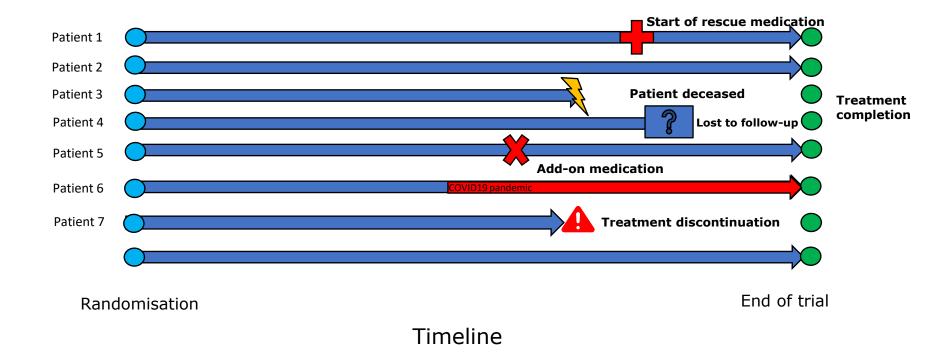
ICH E9(R1) estimand framework & CDISC

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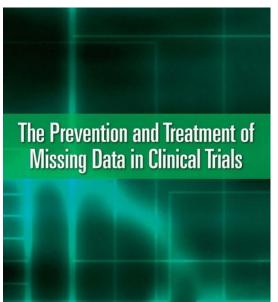
Estimands session at IX CDISC Italian User Network

Patient journeys in a trial



ICH E9(R1) Timeline

- 2010 US National Research Council report on missing data (& estimands)
- E9(R1) Expert Working Group
 - Oct 2014 Concept Paper
 - August 2017 Step 2b
 - December 2019 final version step 5





Final Concept Paper
E9(R1): Addendum to Statistical Principles for Clinical Trials
on
Appropriate Estimated and Defining Semilibrity Applyage in Clinical Tri

Choosing Appropriate Estimands and Defining Sensitivity Analyses in Clinical Trials dated 22 October 2014

Endorsed by the ICH Steering Committee on 23 October 2014



30 August 2017 EMA/CHMP/ICH/436221/2017 Committee for Human Medicinal Products

ICH E9 (R1) addendum on estimands and sensitivity analysis in clinical trials to the guideline on statistical principles for clinical trials

Step 2b

Transmission to CHMP	July 2017
Adoption by CHMP for release for consultation	20 July 2017
Start of consultation	31 August 2017

ICH HARMONISED GUIDELINE

ADDENDUM ON ESTIMANDS AND SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS IN CLINICAL TRIALS

TO THE GUIDELINE ON STATISTICAL PRINCIPLES FOR CLINICAL TRIALS

E9(R1)

Final version

Adopted on 20 November 2019

Status: Step 5

Implementation status:

ANVISA, Brazil - In the process of implementation; Date: 1 December 2023;

COFEPRIS, Mexico - Not yet implemented;

EC, Europe - Implemented; Date: 30 July 2020; Reference: EMA/CHMP/ICH/436221/2017

FDA, United States - Implemented; Date: 11 May 2021; Reference: Posted on FDA, United States website

HSA, Singapore - Implemented; Date: 1 November 2019; Reference: HSA, Singapore webpage: Guidance documents for clinical trials

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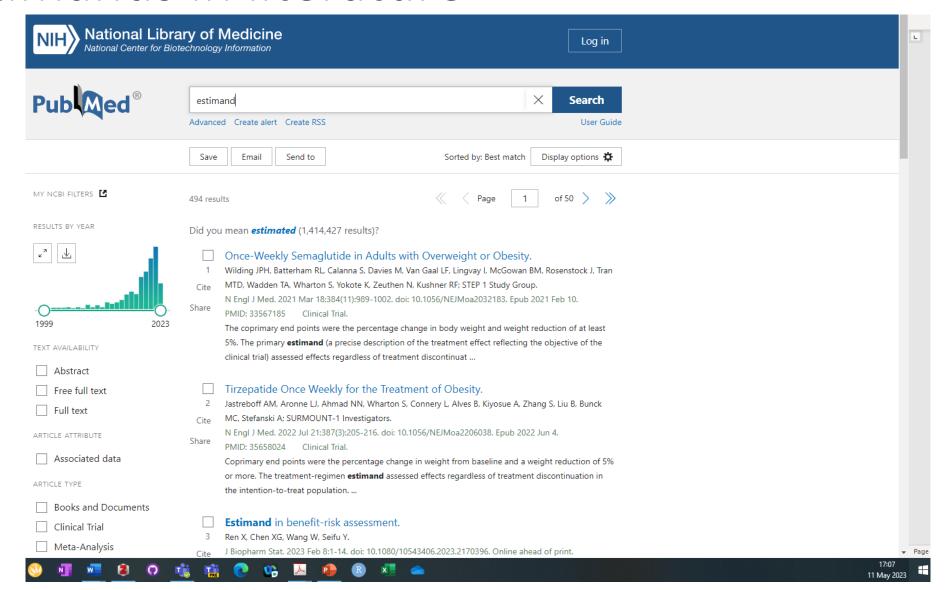
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Estimands in literature



Estimands in Regulatory guidance?

the control group during a pre-defined post-vaccination interval.

