate approval/favorable opinion

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Element 5

▶ **Compliance with protocol:**

- ▶ Document the acceptance to follow protocol in a protocol signature page or contract.
- ▶ Protocol deviation process—no deviations or changes prior to sponsor and IRB/IEC approval/favorable opinion:
 - ▶ Exception: Deviation necessary to eliminate immediate hazard to trial subject. Deviation needs to be documented and rationale submitted to sponsor, IRB/IEC and regulatory authorities
 - ▶ Exception: If changes are minor logistical or administrative (e.g., contact details) then deviations are documented and explained

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Element 6

- ▶ **Investigational products:**
 - ▶ Responsibility for IP (Investigational Product) accountability and delegation of activities and supervision of an appropriately qualified person
 - ▶ Documentation of delivery, inventory, dispensation, usage, disposal or return and reconciliation of all IP and other study medication
 - ▶ Stored per requirements
 - ▶ IP usage per protocol
 - ▶ Explanation of correct use of IP to subjects and periodic check for understanding/compliance Additional Elements for consideration

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Element 7

- ▶ **Randomization procedures and unblinding:**
 - ▶ Follow the trial's randomization procedures
 - ▶ Blinded trials: Promptly document and report to sponsor any premature unblinding

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Element 8

▶ **Informed consent of trial subjects:**

- ▶ Definition of Informed Consent
- ▶ Explain the informed consent process and informed consent form (ICF):
 - ▶ IRB/IEC written approval in advance of use for written consent and other written information to be provided to subjects
 - ▶ Subject to be fully informed of all pertinent aspects of the trial prior to participation
 - ▶ The informed consent discussion and form needs to include all relevant explanations. Language used in oral and written information (ICF) should be understandable to subject or legal representative and impartial witness (where applicable)
 - ▶ Subject should have ample time to review the ICF and to ask any questions and receive answers before decision is made
 - ▶ Subject should not be unduly influenced to participate
 - ▶ ICF should be obtained/signed prior to a subject's participation in a trial (before any study procedures are performed)
 - ▶ Subject should be aware that withdrawal is possible at any time
 - ▶ Subject should not be asked to waive legal rights or release investigator or sponsor from liability for negligence
 - ▶ Written informed consent form must be updated/approved when new information is available that may be relevant to subject's consent

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Element 8 (continued)

- ▶ Informed consent of special population (vulnerable subjects)
- ▶ When a subject (e.g., minor, incapacitated) can only be enrolled with the consent of the legal representative, the subject must be informed to the level of their understanding, provide assent (where this is feasible) and personally sign and date the consent form.
 - ▶ In emergency situations where the subject and legal representative are unable to consent, enrollment requires protective measures to be described in protocol or other IRB/IEC approved documents. Subject or legal representative should be informed as soon as possible and consent to continue and other consent as appropriate.
 - ▶ If the subject/legal representative is unable to read, an impartial witness must be present during the consent discussion and sign and date the consent form.

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Element 8 (continued)

- ▶ **Informed consent documentation:**
 - ▶ The ICF should be signed and personally dated by the subject and/or the legal representative and by the person who conducted the consent.
 - ▶ A signed and dated copy of the ICF should be given to the subject or the legal representative (including any other written information provided to the subject).
 - ▶ The informed consent process should be documented in the medical record/source file (as well as documentation regarding communication of new information).
- ▶ **Informed consent in non-therapeutic trials**

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Element 9

▶ **Records and reports:**

- ▶ Definition of Source Documents: The actual documents (originals)
- ▶ Refer to or add definition of Source Data)
- ▶ Definition of Essential Documents
- ▶ The need to maintain essential documents
- ▶ Retention of essential documents
- ▶ CRFs and all required reports (written or electronic):
 - ▶ Accuracy, legibility, completeness of data
 - ▶ Data to be consistent with source data
- ▶ Corrections are dated & initialed, do not obscure original entry and explained if necessary (applies to written and electronic changes/updates). Retain records of changes and corrections
- ▶ Financial aspects documented in an agreement between sponsor and investigator/institution
- ▶ Direct access to all trial-related documents by the monitor, the auditor, the IRB/IEC or regulatory authority

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Element 10

▶ **Progress reporting:**

- ▶ Investigator submits written summaries of progress to IRB/IEC at least annually or as required
- ▶ Provide written reports to sponsor and IRB/IEC (and institution where required) of any significant changes affecting the study or increased risk to subjects
- ▶ Upon completion of trial, provide sponsor with all required reports

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Element 11

▶ **Safety reporting:**

- ▶ Adverse Event (AE) definition
- ▶ definition of Adverse Drug Reaction (ADR) and Unexpected ADR
- ▶ AE Reporting:
 - ▶ All adverse events (AE) and/or laboratory abnormalities should be reported to the sponsor within the time period defined in protocol
- ▶ Definition of a SAE; all serious adverse events (SAEs) should be reported immediately to the sponsor except for those SAEs that the protocol or other document (e.g., Investigator's Brochure) identifies as not needing immediate reporting:
 - ▶ Prompt follow up by detailed written reports
 - ▶ Subjects should be identified by unique code numbers
 - ▶ Report unexpected serious drug reactions according to regulatory and IRB/IEC requirements
 - ▶ Sponsor and IRB/IEC may need additional information for reported deaths (e.g., autopsy report)

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Element 12

- ▶ **Premature termination or suspension of trial:**
 - ▶ Responsibility to promptly inform the trial subjects and ensure appropriate therapy and follow-up. Inform regulatory authorities when required
 - ▶ Responsibility for communication of study termination or suspension of study to sponsor, IRB/IEC and institution as applicable, including a detailed written explanation

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Element 13

▶ **Final report:**

- ▶ Final report with a summary of trials and outcomes submitted to IRB/IEC and regulatory authorities as required

Additional Elements for Consideration

- ▶ **Considerations for investigator-initiated studies**
- ▶ **Considerations for social and behavioral studies**
- ▶ **Additional ethics and/or human subject protection issues**

▶ THANK YOU



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