One Size Does Not Fit All: Unique study management challenges for diagnostic companies

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For today's discussion

Diagnostic test development and regulatory pathways – a primer

How are diagnostic companies different?

Diagnostic study design

What do diagnostic companies need from our CRO partners?

DIAGNOSTIC TEST DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY PATHWAYS



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LDT: Laboratory Developed Test; CLIA: Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act; CMS: IVD: In Vitro Diagnostic; FDA: Food and Drug Administration

Regulatory Pathways: Laboratory Developed Test (LDT) In Vitro Diagnostic (IVD)

	LDT	IVD
Testing performed	Design, manufactured and used in single lab	Single lab Kit for sale to other labs Health care setting Point of care – home, clinic Companion diagnostic
Regulatory body	CLIA, via CMS FDA: enforcement authority	FDA (PMA or 510k)
Documentation	GCP if applicable GLP, GMP CLIA SOPs/quality system	QSR GCP if applicable GLP, GMP CLIA SOPs/quality system if applicable
Analytic validation	Required	Required
Clinical validation	Optional	Required

CLIA: Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act; CMS: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; GCP: Good Clinical Practices; GLP: Good Laboratory Practices; GMP: Good Manufacturing Practices; PMA: Premarket Approval; QSR: Quality System Regulation

HOW ARE DIAGNOSTIC COMPANIES DIFFERENT?

Different company structure



Different business drivers and operational realities

Rapid path to market		Speed Sample quality and quantity Own physician/KOL relationships
Low cost to market	→	Low budget Eliminate unnecessary processes
R&D drives product development		Clinical operations responsive to new information, changing requirements
May not be FDA-regulated	→	Flexible documentation and SOPs
Plan likely to change frequently	→	Flexible plan

Different study goals Study goals = company goals



DIAGNOSTIC DEVELOPMENT STUDY DESIGN

The Three Priorities of Diagnostic Studies



The sample
The sample
The sample

Different studies at different phases of development



The sample
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Sample collection study design

Either single visit or longitudinal sample collection

Retrospective chart review for applicable clinical data

Target patient population

Defined gold standard

Sample collected and handled per protocol

Sample collection studies are not clinical trials



Changes during study are expected and acceptable

- Patient population
- Sample collection and handling



Can enrich for diseased population



Can use multiple cohorts, including retrospective, to complete test development



Site selection: balance highvolume with early engagement of KOLs and target customers

 Early-stage studies may lack sufficient scientific rigor for academic approval

Sample collection studies differ from pharma/device studies



The sample
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Target patient population

Represents commercial population

Includes diseased and not diseased

May enrich for diseased samples

Relevant clinical data is collected and verified

Gold standard is supported by literature, guidelines and community

Good Clinical Practices Informed consent

- GCP
 - IRB oversight
 - Subject informed consent
 - Investigator qualifications
 - Site training includes sample management
 - Minimal monitoring

- Informed consent elements
 - Sample collection procedure

The sample
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- Volume/number of sample(s) collected
- Duration of participation
 - Single or multiple visits
 - Time to obtain relevant clinical data
- No patient results provided
- Long-term sample storage for future research
- Patient compensation
- Optional posting on clinicaltrials.gov

The sample
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Sample requirements

- Sample type
- Collection
 - Method
 - Timing
 - Tube/ampule
 - Media
- Processing
- Storage conditions
- Shipping materials
- Shipping methods
- Days/hours/minutes between steps

- Documentation
 - Date/time of each step
 - Collection method
 - Processing method
 - Volume or other metric
 - Refrigerator/freezer logs
 - Shipping records
 - Chain of custody

WHAT DO DIAGNOSTIC COMPANIES NEED?

Diagnostics companies

- High-volume sites
- Regulatory literacy
- Flexible operational plans
- Ownership of key relationships
- Core competency: biosample management
- Budget moderation
- Speed

Need

- Complex processes
- Misaligned regulatory requirements
- Excess clinical data
- Extra oversight
- Expense

Don't need

Diagnostics companies need



