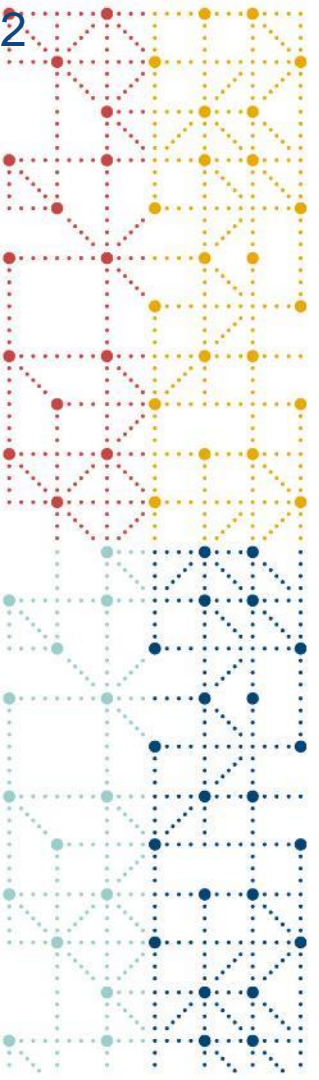


# The TMF Reference Model General Meeting December 2024



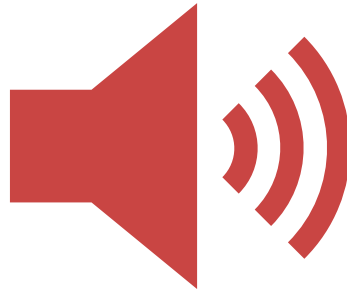
## Presenters:

- Karen Roy, Consultant, CDISC; Chair, TMF Reference Model Steering Committee
- Todd Tullis, Director, Product Management, Veeva Vault; TMF Reference Model Steering Committee Member
- Dawn Niccum, EVP, QA & Compliance, inSection Group, TMF RM SC Member
- Jamie Toth, Global Head, Trial Master File Management & Records, BeiGene; TMF RM SC Member
- Joanne Malia, Sr. Director, Development Records Mgmt, Regeneron, TMF RM SC Member
- Donna Dorozinsky, CEO, Just in Time, GCP, TMF Reference Model Steering Committee Member
- Paul Fenton, CEO, Montrium; TMF Reference Model Steering Committee Member
- Lisa Mulcahy, Mulcahy Consulting, TMF Reference Model Steering Committee Member
- Gillian Gittens, Director, eClinical Strategy & Solutions; TransPerfect Lifesciences



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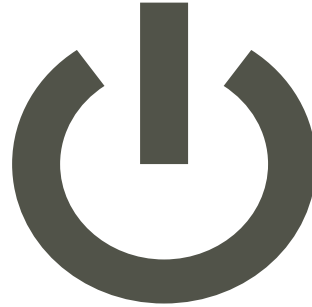
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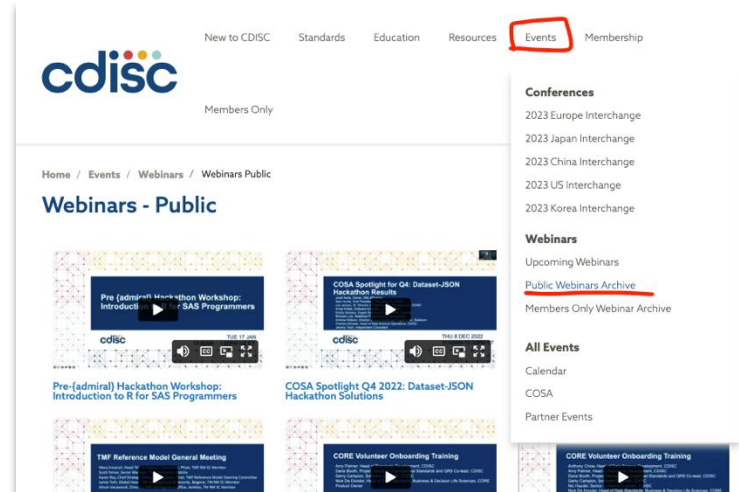


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## Webinar Recording

A recording of this webinar will be available in the Public Webinar Archive on the CDISC website.

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## Agenda

- Moving into 2025
- US Interchange Recap
- Education Committee
- ISF Initiative
- Risk Initiative
- TMF Reference Model v4 Update
- Q&A

# Moving into 2025

**New Chair  
of SC:  
Paul Carter**

**New Chair  
Elect of SC:  
Jamie Toth**





# Overall Steering Committee Changes

- New Chair from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025
- New position: Chair Elect from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025
- New position: Past Chair from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025
- New position: CDISC project manager – Kathleen Mellet
  
- Two new places open to election in February 2025
- Review charter to make sure you meet the criteria

*<https://www.cdisc.org/sites/default/files/2023-05/TMF-RM-Steering-Committee-Charter-V4.0.pdf>*



# Steering Committee

*Thank you to Aaron Grant for all his work on the Steering Committee!*





# 2024 US CDISC + TMF Interchange

# Scottsdale, Arizona, USA

## 23-24 October

Plenary & Keynote

CDISC General Session

TMF General Session

Track A

Track B

Track C

Track D

Track E

**350 total attendees**  
**(~37% TMF)**

- TMF Essentials
- Risk Based Approaches
- End of Study Challenges
- Audits and Inspections

