



# **Sunshine on Europe: impact of recent EFPIA and EU guidelines on publication planners**

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**Transparency**

# Agenda

## Evolution of data transparency

- Scientific publications & congress abstracts & presentations
- Trial registration, Results posting
- Clinical study report & clinical summary public release
- Individual subject data release, Lay summaries

## Response from pharmaceutical industry & industry organisations

- Public policies
- New guidelines – GPP3

## Evolution of financial payments transparency

- Sunshine Act
- EfPIA Disclosure Code

## New practices

- Publication & disclosure plan
- Impact on protocol, QC processes

# 20th century Publication Outlets



Clinical study  
report

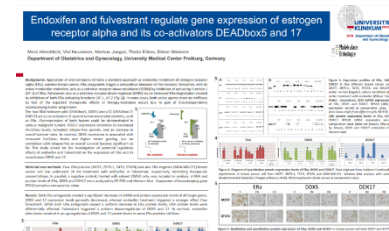
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Congress  
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# Publication outlets 2005-2013



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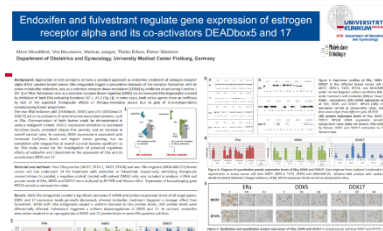


Published  
paper



Trial registry  
results records  
CT.gov

Congress  
abstract & poster





## European Medicines Agency policy, June 2014

### Mandatory posting of results

- **Interventional clinical trials ending after 21 July 2014**
  - Results must be posted on EudraCT within 12 mo (adult) or 6 mo (paediatric) of study completion
  - Using defined data set
- **Interventional clinical trials ending before 21 July 2014**
  - Results must be posted retrospectively
  - Using defined data set and/or summary
    - Different timeframes dependent on type of trial & date of completion
- **ALL interventional trials**
  - whether drugs approved or not



## European Medicines Agency policy, October 2014 Publication of clinical data

- **Make publicly available with redaction of personal identifying and commercially confidential information (CCI):**
  - Clinical overviews
  - Clinical summaries
  - Clinical study reports with
    - Protocols & amendments
    - Sample case report form
    - Documentation of statistical methods
    - Individual patient data (IPD)
- **When decision taken on MAA submitted by centralised procedure (approval or withdrawal)**



## Principles for Responsible Clinical Trial Data Sharing

Our Commitment to Patients and Researchers



**Biopharmaceutical companies are committed to enhancing public health through responsible sharing of clinical trial data in a manner that is consistent with the following Principles:**

- **Safeguarding the privacy of patients**
- **Respecting the integrity of national regulatory systems**
- **Maintaining incentives for investment in biomedical research**

Companies routinely publish their clinical research, collaborate with academic researchers, and share clinical trial information on public web sites at the time of patient recruitment, after new drug approval, and when investigational research programs have been discontinued.

Biopharmaceutical companies will apply these Principles for Responsible Clinical Trial Data Sharing as a common baseline on a voluntary basis, and we encourage all

Each company will establish a scientific review board that will include scientists and/or healthcare professionals who are not employees of the company. Members of the scientific review boards will participate in the review of data requests to determine whether they meet the criteria described below regarding the qualifications of the requestor and the legitimacy of the research purpose, unless a company makes an initial determination on its own to share applicable clinical trial data. Companies

# Current disclosure outlets

From 2014/ 2015

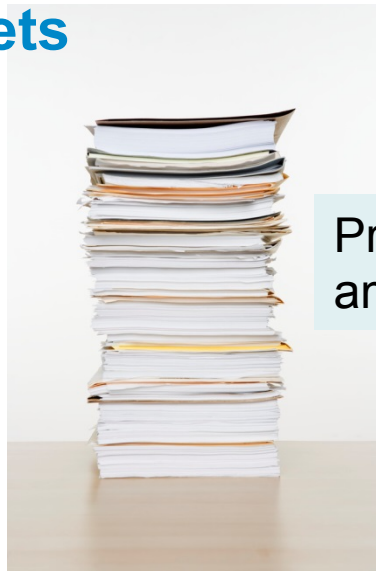
Lay Summaries

Clinical overview & summaries

CSR synopses

Protocol & amendments

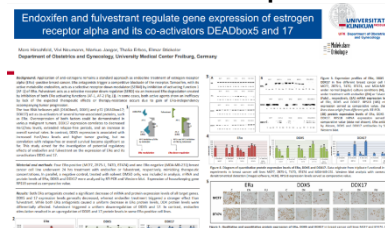
Individual patient data (IPD)



