



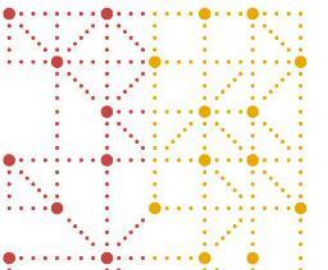
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**TMF Interoperability: The Critical Importance of  
Standard Integrations of Clinical Trial  
Management Data to Promote eTMF Health and  
Completeness**

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1. Introduction
2. Industry Drivers
3. Integration Challenges
4. Interface Best Practices
5. Information Flow Framework
6. Critical Operational Data Interconnects
7. Connectors
8. Standards
9. Next Steps

# Why Integrate?

- Data Integrity / MDM
- Efficiencies in Automation
- Duplication of Effort
- Human Error
- Trial Oversight / Silos
- Flexibility





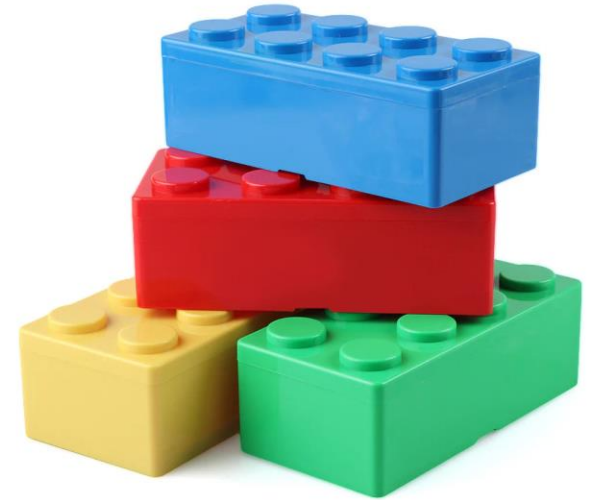


# Current Integration Problems

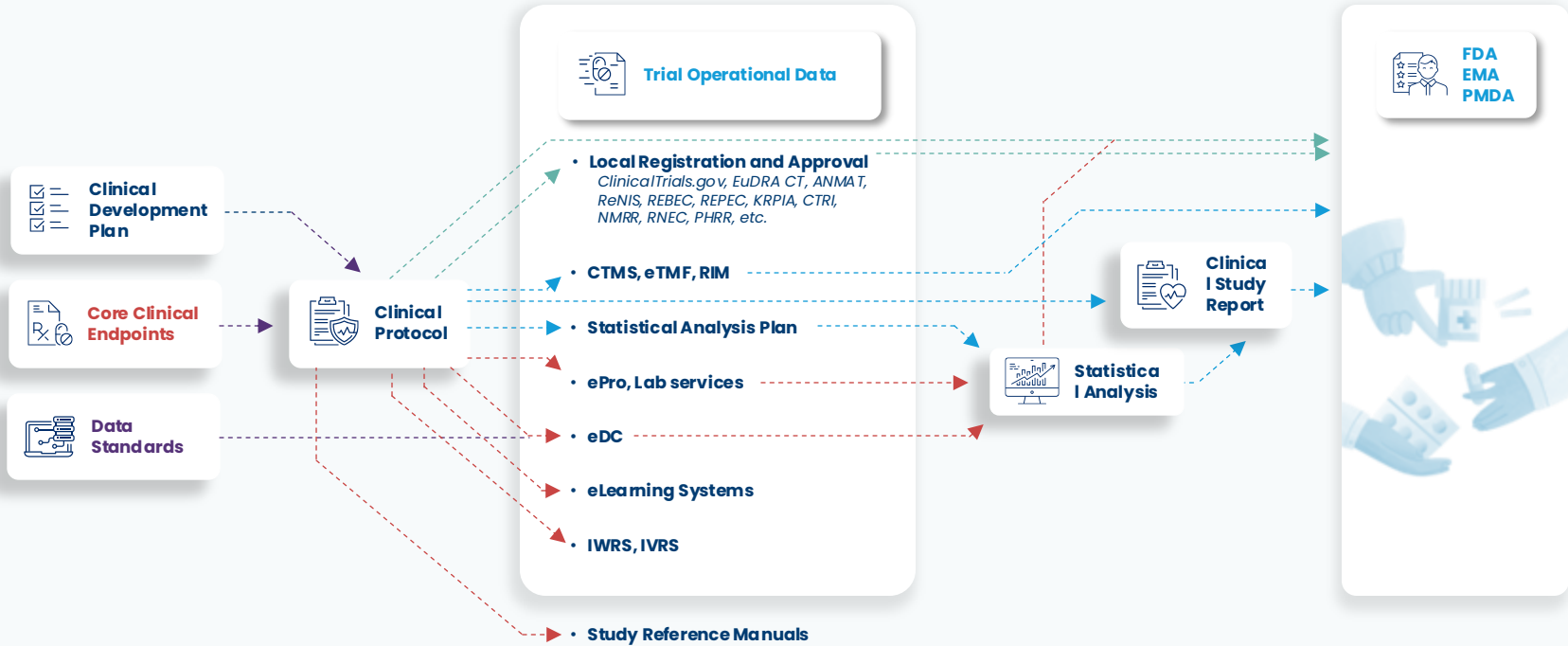
- Uncooperative Platforms
- Legacy Interfaces
- API Maintenance
- Developer Experience
- Implementation Timeframes
- Constant Updates
- Shifting Standards

