

### Protocol

- \*A protocol is a document that states the reasoning behind and structure of a research project.
- \*Protocol also defined as a document that describes the background, rationale, objective, design, methodology, statistical consideration and organization of trial.
- \*The study protocol can be viewed as a written agreement between the investigator, the participants and the scientific community.

# Background

- A clinical research protocol document must reflect both sound scientific rationale as well as local, national and, when applicable, international regulatory and human subject protections requirements.
- **❖** These requirements originate from a variety of sources, undergo frequent revision and are subject to interpretation.
- \*Tools to assist clinical investigators in the production of clinical protocols could facilitate navigating these requirements and ultimately increase the efficiency of clinical research.

# **Protocol Development**

- Every clinical investigation begins with the development of a clinical protocol. The protocol is a document that describes how a clinical trial will be conducted (the objective(s), design, methodology, statistical considerations and organization of a clinical trial,) and ensures the safety of the trial subjects and integrity of the data collected.
- A <u>research protocol</u> is a document that describes the background, rationale, objectives, design, methodology, statistical considerations, and organization of a clinical research project. According to the ICH Good Clinical Practice guidelines, a protocol should include the following topics:
- ❖Title Page (General Information)
- ❖Background Information
- Objective/Purpose
- Study Design
- ❖Selection and Exclusion of subject

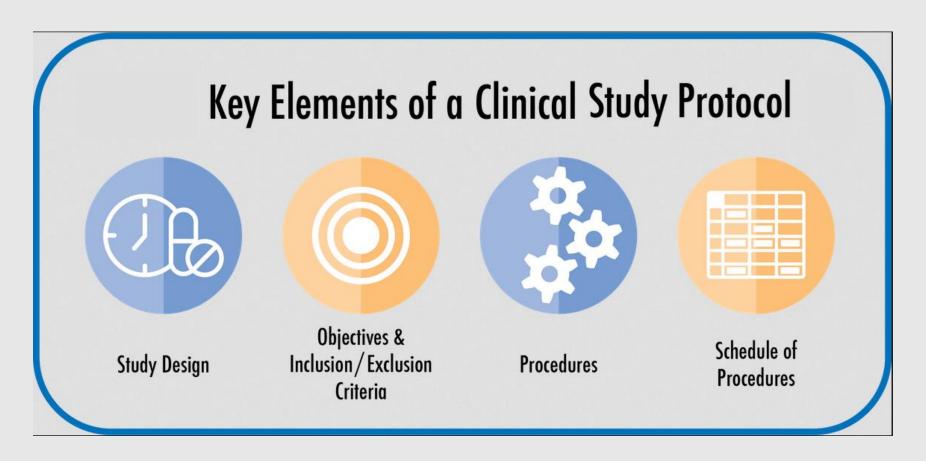
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- ❖Treatment of Subjects
- ❖Assessment of Efficacy
- ❖Assessment of Safety
- Adverse Events
- Discontinuation of the Study
- Statistics
- Quality Control and Assurance
- **\***Ethics
- Data handling and Record keeping

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- ❖ Publication Policy
- ❖Project Timetable/Flowchart
- ❖ References
- ❖Supplements/Appendices
- The NIH provides many resources for protocol development to assist investigators in writing and developing clinical research protocols that are in compliance with regulatory/GCP requirements. Some NIH institutes have a mandatory requirement for using their protocol template.

# **Clinical Trial Protocol**



#### Characteristics of clinical trials



# **Steps in Protocol**