Clinical study report

Congress abstract & poster

Published paper



Trial registry results records CTR, others



## **Discrepancy between published articles and trial registry information**

From: **Comparison of Registered and Published Primary Outcomes in Randomized Controlled Trials**

**Table 2.** Differences Between Primary Outcomes in Trial Registration and in Published Articles for Studies With a Clear Description of the Primary Outcome in the Registry and Differing Favoring Statistically Significant Results

	No. (%)		
	All (n = 172)	Articles with Discrepancy (n = 72)	Articles without Discrepancy (n = 100)
Articles with different primary outcomes in trial registration and in published article		24 (33.3) <sup>c</sup>	
Registered primary outcome omitted in text	7 (4.0)	7 (9.7)	0 (0.0)
New primary outcome introduced in text	11 (6.4)	11 (15.3)	0 (0.0)
Different timing of assessment of primary outcome	1 (0.6)	1 (1.4)	0 (0.0)
Published primary outcome defined as nonprimary in registry	5 (2.9)	3 (4.2)	2 (2.0)
Registered primary outcome defined as nonprimary in registry	6 (3.5)	4 (5.3)	2 (2.0)
Discrepancy in primary outcome	46 (26.7)	22 (30.6)	24 (23.9)
Discrepancy in primary outcome due to			
Omission of primary outcome	19 (41.3)	9 (40.9)	10 (41.7) <sup>e</sup>
Introduction of new primary outcome	4 (8.7)	1 (4.5)	3 (12.5)
Timing of assessment of primary outcome	1 (2.2)	1 (4.5)	0 (0.0)
Published primary outcome defined as nonprimary	23 (50.0)	12 (45.5)	11 (45.8)

Articles with 2 reasons for difference in primary outcome: 10 (21.7%).  
 Articles with 3 reasons for difference in primary outcome: 10 (21.7%).  
 Compared with general journals:  $P = .73$ . Two articles had 2 reasons for difference in primary outcome.  
 Discrepancy in primary outcome was said to favor statistically significant results when a new, statistically significant primary outcome was introduced in the article or when a statistically nonsignificant primary outcome was omitted or defined as nonprimary in the published article.  
<sup>e</sup>Compared with general journals:  $P = .60$ .

**CONCLUSION:** Comparison of the primary outcomes of RCTs registered with their subsequent publication indicated that selective outcome reporting is prevalent.



# Timing and Completeness of Trial Results Posted at ClinicalTrials.gov and Published in Journals

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## Abstract

**Background:** The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) requires sponsors to post results from clinical trials of Food and Drug Administration–approved drugs to ClinicalTrials.gov after trial completion. We compared the timing and completeness of results posted to ClinicalTrials.gov and published in journals.

