



## **Press Start: Initiating Your TMF Set-Up Adventure**

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# **Meet the Players**

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Model: AD-SRC-6

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Basic sponsor oversight combat model. Optimum TMF self-sufficiency.



## Erin Markle

Model: TMFPL-SRC-9

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Superhuman TMF intelligence and strength model. Possesses two trillion combinations of cerebral activity. Trained for an off-world TMF set-up squad.

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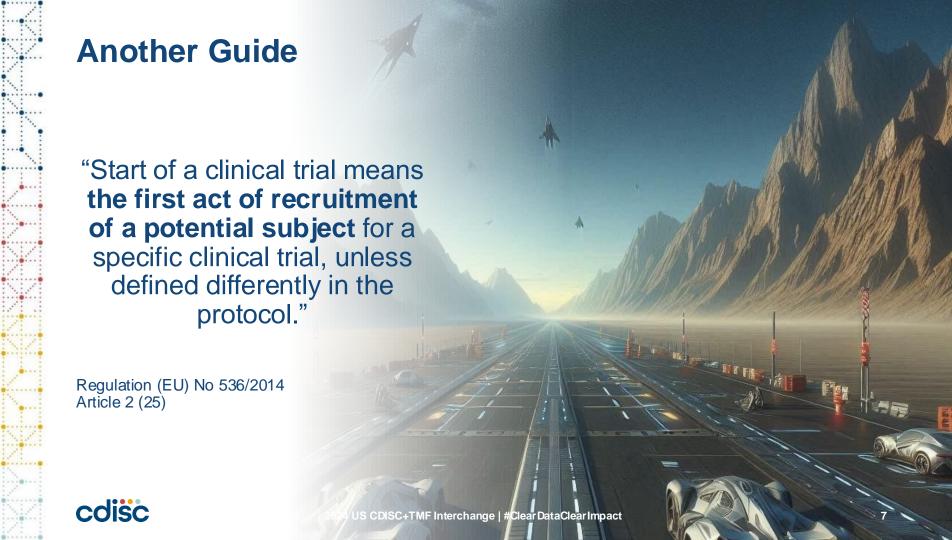


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# Five Quests to Complete When Setting-up the TMF



What triggers the TMF setup in your organization?

Is there a Milestone reached or a form submitted by a specific person?

Have you done your research?

What is the Protocol design?

What are the study locations and timelines?

What will be your TMF format and location(s)?

Will there be any documents filed outside of the primary TMF system?

You don't want to forget about those!

What are the roles and responsibilities?

Everyone has a part to play.

What are the studyspecific document expectations and who will file? Get the team together and schedule the TMF Kick-off Meeting.

Set your expectations on how the TMF will be managed throughout the trial.

Do not skip the tutorial stage!

Make sure all TMF contributors are trained on both the TMF System and Process.



# **Set-up Trigger:**

Let the games begin!

### Make sure it's consistent

 This should meet regulatory expectations and be documented, but also something every study can follow.

### You are the SME

 Whether you start preparing for TMF setup or when the TMF deliverables are initiated, know what you need to do.

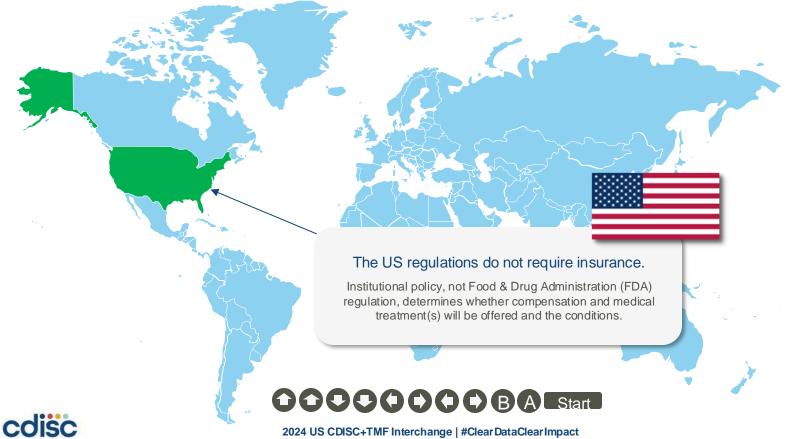
## Make sure everyone's informed

 All TMF contributors must be aware of the timelines and their responsibilities – make it a standing agenda item.