Guideline on clinical evaluation of vaccines EMEA/CHMP/VWP/164653/05 Rev. 1

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The required number of events (i.e. cases) has been accumulated. This case-driven approach may be most appropriate when the rate of accumulation of cases is less certain.

The primary analysis should be aligned to an agreed target of estimation (estimand) as determined by the trial objective. Examples of issues to consider when defining a target of estimation include the target population about which confirmatory conclusions are to be drawn and adherence to the treatment schedule. Depending on the specific situation there could be others, including events such as death that preclude observation of the variable of interest.

ing factors such as the expected proportion

The concept of estimands, defined as 'a precise description of the treatment effect reflecting the clinica question posed by the trial objective (TCH EQRIAT), is equally important for SATs as for RCTs. However, due to the uncontrolled nature of SATs, some concepts from the estimands framework are more difficult to apply, specifically in relation to the five estimand attributes:

- Treatment ("The treatment condition of interest and, as appropriate, the alternative treatment condition to which comparison will be made...", ICH 59(R.I): In SATs, only the investigational treatment is administered, and there is no alternative treatment condition to which a direct comparison can be made with the data derived from the SAT.
- Population: See Section 4.2.
- Variable (or endpoint): See Section 4.1.
- Handling of intecurrent events: Intercurrent events are defined as 'Dents occurring after treatment initiation that affect sleth be interpretation on the existence of the measurements associated with the clinical question of interest (Diot 15(RL)). In SATA, intercurrent events are only observed for the investigational treatment arm which poses an additional challenge in relation to their interpretation and handling and even the timing of treatment initiation may be iess clear than in RCTs.
- Population-level summary: See definition of treatment effect estimate in this section and Section 4.4.

Conceptually, appropriateness of a SAT depends on whether it can address the targeted estimand o interest. Specific problems associated with this are addressed in Section 4.

Treatment effect of interest

Following (CH Ex) a treatment effect is 'inn effect attributed to a treatment in a clinical trial. In most trials the treatment effect of interest is a comparison for contrary of two or more breamments'. For the purpose of this reflection paper, the term treatment effect of interest refles to the comparison (contrast) of the summary measure under the experimental treatment to the summary measure under the alternative of the trial population onto being treated with the experimental treatment (contrafficable). This term is used in their effection paper in the context of assessing whether there is an effect attributable to treatment and of (unbiased) estimation of the size of the treatment effect.

There is no general statistical or methodological definition for the concept of isolating a treatment effect. For the purpose of this reflection paper, the following definition is adopted. If observed individual outcomes in a SAT for the defined endpoint within the designated follow-up could not have cocurred without active treatment in any patient who entered the trial, the SAT is able to isolate the

(i) COVID-19 potentially affecting trial participants directly and

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(ii) COVID-19 related measures a

on trial integrity and interpretability is analysis of the accumulating trial data of study participants during the trial, treatment effect. It is understood tha monitoring activities and should prim blinded data with the intent to inform not with the usual intent to confirm the should focus on quality and reliability consider the impact of intercurrent exarising from the COVID-19 pandemic estimand framework provides a comp

2. Missing Data and Intercurrent Events

Subjects may have missing data in the study for various reasons (e.g., subject's refusal to continue in the study, worsening of conditions or emergence of adverse events, subject's failure to meet scheduled appointments for evaluation). Subjects may also have intercurrent (post-randomization) events that affect either the interpretation or the existence of the measurements associated with the question of interest (e.g., noncompliance with the protocol for various reasons, use of rescue medication due to lack of efficacy, death). Missing data and intercurrent events can introduce problems such as bias, misleading inference, loss of precision and loss of power, which make it hard to interpret the trial outcome.

The ICH (Internal Council for Harmonization) E9(R1) Addendum introduces the concept of an estimand, which is a precise description of the treatment effect reflecting the clinical question posed by a particular study objective. ²¹ The trial protocol of a BE study should include the following components of an estimand: (1) the treatment of interest and alternative treatment(s) to which comparison will be made: e.g., test drug compared with reference drug; (2) the analysis population for BE assessment; (3) the variable (or endpoint) to be measured for each subject (e.g., AUC or C_{max}); (4) the specification of how to account for intercurrent events in assessing the scientific question of interest (for example, in a comparative clinical endpoint BE study with

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DRAFT GUIDANCE

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For questions regarding this draft document, contact (CDER) David Coppersmith at 301-796-9193.