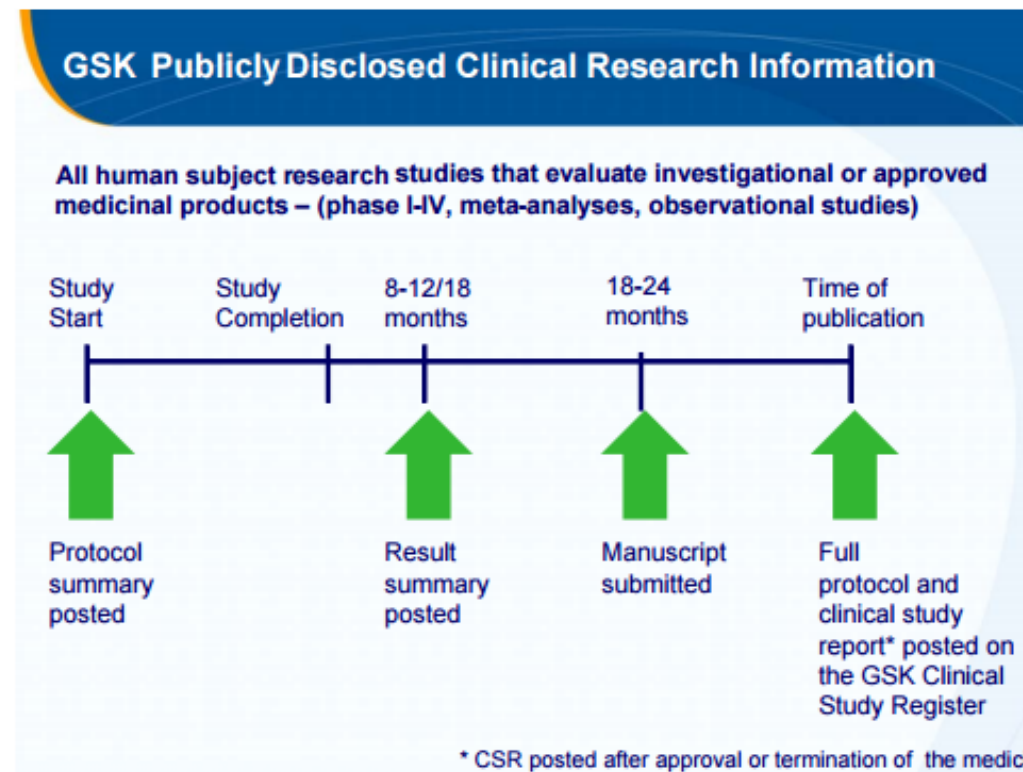
**Methods:** We searched ClinicalTrials.gov on March 27, 2012, for randomized controlled trials of drugs with FDA-approved new active ingredients. For these trials, we searched PubMed for corresponding publications. Data were extracted from ClinicalTrials.gov and from the published articles for trials with results both posted and published. We compared the time to first public posting or publishing of results and compared the completeness of results posted to ClinicalTrials.gov versus published in journal articles. Completeness was defined as the reporting of all key findings according to three experts for the flow of participants, efficacy results, adverse events, and serious adverse events.

**Conclusions:** Our results highlight the need to search ClinicalTrials.gov for both unpublished and published trials. Trial results, especially serious adverse events, are more completely reported at ClinicalTrials.gov than in the published article.



# PUBLICATION POLICIES

## GSK Public policy positions







## Trial Data & Results



### Other content within Trial Data & Results:

- [Trial Data & Results](#)
- [Clinical Study Report Synopses](#)
- [Data Access Requests](#)
- [Returning Clinical Data to Patients](#)

Pfizer believes that it is important for researchers, trial participants, regulators, and others acting in the best interest of patients to have access to clinical trial information to advance medical understanding and progress. It's also important that this access works in ways that protect patient privacy, preserve regulatory authority and maintain incentives for those who generate data to conduct new research.

Pfizer publicly shares results from our clinical trials, whether the results are neutral, negative or positive. We also share data gathered in clinical trials we sponsor with trial volunteers, researchers, and others.

There are several ways in which we share trial results and data:



We submit clinical trial results for publication in peer reviewed journals within 18 months of primary completion date.

### Responsible Data Sharing

Pfizer's practices adhere to the principles for responsible data sharing laid out by the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA).

- > [Pfizer Policy: Public Disclosure of Pfizer Clinical Study Data and Authorship](#)
- > [Read the PhRMA/EFPIA principles \[↗\]\(#\) \(PDF\)](#)
- > [How Pfizer meets or exceeds the PhRMA/EFPIA commitments \(PDF\)](#)
- > [A Guide to Requesting Pfizer Patient-Level Clinical Data \(PDF\)](#)
- > [Frequently Asked Questions \(PDF\)](#)
- > [Statistical Analysis Plan Sample \(PDF\)](#)



## **Good Publication Practice for Communicating Company-Sponsored Medical Research: GPP3**

**Wendy P. Battisti, PhD; Elizabeth Wager, PhD; Lise Baltzer; Dan Bridges, PhD; Angela Cairns; Christopher I. Carswell, MSc; Leslie Citrome, MD, MPH; James A. Gurr, PhD; LaVerne A. Mooney, DrPH; B. Jane Moore, MS; Teresa Peña, PhD; Carol H. Sanes-Miller, MS; Keith Veitch, PhD; Karen L. Woolley, PhD; and Yvonne E. Yarker, PhD**