# Pro Tip #1



# **Choose the Difficulty Level**

Do your research!

## **Protocol Design Intricacies**

 Refer to draft Protocol or Protocol Synopsis to understand the study design: phase, type, treatment, blinding, demographics, committee involvement, etc.

## **Country Quirks**

 Know what study locations are planned. This will drive both country and site set-up and document requirements.

### **Vendor Riddles**

- Vendor documents are a puzzle figuring out which ones go in the TMF may be a real brain teaser.
- Not only that, but you also need to know who you are going to work with.

## **Ever-changing Milestones**

 Be aware of the planned trial, country, and site milestone dates. This will drive the completion of your TMF deliverables.





## **Select the Game World**

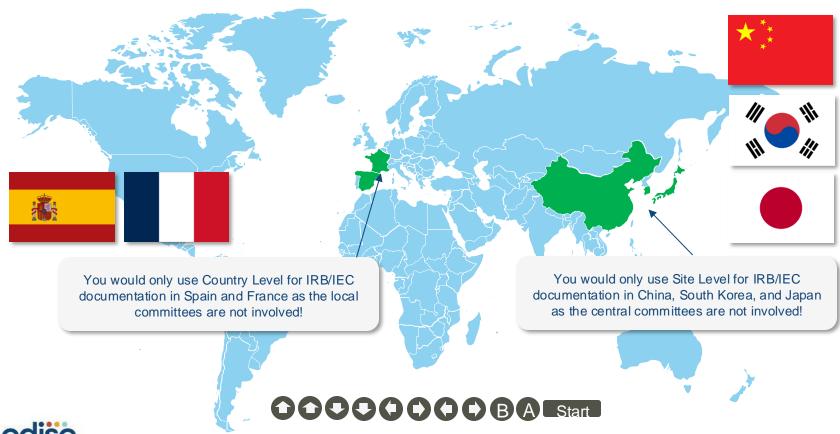
## TMF Format and Location(s)

- Determine the authoritative TMF repository(ies).
  - Will there be a paper element?
  - Are wet-ink signature documents to be retained?
  - Is there an unblinded component?
  - Are there any TMF documents not filed to the primary TMF system?
  - Will the Sponsor and CRO use the same system?





# Pro Tip #2





# Plan your Game

TMF Plan

### Industry

Regulatory Authorities and Section 8 of ICH-GCP

Sponsor/CRO

SOPs and internal guidance documents

Study ???

At an industry level, where a regulatory authority requires ICH-GCP to be followed, a TMF must be maintained. The <u>minimum</u> list of essential documents can be located in Section 8 of ICH E6.

Each Sponsor or CRO responsible for maintaining a TMF should also have their own relevant SOPs and guidance documents in place. However, the level of detail contained within these will vary considering factors such as the size of company, TMF repository and different operating models.

At the Study Level, will all aspects of the TMF Management (from set-up to archive) be covered by existing documentation?



# Plan your Game TMF Plan

TMF Accountability and Responsibility TMF Access and TMF SOPs Training TMF Quality Reviews / TMF Reporting Metrics TMF Format and Location Schedule Original Paper Documents TMF Content TMF Structure Transfer Unblinded TMF Lock TMF Archival Documents ...and many others



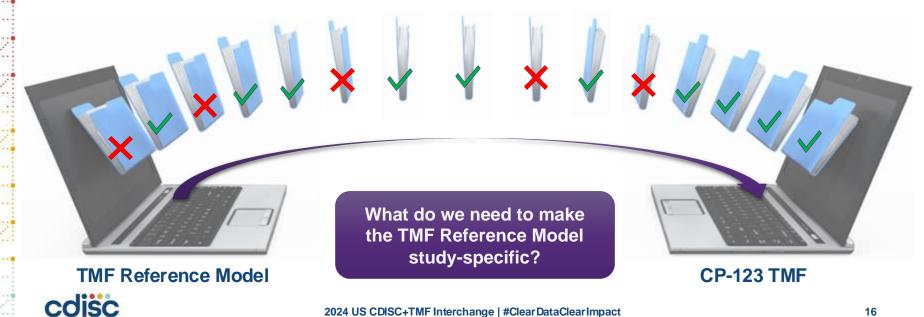


## Plan your Game

TMF Structure

## Refine the list of artifacts to only those that are applicable for the study.

For instance, the current version of TMF Reference Model contains 250 artifacts. However, depending on the study design and site demographic, this may be reduced down to 200 or fewer when considering study-specific requirements.