- The Impact of Regulations
- TMF Management through Metrics
- Partnerships in TMF Management
- The TMF RM becoming a Standard

- Technology & Innovation in TMF Management
- Investigators and Inspectors



# Summary/Highlights

## Key themes

- CDISC: research convergence with clinical care
- TMF: Reference Model Version 4
- TMF plenary fun with Indiana Jones theme
- Challenges of integrating clinical trial management data with TMF
- Continued progress of Digital Data Flow initiative / ICH M11
- Applications of Artificial Intelligence in TMF
- Introduction of the ISF Reference Model initiative
- FDA perspective and re-organization “Office of Inspections and Investigations”
- *Fun & fright of Waymo self-driving taxis*







Registration  
Now  
Open!



### Calls for Abstracts Now Open!

Submit your abstracts for both CDISC and TMF  
topics and content - deadline is 17 January  
2025.

CDISC Abstracts

TMF Abstracts

# 2025 CDISC + TMF Europe Interchange

*Geneva, Switzerland*  
*14-15 May 2025*

<https://www.cdisc.org/events/interchange/2025-europe-interchange>







# 2025 CDISC + TMF US Interchange

*Nashville, Tennessee*  
*13 – 14 October 2025*





# Education Committee



# TMF Education Highlights

- The Critical Role of Data Managers, Biostatisticians, and Programmers in TMF Excellence – Inaugural Course – 14 attendees – mix of core SMEs and TMF Professionals
  - "This session was a **great opportunity for eTMF managers** to bring their functional area leads to an eTMF session and have in depth discussions."
  - "I found the course **helpful in understanding the TMF reference guide** and getting to know the extent of the coverage. The instructors stressed the importance of continually updating the TMF versus saving it for the end, as well as testing the TMF content and links."
  - "The most helpful part of this training was the **interaction with Data Managers and Statisticians to discuss deliverables** in terms of records required in the eTMF."
  - "One of the most enlightening exercises was the group activity where we **mapped records and data to the TMF reference model** and identified the possible TMF repositories, etc."
- Next course virtual – 28 Jan 2025 0900-1300 EST (1500-1900 CET)



# Other Courses

- TMF Module 1: Introduction to the TMF Reference Model (FREE)
- 日本語 TMF Module 1: TMF Reference Model の紹介 (FREE)
  
- Fundamentals of the TMF Reference Model – Virtual Course on 21-23 Jan 2025 (0900-1200 EST; 1500-1800 CET)
  
- Upcoming: Introduction to Record Quality Check
  - In-depth, on-demand course
  - Projected to be available by the end of 1Q25
  
- In Discussion
  - Risk Based TMF Management
  - Advanced TMF Management
  - Investigator Site File Reference Model





# ISF Initiative

# ISF Initiative: Overview

## TMF RM SC Liaisons:

Jamie Toth and Dawn Niccum

## Co-leads:

Aryn Knight, Clinical Innovation and Research Institute, Memorial Hermann Health System

Matt Lowery, The Pathways Grp, LLC

## Goal:

To develop an Investigator Site File (ISF) reference model for sites to use that supplements the TMF Reference Model with the intention of standardizing ISF structure, file naming conventions, and how/where site-level essential records are filed.

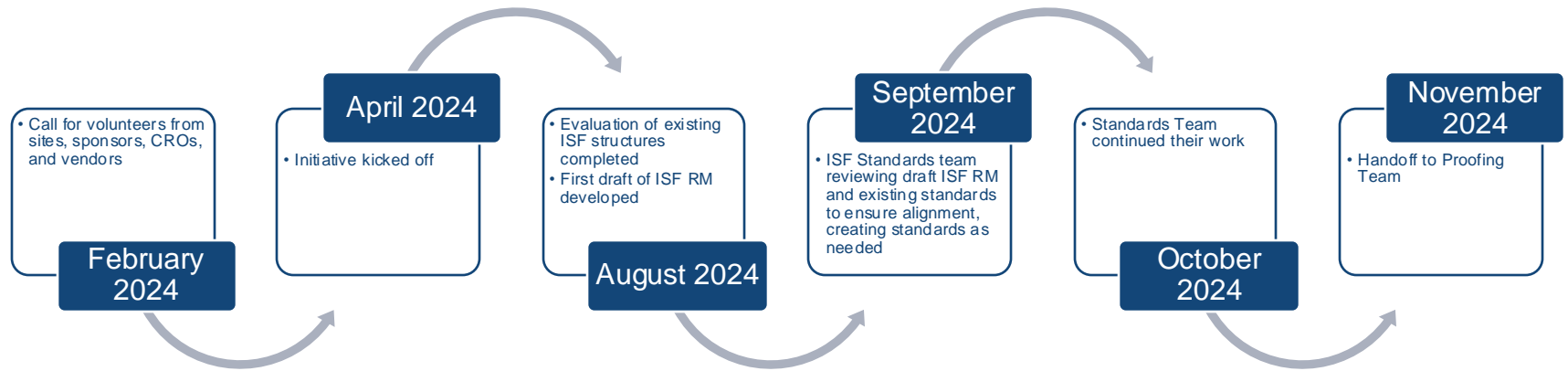
**Committee:** ~46 members across all aspects of the industry who have an interest *in* and experience *with* ISF/TMF/regulatory including sites, sponsors, CROs, service providers/vendors, consultants.