- Sets out 10 Good Publication Practice principles for company-sponsored medical research
- Endorses sharing full study reports and appropriately anonymised individual subject data with qualified researchers on request
- Spells out research which should be published, including non-interventional studies
- Expands guidance on interpretation of ICMJE authorship criteria & addresses common authorship issues
- Clarifies appropriate author payments
- Expands on role of medical writers

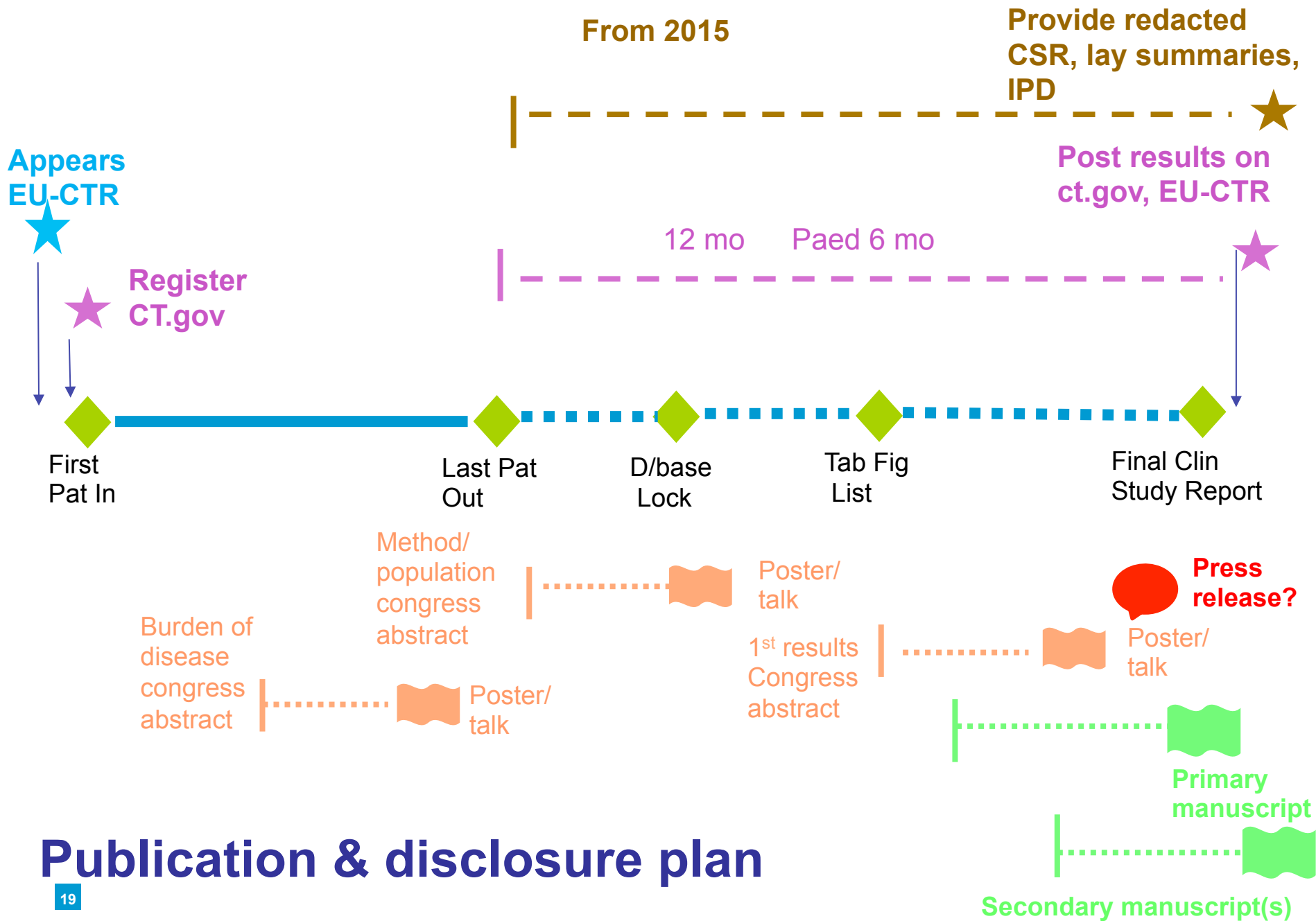
PERSPECTIVE

## **Publication planning: promoting an ethics of transparency and integrity in biomedical research**

 THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF  
**CLINICAL PRACTICE**  
 Editor's  
Choice