# Interface Best Practice

- **Modularity:** Building with Lego blocks
- **Orchestration:** Aligning these blocks for a common goal
- **Discoverability:** Ability to find and utilize these Lego blocks
- **Autonomy:** Independent functionality of each Lego block
- **Composable:** Dynamic adjustment of calls and expected datapoints based on interface discovery, in sync with other components



# The Clinical Trial Information Flow





# System Interconnects



**Electronic Data  
Capture (EDC)**



**Clinical Trial  
Management  
System (CTMS)**



**Sites and  
Electronic  
Investigator Site  
File (eISF)**



**Learning  
Management  
System (LMS)**



**Institutional Review  
Board (IRB)**



**Electronic Trial  
Master File  
(eTMF)**



**Randomization and  
Trial Supply  
Management (RTSM)**



**Clinical Data  
Repository and  
Analytics**

# What about the TMF?

## Business Goals for eTMF:

- eTMF Health is timely and contemporaneous
- Completeness and accuracy
- Quality and inspection ready

## Ecosystem Connects:

- Sites, Organizations and Contacts
- External parties, 3<sup>rd</sup> parties, affiliates
- Business arrangements constantly shifting



Unfulfilled 304 Overdue 76  
Fulfilled 203

## Clinical Trial Awareness:

- Data flows exist between EDC, IXRS, RBQM, CTMS
- eTMF must be 'trial aware' of study milestones, visits, events, and status

## Document Data Flows:

- Clinical, Quality, RIM Document workflows can impact the eTMF
- eTMF should be aware of the data classifications



<b>1572 Form</b>	Electronic form filled out that provides investigator, site, contact, and organization data to CTMS and eTMF
<b>Delegation Log</b>	Written form that tracks site personnel changes with their delegations, used for access, training, and documentation requirements.
<b>SUSAR</b>	AE/SAE forms with fielded data is extracted into document metadata, notification workflow is initiated to capture acknowledgements from investigators and agencies are notified
<b>Informed Consent</b>	eConsent process is initiated that activates a patient account, provides remote telephony or virtual meeting to ensure comprehension and compliance, and captures an eSignature (eIC)
<b>Training Certificate &amp; Evidence</b>	Training Certificates and Logs are outputs of the Site Training program, Investigator Meetings, eLearning, coursework, and compliance activities. These must be stored in the eTMF, recorded in the CTMS, and carefully tracked.
<b>Clinical Trial Agreement</b>	Can be generated from the budgeting system and reviewed online in a collaboration space, or directly from a contracting solution
<b>Feasibility Questionnaire</b>	Fully-electronic feasibility questionnaires can provide consistent data from sites that may be captured and re-used to assist in planning and future decision-making
<b>eCRF</b>	EDC, ePRO, eCOA
<b>Protocol Deviation</b>	Electronic form that can be captured immediately into a workflow in the CTMS
<b>Note to File</b>	A Quality Management workflow, with QA signatories and approvers
<b>Subject Enrollment Log (Redact)</b>	Can be generated from the EDC and generated (if necessary) to an electronic document as evidence
<b>Site Monitoring Log</b>	Can be generated from the EDC and generated (if necessary) to an electronic document as evidence

# Digitization of Trial Documents into Fully Digital Business Workflows

# Data Systems

## ELECTRONIC DATA CAPTURE



Baseline entities and record types are sent through a standard API, ESB Event-based or sFTP integration between systems.