## Sub teams:

1. **Evaluation:** Review of existing ISF structures ✓
2. **Standards:** Setting standards ✓
3. **Proofing:** Review of deliverables
4. **Outreach:** Presentations, publications, and white papers
5. **Training:** Training the industry on ISF RM



# ISF Initiative: Progress to Date



***Huge thanks to all on the ISF Working Group! We have accomplished much in a short amount of time!***



# Facts about an ISF

- 60% of ISF artifacts are sponsor sourced.
- An ISF, unlike a TMF needs to be available for operational purposes, so indexed **months before** the TMF.
- Sites only have one system, the ISF for all study functions operational and inspection readiness. Whereas a sponsor and CROs have +10 operational systems generating completed TMF content, which then subsequently are loaded to their TMF for inspection readiness.



# Development of the ISF Structure

The ISF structure has been developed to meet the following objectives, defined based on the learnings during ISF vendor evaluation:

- Delineate ISF responsibilities between sponsor and site.
- Make ISF operation more efficient and of high quality.
- Support ISF inspection readiness, based on regulatory guidance.
- Support site operation throughout a study lifecycle, which means a site centric structure different to the TMF RM structure.
- Can be used by both novel and advanced sites, including local IRB/EC, testing facility or IP distribution center.
- Support both human and automated operation and exchanges.
- Align with existing TMF RM artifact definitions and indexing.
- Inclusive of existing vendor ISF offerings, so that vendors can adopt the ISF standard.



# Snapshot of November Draft (not all sections visible/not final) to Show TMF Alignment

There are 9 packages which are time based/phases – **Selection, Activation, Completion, CloseOut:**

1. Planning
2. Study Library
3. IP and Trial Supplies
4. Regulatory, IRB/EC, and Other

- Review
5. Site Documentation
  6. Contracting and Indemnity
  7. Testing Facility
  8. Monitoring
  9. Data Management

**Packages and subpackages** are chronological functional structures, which generally reflects how and when a site will receive ISF content from a sponsor and help operational usage.



**The good news:  
There is only  
about 3  
additional  
artifacts that are  
ISF only!**



A	B	C	D	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
zone name	section name	artifact name	artifact no	isf_sponsor_sourced	isf_site_sourced	organization role	person rot	time phase	role	package	sub_package
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# ISF Initiative: Ongoing and Future Activities

- First draft version of the ISF reference model expected to be completed by December 2024 or early January 2025.
  - Formal CDISC internal review will be followed prior to public comment.
  - Alignment with TMF RM v4.0 activities will take place.
- Outreach is ongoing and will continue throughout the initiative.
- Training will be provided upon publication of the final ISF reference model.





# Risk Initiative

# Risk Initiative

1. Workstream 1: White paper (ready for release in early Q1 2025)
  - Nine + volunteers
  - Reviewed by:
    - Steering Committee
    - Two regulators with passion for TMF
2. Workstream 2: Toolkit (to be released with white paper)
  - Consistency checks
  - UAT by group of volunteers
3. Workstream 3: Training modules (in development)
  - Webinar planned in conjunction with release
  - Modules for considerations across the lifecycle

COMING SOON!





# TMF Reference Model v4 Update

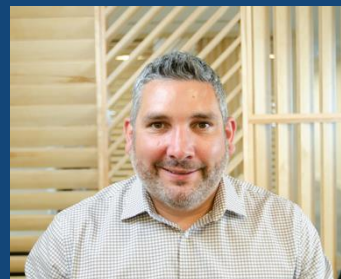
## Meet the Speakers



Donna Dorozinsky  
TMF RM V4 Lead

**Title:** Founder & CEO

**Organization:** Just in Time GCP



Paul Fenton  
Incoming SC Chair

**Title:** Founder & CEO

**Organization:** Montrium



Lisa Dotterweich  
Mulcahy  
Triage Committee Lead

**Title:** Owner & Principal  
Consultant

**Organization:** Mulcahy  
Consulting



Gillian Gittens  
Triage Committee Lead

**Title:** Director, eClinical  
Strategy & Solutions

**Organization:** TransPerfect  
Lifesciences



Kathleen Mellet

**Title:** CDISC TMF  
Project Manager

**Organization:** Just in  
Time GCP

# History of the TMF Reference Model



2009 to 2010

Initial meeting: 2009  
V1.0 released: 2010

Called the DIA TMF RM

Multiple releases (1.1, 1.2, and 2.0)

- Regulator and industry feedback
- Investigator Site Files
- Devices
- Process-based metadata
- Investigator Initiated Studies



2014 to 2021

2011 to 2013



- Separated from DIA, so “DIA” no longer in name
- Formalization with a Steering Committee and a Change Control Board
- TMF RM website
- Release of the Exchange Mechanism Specification
- Releases of V3.0, 3.1, 3.2