DeTora L, Foster C, Skobe C, Yarker Y, Crawley FP.  
Int J Clin Pract, September 2015, 69, 9, 915–921

A supportive and well-organised plan ensuring that the research and its results are communicated clearly to the scientific and healthcare communities as well as the general public is essential



# Publication & disclosure plan



# FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

# Physician Payments Sunshine Act - effective Apr 2013

## Summary Data for 2014



Total US Dollar Value  
**6.49**  
Billion

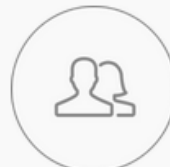


Total Records Published  
**11.41**  
Million

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Total Companies  
Making Payments  
**1,444**



Total Physicians  
with Payment Records  
**607,000**



Total Teaching  
Hospitals  
with Payment Records  
**1,121**

## EFPIA HCP/HCO DISCLOSURE CODE

EFPIA CODE ON DISCLOSURE OF  
TRANSFERS OF VALUE FROM  
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES TO  
HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND  
HEALTHCARE ORGANISATIONS

**CONSOLIDATED VERSION 2014**  
Approved by the General Assembly of 6 June

- Obliges member companies to disclose direct or indirect Transfers of Value to or for the benefit of an HCP
  - Donations or grants
  - Events costs
  - Service or consultancy fees
- To individual named recipient
- R&D costs reported on aggregate basis
- Annual reporting
- Report on company or government/ association website



# PLAN PROTOCOL

Prepare protocol considering it WILL become public

Clear primary endpoint & timeframe

Restrict number of secondary endpoints

Prepare protocol with Company Confidential Information redacted



# PLAN

## PUBLICATION & DISCLOSURE PLAN

Prepare plan before study recruitment

Plan key scientific content for each

- congress abstract/ poster/ oral & manuscript
- trial registries & results database submission
- press release

Data availability & timelines

Authors, contributors

Target journals (with contingency) & congresses

Review & Approval

- Heads of Publications, Disclosure Team, Med Affairs, Clin Dev, Reg Affairs, Data Mgmt & Stats, Compliance, Public Affairs, Chief Medical Officer NOT Sales/ Marketing

# STANDARDISE QC PROCESSES

## Identify one results document as 'core'

- Final tables, figures & listings?
- ≤ 4mo after study completion ( paediatric trials)
- ≤ 10 mo after study completion (adult trials)
- Same data in CSR, Results registries, Congress abstracts, posters &/or oral presentations, Primary manuscripts, Clinical overviews & clinical summaries

## Review vs 'core' document

- Draft trial & results registrations
- Draft scientific manuscripts & congress materials

## Ensure study identifier(s) included in ALL publications

# STANDARDISE PROCESSES

## Record costs/ publication project

- Medical writing/ editing
- Journal open access
- Copyright permission
- Congress abstract submission, attendance expenses

## Named individual reporting vs aggregate reporting

- part of clinical research?

# COMMUNICATE

## PUBLICATION & DISCLOSURE PLAN

Present to:

- Project team
- Key internal sponsors eg Clin Dev, Med Affairs, Stats & Data Mgmt
- External study investigators
- Co-development partner

# COMMUNICATE

## PUBLICATION & DISCLOSURE PROGRESS

### Use Publication Management software

- Eg DataVision, PubsHub, PubStrat
- Controlled access to all Publication & Disclosure team members
- Include Disclosure tasks in project activities
- Choose Medical Communications vendor with user capability

# COMMUNICATE

## PUBLICATION & DISCLOSURE PLANNING MEETINGS

### Regular

- F2F/ TC/ videolink

### Members

- Disclosure rep, publication manager, medical writer(s) of CSR & publications, Med Affairs, Clin Dev, Reg Affairs, Data Management & Stats, Compliance

### Review progress of Publication & Disclosure plan

- timeframe, key content, issues & solutions

### For trials on products under joint development

- Key staff from development partners

# Change of mindset





**Transparency**







**THANK YOU**