

# Inspections Across Sponsors, Contract Research Organizations and Investigator Sites

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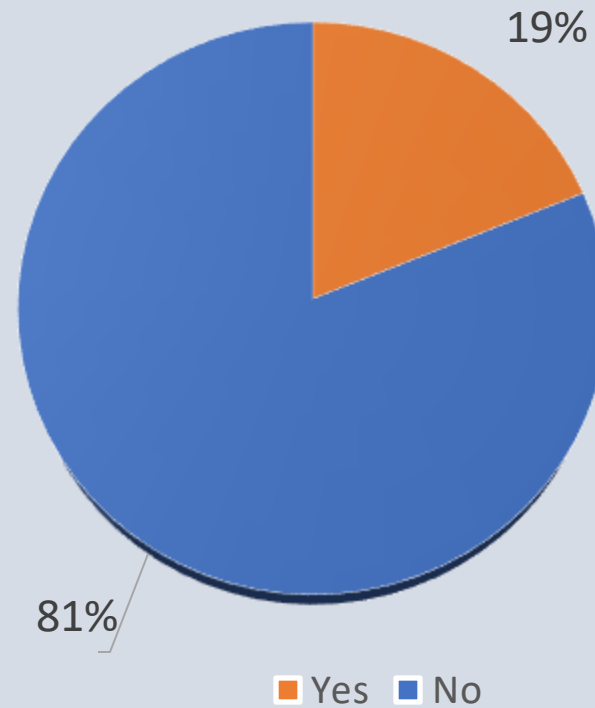
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# Topics Covered

- Recent Inspection findings
  - Sponsors/Contract Research Organizations
  - Sponsor-Investigators
  - Clinical Investigators
- Relationships Between Findings at Sites
- Corrective Actions Suggested by Findings
- Benefits of Standardized Trial Master Files and Investigator Site Files from an Inspection Perspective