Often Includes:

- Studies
- Countries
- Sites
- Contacts
- Participants
- Visits
- Milestones
- Safety / PV
- Issues
- Activities

## CLINICAL TRIAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



### CTMS

Overall management of the clinical trial from investigator selection to close-out, with close management of site involvement, collected content, and archive



### Investigator Database

Basic Investigator data including core documentation



### Institution Profile

Site profile data including contact data, organizational information, delegations

# Content Systems

Studies →

Countries →

Sites →

Investigators →

Contacts →

Milestones →

Activities →

Documents →

Organizations →



### Start-Up

Collection of critical Site Start Up Documents with standard Country workflows



### Mobile

Mobile Document Collection, Mobile Site Visit Data and Reports



### Safety

Distribution of Safety Forms, Letters, and Notifications between Site, Sponsor, IRB, Country



### eISF

Site Portal and Remote Monitoring for Investigator Sites



### Training

Virtual Site and Study Team Training, Patient Training



### EDMS

Medical Writing, Sponsor/CRO Collaboration, Trial Content



### eTMF

Final Archived and indexed Clinical Trial

# EDC → CTMS → eTMF Integration Points

## Protocol Creation

- Prepare eTMF with basic information needed to provision the study (IP, protocol # etc).
- Trial Information – Product, Protocol Number, Protocol Title, Phase, Type.
- Labs and 3rd Party Vendors

Study Start

Site Start-up

Trial Conduct

Closeout

## Mid-Trial Updates

- New sites indicates new sets of docs against site milestones.
- New Investigator requires new I572, CV etc..
- Monitoring Approved visit reports and letters
- Study, Country, and Site Milestones that indicate a new document must be provided, for example protocol amendment

## Site/Country Documents

- Country / study status based on TMF milestone completion
- Countries – Where the study will be conducted
- Automatic update of clinical sites that will participate and the principal investigators, sub-investigators, and site staff who will participate

## Study Milestone Updates

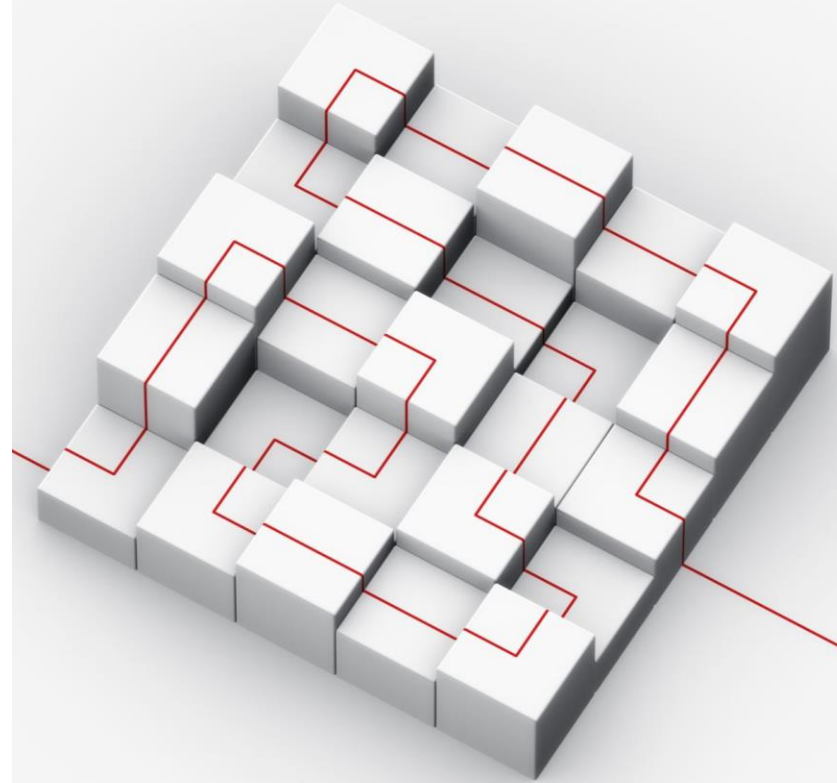
- DB Lock and Archival Milestones and Study Status that close out and archive the trial in the TMF
- Final regulatory documents archived in the TMF

## eTMF Integration Points

- Studies
- Countries
- Sites
- Investigators
- Contacts
- Participants
- Visits
- Milestones
- Safety / PV
- Issues
- Activities
- Organizations
- Events and Milestones
- Documents

# Pragmatic Solutions

- Standard Framework
- Vendor-Maintained
- Standards-Based Connections
- Configurable Data Mappings
- Re-usable and Serverless
- Flexible and Adaptable