# Plan your Game

TMF Structure

### Information! Where can this be obtained?

- Clinical Trial Protocol
- Sponsor Registry and/or CTMS
- Sponsor and/or CRO SOPs
- Sponsor/CRO Study Manager/Project Manager
- Functional Group Leads
- · Regional/Country Coordinators
- Country-specific Resources (e.g., Regulatory Authority websites)
- Online Databases (e.g., clinicaltrials.gov; clinicaltrialsregister.eu)
- CRAs/Study Coordinators/Principal Investigators

### **Got your TMF Structure ready?**

 Make sure it's reflected in your TMF system (EDLs and/or Placeholders)





# It's a Multiplayer

TMF Kick-off Meeting

### The Floor is Yours!

• This is where it all begins. But it's not just a start, it's a launchpad for success.

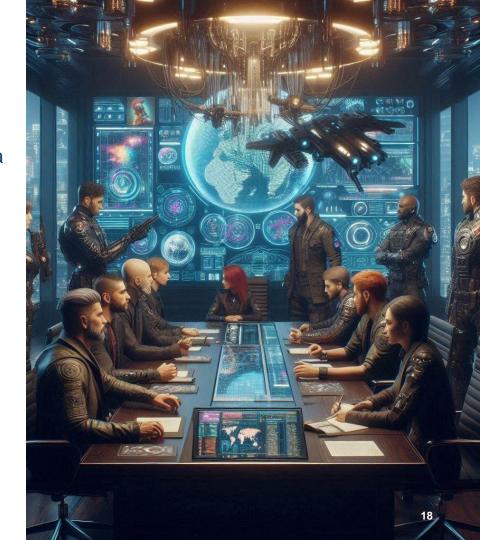
### **TMF in Focus**

 Make the TMF visible to all functions and highlight its importance.

## **Everyone has a part to play**

- Make sure all TMF contributors are aware of their responsibilities.
- Set your expectations clarity drives accountability!





# Pro Tip #3



## **Tutorial**

## **Master the System and the Process**

 Training on both aspects ensures everyone can navigate the TMF platform following the right steps.

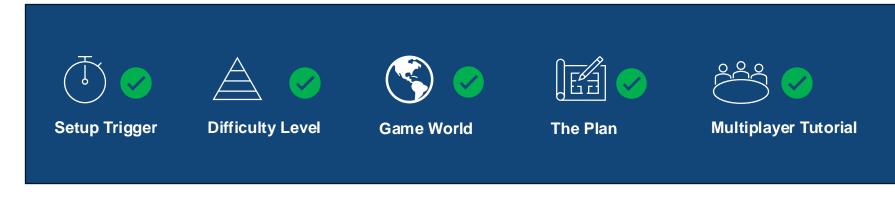
### **Access Granted!**

- For all relevant TMF contributors (including vendors).
- Limit access to authorized individuals and consider the arrangements for unblinded content.
- Set the schedule of periodic user access reviews to make sure documents are only accessible according to assigned roles and permissions.





# Ready for TMF Campaign



TMF trigger defined and included in the standard process for all studies to follow. Research completed: Protocol and study design reviewed.

All study countries and milestones known.

Contracted vendors confirmed.

TMF Format and Locations confirmed.

Documents filed outside of the primary TMF System defined.

Roles and responsibilities defined and accepted by TMF contributors.

Document expectations set and aligned with the milestones.

TMF Kick-off Meeting completed.

Expectations on how the TMF will be managed throughout the trial discussed and agreed on with all stakeholders.

All TMF contributors trained and ready to file their first documents!



# Thank you!

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