# Sponsor Inspections FY 2018-2024

FY 2018 - FY 2024 Percentage of Sponsors Issued an FDA 483



418 Inspections

No FDA 483 - 339

FDA 483 Issued - 79

\*includes CROs

# Sponsor Inspections FY 2018-2024

FY 2018 - FY 2024 Breakdown of Final Classifications of Sponsors

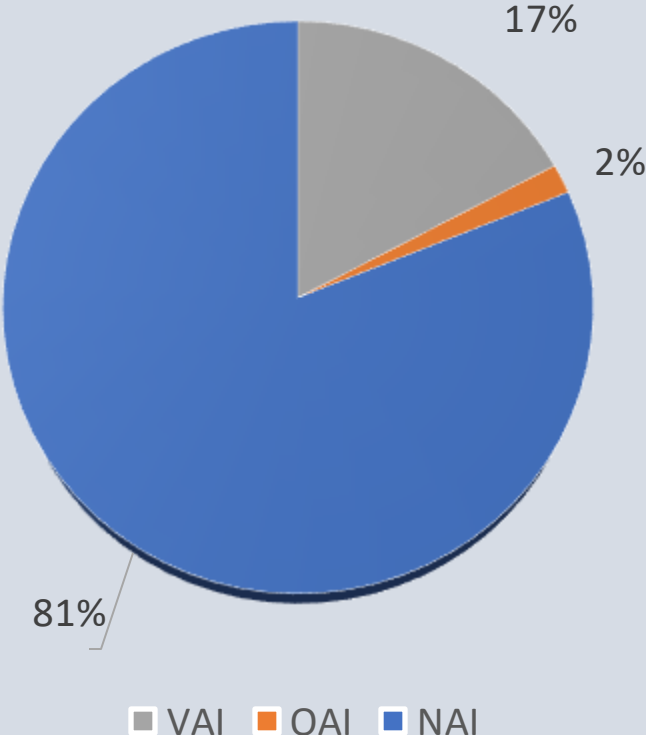
418 Inspections

NAI - 339

VAI - 72

OAI - 7

\*includes CROs

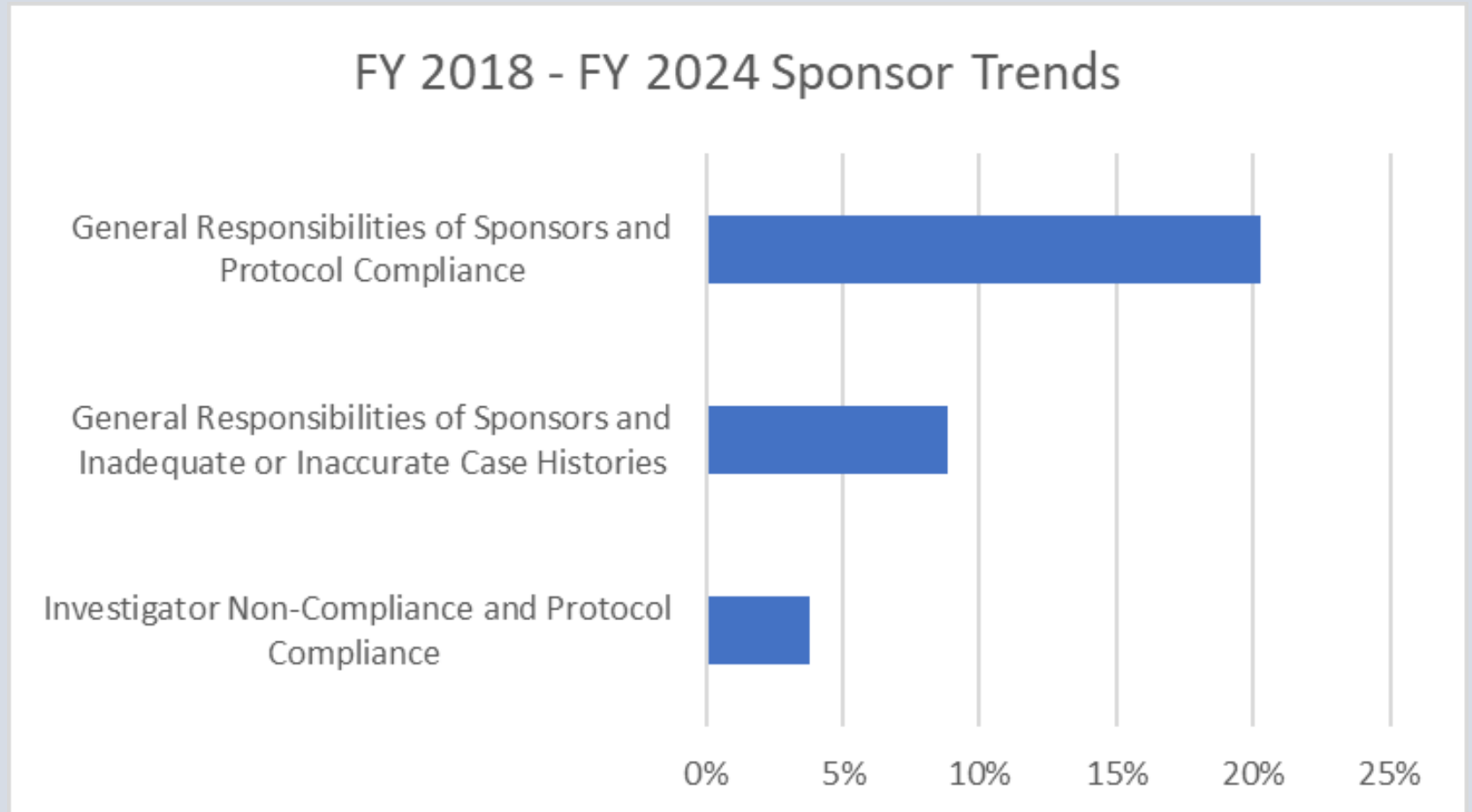


# Sponsor and Investigator Inspections Same Application FY 2018-2024

During inspections of sponsors and investigators where we covered the same application, these trends were noted

Where deficiencies are observed at sponsor, there are related deficiencies at investigator site

Protocol compliance and inadequate case histories



# A Note on Data for Sponsors and Sponsor-Investigators

- We use Program Assignment Codes (PAC) to track the different types of inspections we conduct
- Sponsors and Sponsor-Investigators were previously reported against the same PAC for sponsor responsibilities
- In 2018, we implemented a separate PAC specific to Sponsor-Investigators
- CROs are reported under Sponsor PAC
- I expect some of the data from 2018 and 2019, may still be mixed as we transitioned to new PAC