- TMF RM become part of CDISC organization.
- TMF RM supported by CDISC processes and systems to advance the model and future strategies
- Release of V3.3



2022 to 3Q2024



4Q2024 forward

- Continued support by CDISC for the TMF RM to achieve its goals
- **Comprehensive Review by Industry to Version 4.0 and move towards digital TMF**





# How we manage TMFs today has changed



# Regulatory Evolution



Medicines & Healthcare products  
Regulatory Agency

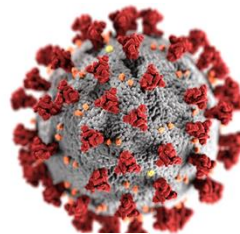


Medicines & Healthcare products  
Regulatory Agency (MHRA)

'GXP' Data Integrity Guidance and Definitions

Electronic Systems,  
Electronic Records, and  
Electronic Signatures in  
Clinical Investigations  
Questions and Answers

Guidance for Industry



A Risk-Based Approach to  
Monitoring of Clinical  
Investigations  
Questions and Answers  
Guidance for Industry

Submitting Documents  
Using Real-World Data  
and Real-World Evidence  
to FDA for Drug and  
Biological Products  
Guidance for Industry



Clinical Trials Regulation EU No 536/2014



Informed Consent

Guidance for IRBs, Clinical  
Investigators, and Sponsors

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Food and Drug Administration  
Office of Clinical Policy  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research  
Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research  
Center for Devices and Radiological Health

August 2023

Conducting Clinical  
Trials With  
Decentralized Elements

Guidance for Industry,  
Investigators, and Other  
Interested Parties





# What is Digital TMF?

Digital TMF is....

Born Digital

Interoperable

Metadata Rich

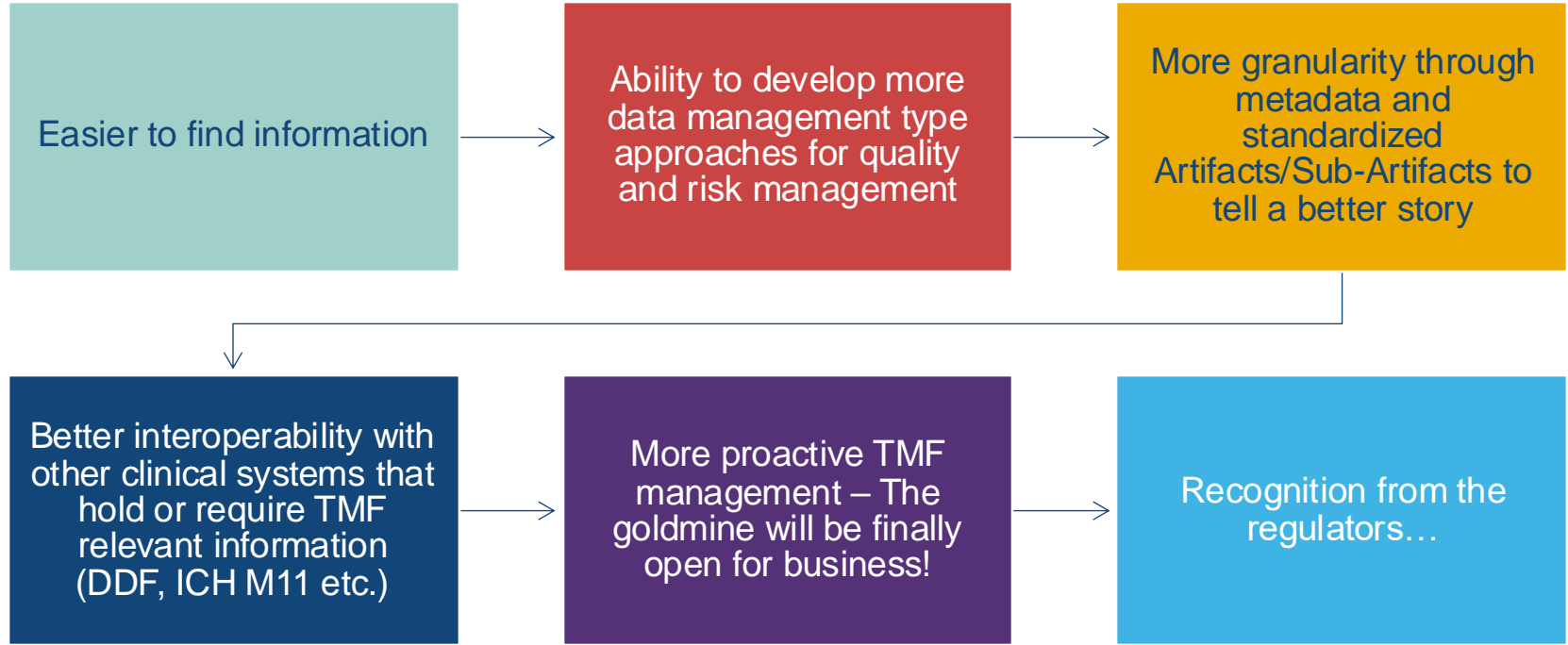
Standardized

Data Driven

Digital Interaction



# Why do we need to become a Digital TMF Standard?





# TMF Reference Model v4 Initiative

## Overview

The last major version of the TMF RM (version 3.0) was released in 2015. Since then, there have been 3 minor versions of the model. More importantly there have been user and regulatory influences that make a transformation of the TMF RM critical.