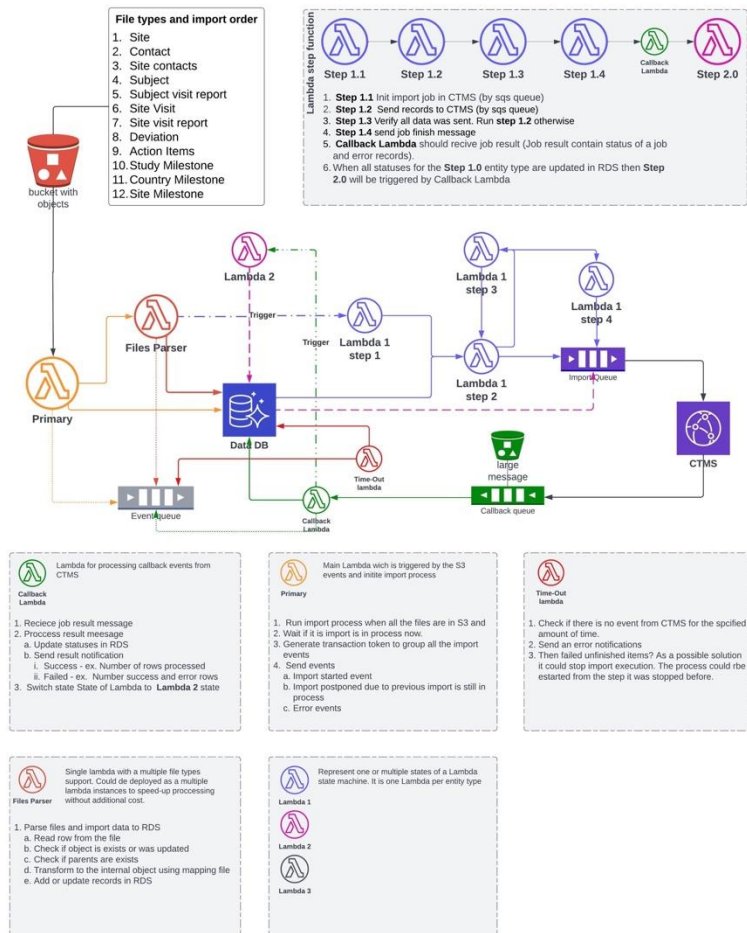




# Example Architecture

## MACH (Microservices, API-first, Cloud-native, and Headless) as a standard

- Each connector has its own mapping and set of instructions for interfacing with the 3<sup>rd</sup> party vendor
- Connectors can work with an Excel/CSV dropbox import file as well as API interface.
- Connectors are server-less processes that can operate within a secure subnet or VPC between two cloud or on-premise hosting environments.
- Each connector may be configured through a dashboard to 'come alive' on some hourly, daily, or weekly interval to synchronize data
- Connectors are verified and validated separately from the core products, allowing simpler maintenance and handling product releases seamlessly without requiring larger validation efforts.
- Connectors also include a status dashboard, logging, audit trails, configurable alerts upon failure states with a support model for consistent maintenance.



# Existing & Future Standards

- eTMF EMS
- CDISC ODM 2.0 / 3.0
- ICH M11
- HL7 FHIR



# CRISI Initiative

## Clinical Research Interoperability Standards Initiative (CRISI)

- Focus is on operational and management data exchange between core systems (EDC, CTMS, eTMF, IRB/EC, IXRS, Site Portals, and Investigative Sites).
- Focus is on a standard that pragmatically resolves study start timeframe requirements and defines the core data elements required for sharing.
- Focus is on utilizing existing data standards in a way that addresses the business challenge.
- Focus is on an open standard to avoid a hub-and-spoke model or vendor-centric model.
- Focus is on operational data and documents. (Like SMPP or IRC Protocol for SMS Messaging, not iMessage or Signal)

### 2024 Status:

- Implementation Guide in progress
- Buy-in from Sponsors, CROs, and Sites
- API and data model proof of concepts

# CRISI Initiative



- Basis is FHIR
  - Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources
  - Developed by Health Level Seven (HL7)
  - Can support:
    - Study → Research Study
    - Site → Location
    - Contact → Practitioner
    - Participant → Research Subject
    - Clinical Document → Document Reference

# CRISI Initiative

## Development Process

- Phase 1 (Q4 2024): Finalize the CRISI standard draft and submit for CDISC review.
- Phase 2 (Q2 2025): Conduct pilot implementations with selected sponsors, CROs, and sites.
- Phase 3 (Q4 2025): Collect feedback, refine the standard, and prepare for broader adoption.

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# Actions and Next Steps

- Industry should align with these new standards by focusing on the most pragmatic approaches that solve real operational business challenges.
- Vendors should consider integration as a baseline requirement for their systems, thinking beyond the boundaries of their own platforms and focusing on the problems their customers face.
- Sponsors and CROs should carefully consider how they want to integrate systems, as it's often more challenging than it appears on paper. A more composable approach can enable consistent, flexible digital interconnectivity and pragmatic integration.





**Thank You!**