# Sponsor-Investigator Inspections FY 2018-2024

FY 2018 - FY 2024 Percentage of Sponsor-Investigators Issued an FDA 483

88 Inspections

No FDA 483 - 37

FDA 483 Issued - 51



Yes No

# Sponsor-Investigator Inspections FY 2018-2024

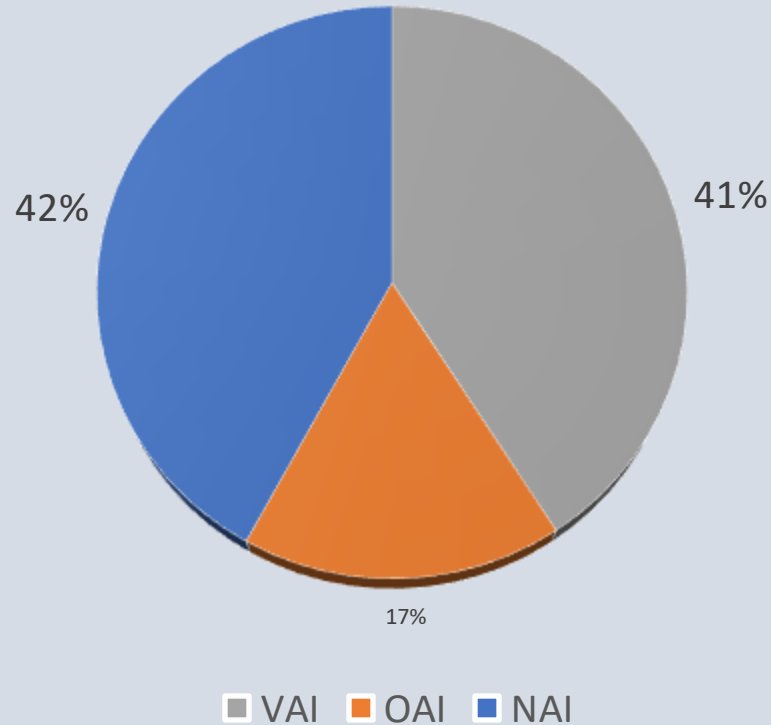
FY 2018 - FY 2024 Breakdown of Final Classifications of Sponsor-Investigators