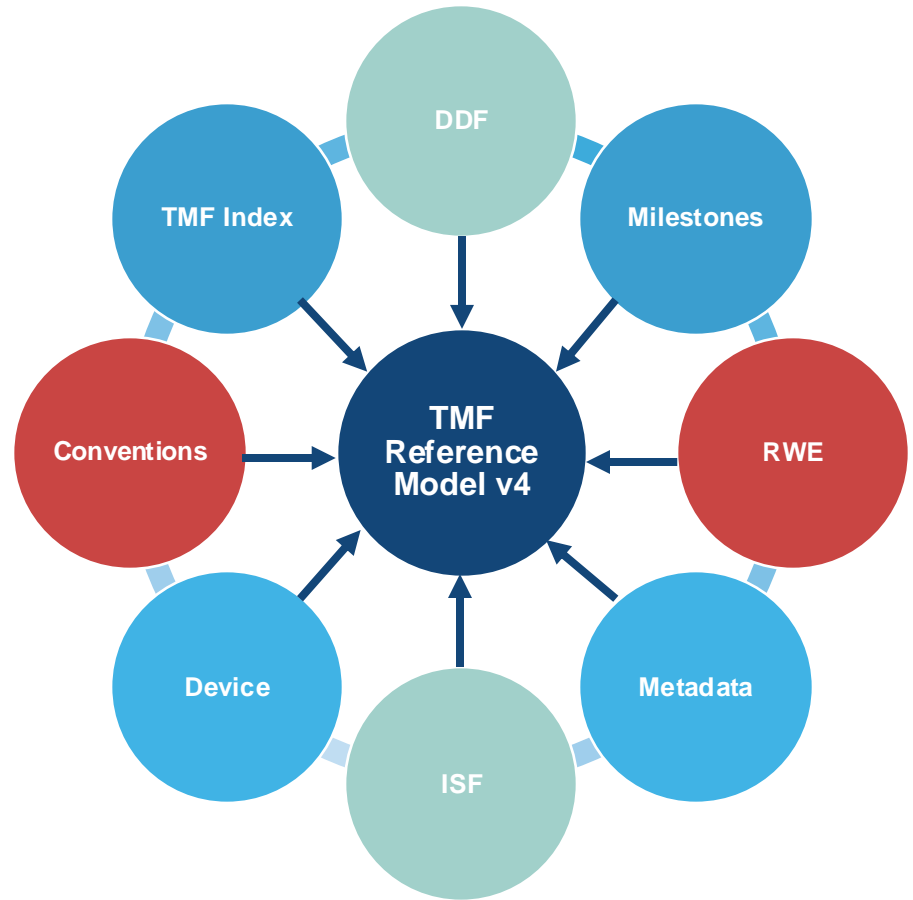
## Goals

- ✓ Optimize for digital TMF
- ✓ Align with industry needs & relevancy for at least 5 years
- ✓ Align with ICH and country published regulatory requirements and guidance
- ✓ Use consistent terminology and definitions that are aligned with CDISC
- ✓ Meet the needs of the current generic TMF management process and eTMF system components including the expansion of sub-artifacts
- ✓ Formalize Sub-artifacts
- ✓ Addition of standardized metadata
- ✓ Support the transformation of how we manage TMF today and tomorrow.



Not just about refreshing the Reference Model, but about Refreshing the Community!

**A vision for the Future:**  
TMF Reference Model v4

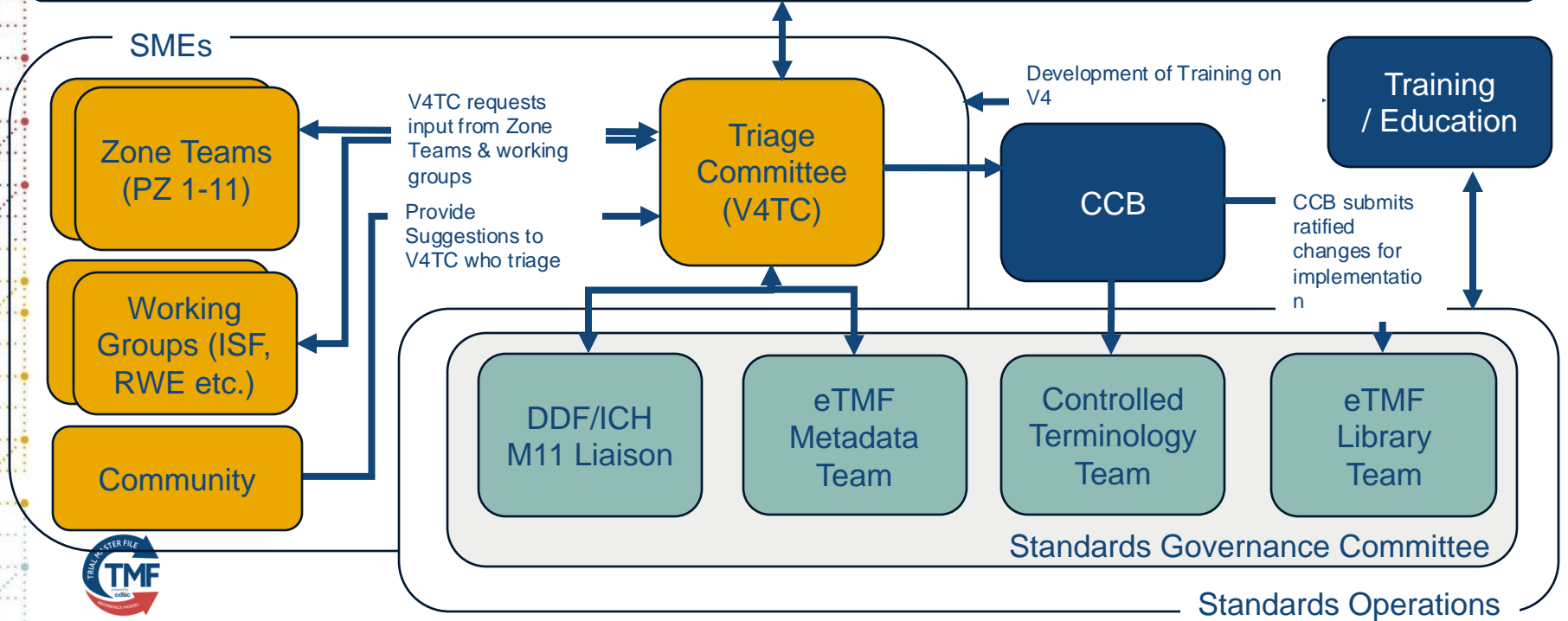


# V4 (TMF RM) org chart

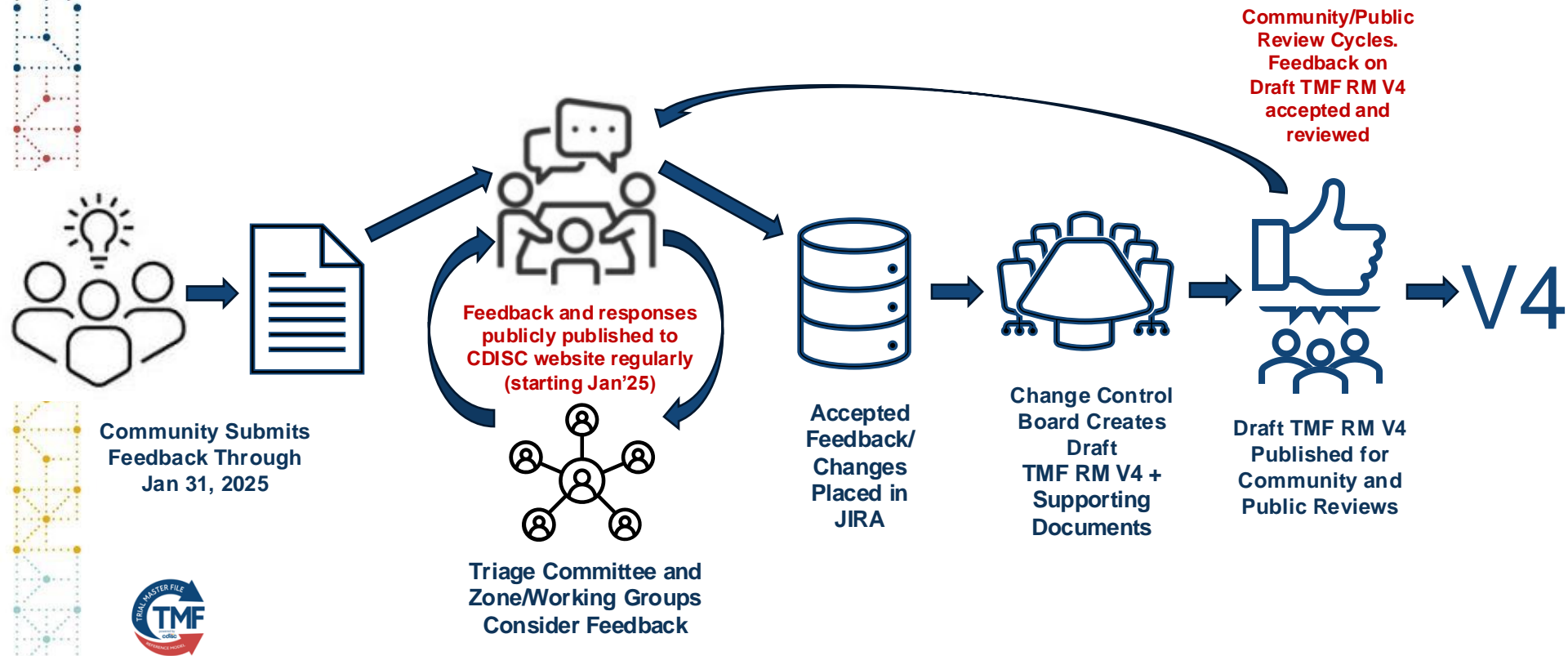
CDISC Leadership Team

TMF RM Steering Committee (SC)