88 Inspections

NAI - 37

VAI - 36

OAI - 15



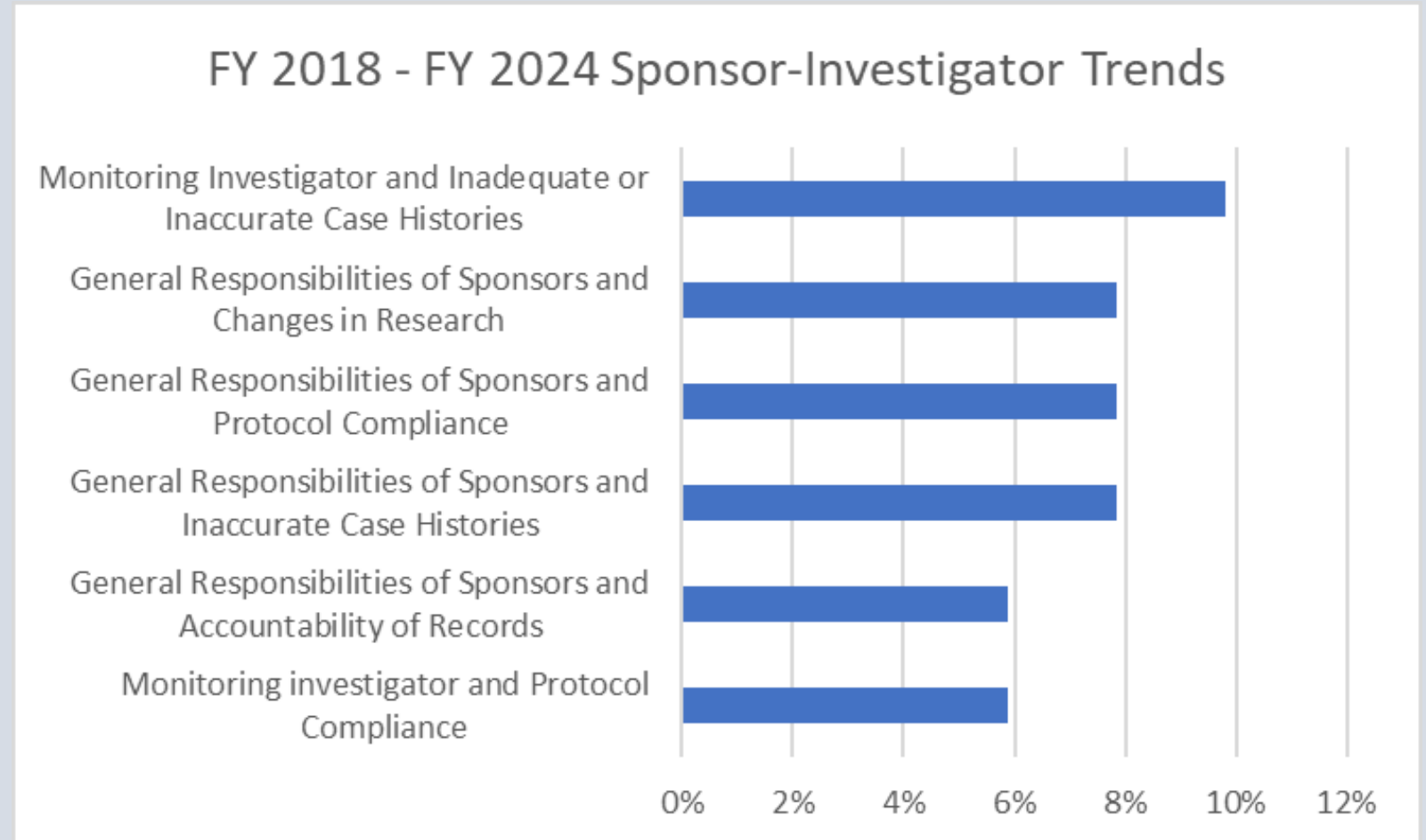


# Sponsor-Investigator Inspections – S-I and Investigator Cites FY 2018-2024

Most of these are same site with both Sponsor and Investigator responsibilities assessed

- Inadequate case histories
- Protocol compliance
- Records accountability
- Monitoring

Usually, physician trying to run own study



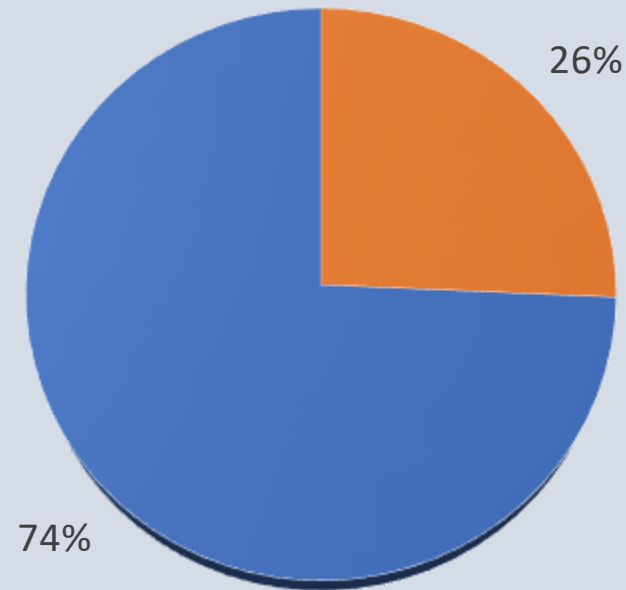
# Combined Sponsor and Sponsor-Investigator Inspections FY 2018-2024

FY 2018 - FY 2024 Percentage of Sponsors and Sponsor Investigators Issued a 483

506 Inspections

No FDA 483 - 376

FDA 483 Issued - 130



Yes No

# Combined Sponsor and Sponsor-Investigator Inspections FY 2018-2024

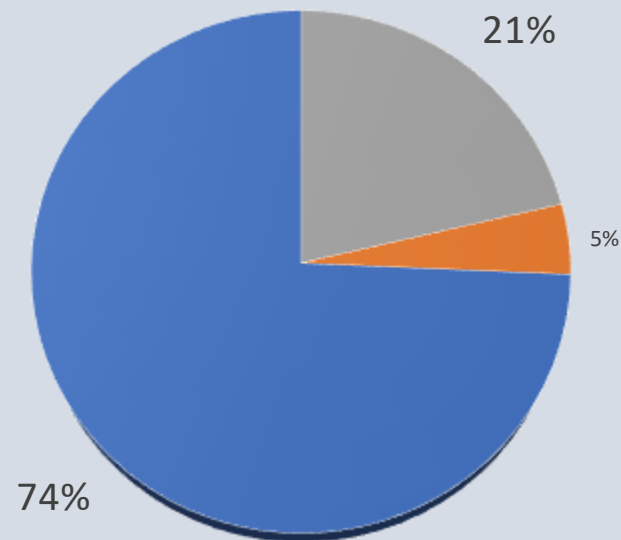
FY 2018 - FY 2024 Breakdown of Final Classifications of Sponsors and Sponsor-Investigators