V4 Management Committee (V4MC)



# TMF RM V4 Feedback Process



# Meet the Triage Committee Team!

Zone	Assignment
1	Jessica Vicari
2	Sarah Hitching
3	Kathie Clark
4	Marion Mays
5	Liz Farrell
6	Vittoria Sparacio
7	Jackie Morrill
8	Curran Murphy
9	Steph Viscomi
10,11	David Ives

Working Group	Assignment
DDF, ICH	Nick Hargaden
RWE	Stuart McCully
Device	<i>TBD</i>
ISF	Brittany Walker
Metadata	Aaron Grant
EU CTR	Martina Duevel
Cross-Zone	Eldin Rammell





# Triage Committee Status

- ✓ Members selected - broad spectrum of global SMEs from industry
- ✓ Roles & responsibilities defined e.g. zones assigned, review feedback
- ✓ Time commitment and meeting cadence agreed - weekly, 1 hour meetings
- ✓ Communication method set up - CDISC Wiki space for meeting content
- ✓ Processes being finalized - from feedback submission to change control





# Call for Feedback

## We need support from the TMF Community!

- We have developed a Microsoft Form (similar to the intake form on the CDISC website) to collect all feedback from the community.
- A communication was released this morning via email which includes more information as well as a link to the form

**Please submit all feedback for TMF Reference Model version 4 by the end of January 2025**

## Submit Feedback for TMF Reference Model v4



# High Level TMF v4 Timeline

Quarter:	3Q24	4Q24	1Q25	2Q25	3Q25	4Q25	1Q26	2Q26	3Q26	4Q26	1Q27
<b>Teams</b>	<b>Project Management: Planning</b>		<b>Project Management: plan and timelines management, communications, project meetings, status updates, meeting presentation preparations</b>								
<b>CCB</b>	<b>Change Control Board</b> Configure Jira (August)				<b>Change Control Board</b> Review of proposed changes & creation of draft V4 (Jul-Aug)		<b>Change Control Board</b> Review the Proposed changes & draft the Summary of Changes (Mar-Apr)			<b>Change Control Board</b> Creation of final V4 and final Summary of Changes (Nov-Dec)	
<b>Triage</b>	<b>Triage Committee</b> Call for volunteers and assemble team (Sep)	<b>Triage Committee</b> Review feedback and Triage (Oct-Apr)		<b>Triage Committee</b> QC of changes (May-Jun)	<b>Triage Committee</b> Support creation of draft v4 (Jul-Aug)	<b>Triage Committee</b> Review of Community feedback & Triage to Zone Teams (Oct-Nov)	<b>Triage Committee</b> QC of changes (Feb)		<b>Triage Committee</b> Review of Public feedback & Triage to Zone Team (Jul-Aug)	<b>Triage Committee</b> Address any changes from Zones and Standards (Oct)	
<b>Public</b>								<b>Public</b> Review of proposed V4 (Jun)			
<b>Community</b>		<b>Community</b> Begin submitting change requests (Dec-Jan)			<b>Community</b> Review of proposed V4 (September)						<b>Community</b> Release to community (Mar 2027)
<b>Zone Teams &amp; TMF Working Groups</b>	<b>Zone Teams / Working Groups</b> Call for and assemble Leads and Members (Sep-Nov)		<b>Zone Team/ Working Groups Meetings</b> (Delivery of all proposed changes to CCB by Apr 2025)			<b>Zone / Working Groups</b> Address Community feedback (Dec-Jan)			<b>Zone / Working Groups</b> Address Public feedback (Sep)		
<b>SteerCo</b>								<b>Steering Committee</b> Review of draft v4 (May)			<b>Steering Committee</b> Final review and approval (Feb)
<b>Copy Editing</b>											<b>CDISC Copy Editing Team</b> Review of draft V4 (Jan)
<b>Standards Working Groups</b>	<b>Standards</b> Engage Standards Committee	<b>Standards</b> Assemble working groups	<b>Standards</b> (Delivery of all proposed changes to CCB by Apr 2025)			<b>Standards</b> Address Community feedback (Dec-Jan)			<b>Standards</b> Address Public feedback (Sep)		
<b>Education</b>								<b>Education Committee</b> Engage and plan (Apr)	<b>Education Committee</b> Development of Training		
<b>Tools</b>									<b>TMF RM Tools Team</b> Engage		



# How to get involved?

We are actively seeking volunteers to support the refresh!

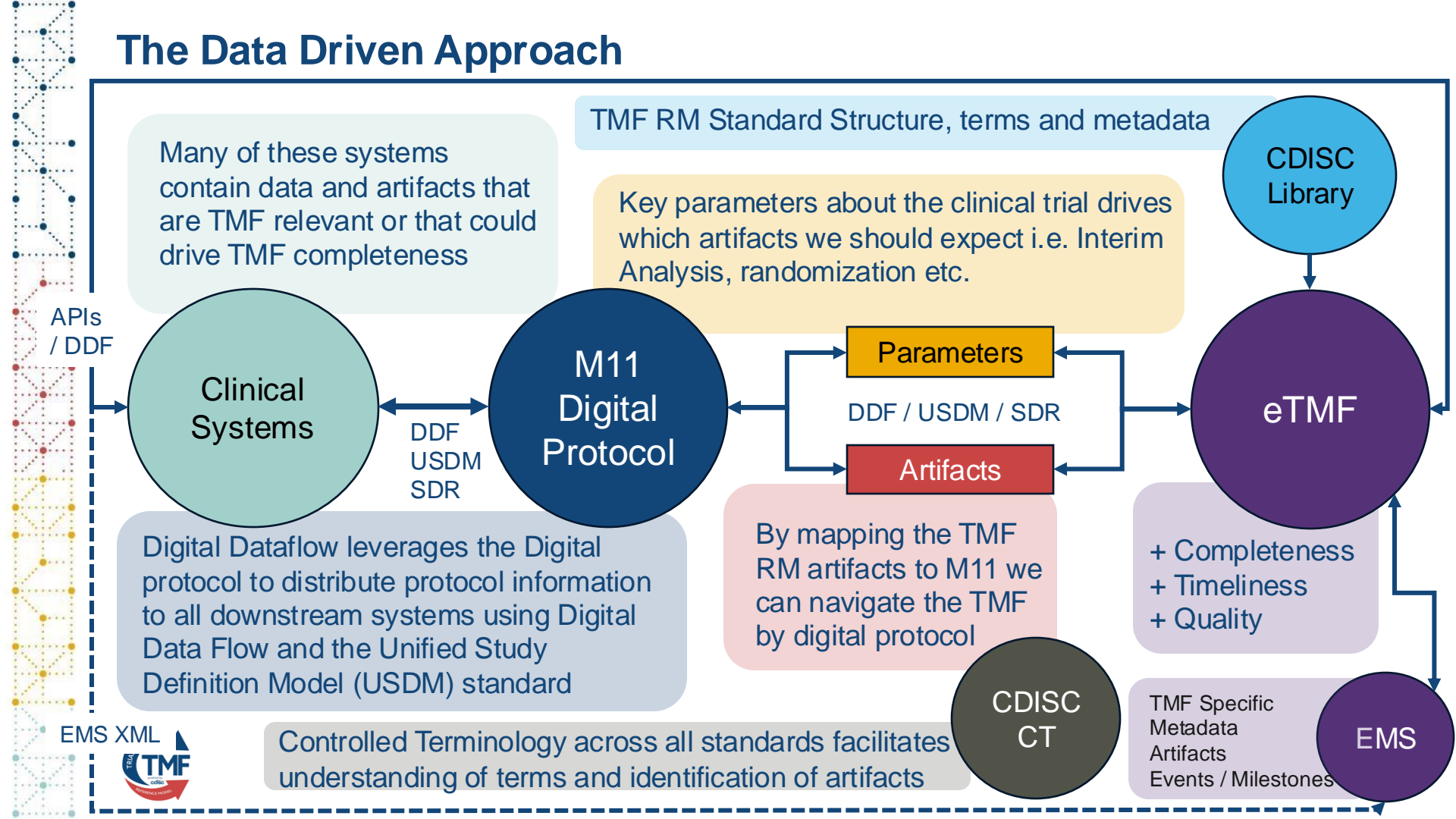
**Step 1:** Sign up to become a CDISC TMF Volunteer

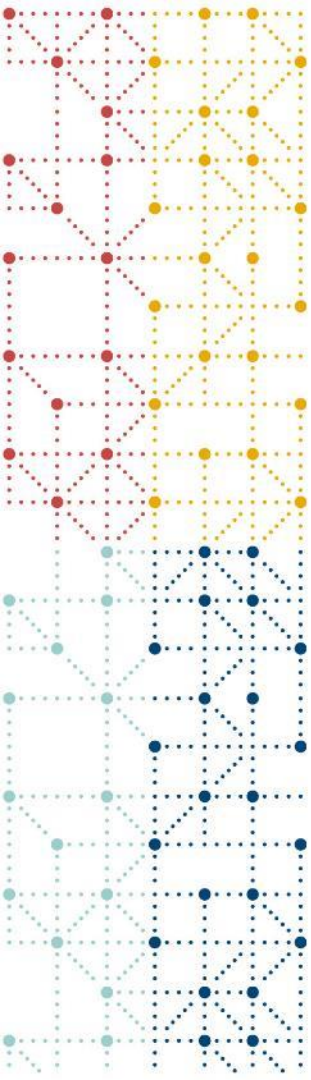


**Step 2:** Once you have completed sign up, notify the team:

- If you would like to join **Zone Teams 7, 8, or 11** please contact the Kate ([kate.santoro@intelliatx.com](mailto:kate.santoro@intelliatx.com)) and Leila ([Leila.Canlas@Pfizer.com](mailto:Leila.Canlas@Pfizer.com))
- A call for membership in **Working Groups** (i.e Metadata or RWE) will come out in January.

# The Data Driven Approach





# Questions?







**Thank You!!!**

<https://www.cdisc.org/events/webinar/tmf-reference-model-general-meeting-q4>