506 Inspections

376 – NAI

108 – VAI

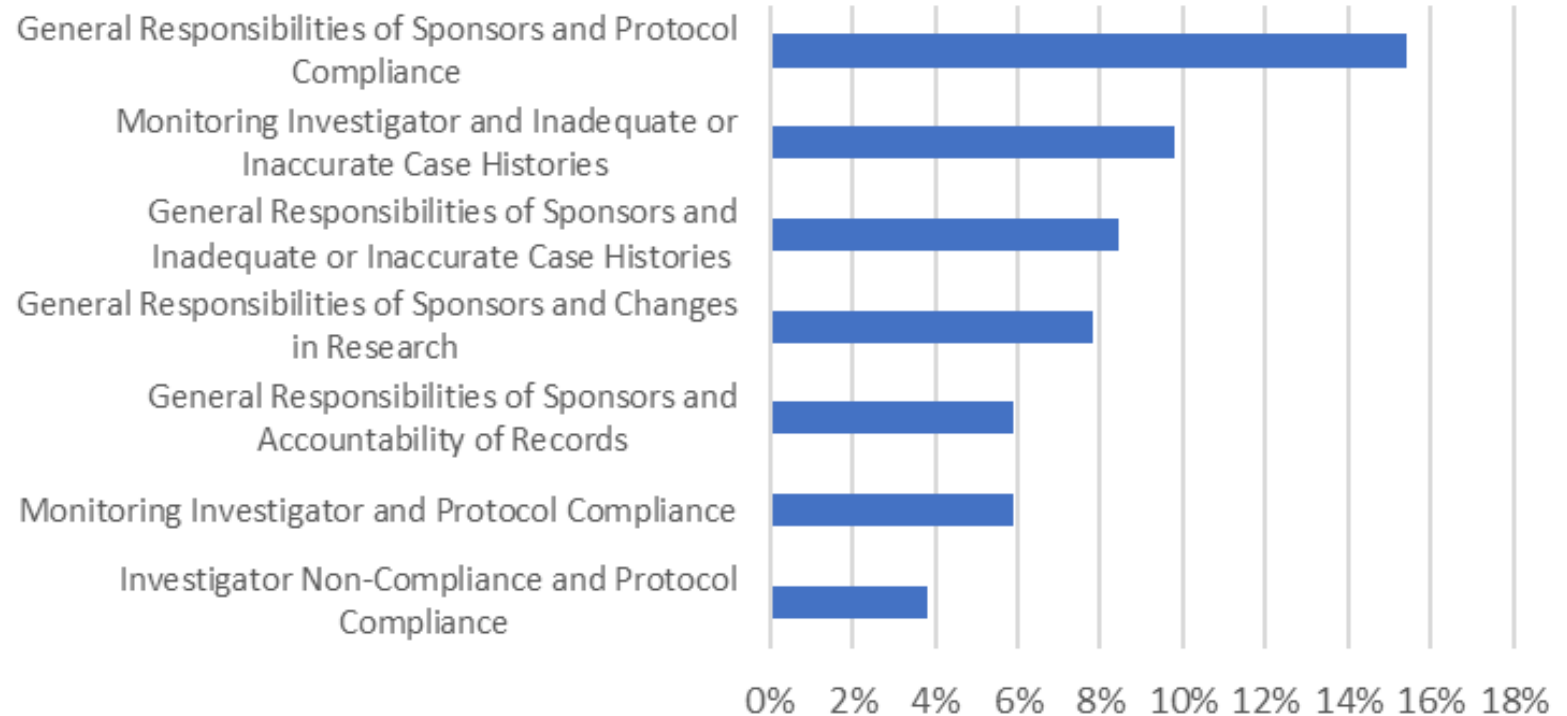
22 - OAI



VAI OAI NAI

# Sponsor, Sponsor-Investigator, and Investigator Inspections Same Application FY 2018-2024

FY 2018 - FY 2024 Sponsor and Sponsor Investigator Trends



Many of the same themes, with protocol compliance top citation

# Corrective Actions Suggested by Data

Sponsor-Investigator community  
more likely to be non-compliant  
than traditional investigators

- Sponsor training
- When additional investigators are recruited by investigators, research site initiation, training, and monitoring

FDA began offering  
co-sponsored  
training with SoCRA  
for Sponsor-  
Investigators!

When sponsors are not compliant,  
the likelihood of investigators being  
non-compliant rises

- Ensure training of sponsor staff or CROs
- CROs need oversight by Sponsors
- Site initiation, training, and monitoring of sites important for investigator compliance

# Benefits of Standardized TMF/ISF from Inspection Perspective

## Consistency

- Across investigator sites for same application
- Across studies at sponsors

## Organization

- Standardization results in logical organization of records and information

## Efficiency

- The increased consistency and organization provides for more efficient inspections as the learning curve at each site is reduced

# FDA Reorganization

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As of 10/1/2024, the Office of Regulatory Affairs (ORA) is now the Office of Inspections and Investigations (OI)



OII is the lead office for conducting inspections and investigations for the agency



All compliance functions have been moved to the respective center organizations

Questions?

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