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8.1.2. Target of estimation in the prodromal AD /MCI due to AD Preclinical AD setting

In the prodromal/MCI setting, patients are not from the beginning of the trial on a st background therapy. The initiation of a non-investigational symptomatic treatment sl as an intercurrent event that will influence the measurement of the outcome variable be addressed in the **estimand**. As above, the treatment effect 'if symptomatic medica been introduced' could be an appropriate target of estimation, providing that reliable estimation can be identified. An alternative strategy might be to integrate the event i (e.g. to define a non-responder as a patient with a certain degree of progression or v additional symptomatic medication).

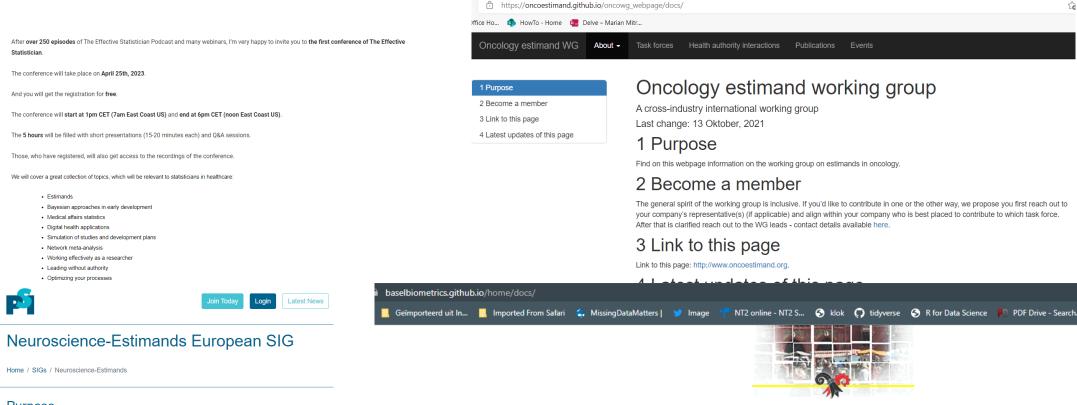
Guideline on the clinical investigation of medicines for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease CPMP/EWP/553/95 Rev.2 Fieller, E., Some Problems in Interval Estimation, 1954, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, 16(2): 175-185.
 For example, see Sun, W., S. Grosser, and Y. Tsong, 2017, Ratio of Means vs. Difference of Means as Measures of Superiority, Noninferiority, and Average Bioequivalence, Journal Biopharmaceutical Statistics, 27(2): 338-355.
 Guidance for industry E9(R1) Statistical Principles for Clinical Trials: Addendum: Estimands and Sensitivity Analysis in Clinical Trials, Revision 1 (May 2021).

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deviations accordingly and capture related reasons.

The war in Ukraine may impact ongoing clinical trials in aspects that are shared with the COVID-19 pandemic. In this regard, Sponsors are encouraged to consult the EMA Points to consider on implications of Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) on methodological aspects of ongoing trials — Revision 1, and take into consideration other relevant points discussed there that are also applicable in this context. Likewise, it is recommended to seek Scientific Advice early in the process if substantial modifications to the current protocol and/or analysis plan are considered necessary. These aspects related to impact of the war on trial design elements, recruitment, data collection, analysis and interpretation of results will be thoroughly reflected upon during requests for EMA Scientific Advice and the assessment of affected clinical trial data submitted to the EMA for Marketing Authorisation Application.

Estimands initiatives in pharma industry?



Purpose

This SIG will have two connected topics:

- 1. General biostatistics Neuroscience community
- 2. Working groups on estimands in neuroscience and other topics in neuroscience

Publications and slide decks

The group did work on the impact of Covid-19 pandemic on clinical trials in Neuroscience and provides recommen-

The impact of Covid-19 on clinical trials in NS V1.0 final

News on this site

- 2022/12/16: Added recording and slide decks of joint EFSPI & BBS virtual event on "Addressing intercurrent events: Treatment policy and hypothetical strategies (Day 2)".
- 2022/12/14: Added recording of Next Generation Networking Seminar.
- 2022/12/09: Added recording and slide decks of joint EFSPI & BBS virtual event on "Addressing <u>intercurrent events: Treatment policy and hypothetical strategies (Day 1)".</u>

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The ICH E9(R1) estimands framework

• "This addendum presents a structured framework to strengthen the dialogue between disciplines involved in the formulation of clinical trial objectives, design, conduct, analysis and interpretation, as well as between sponsor and regulator regarding the treatment effect(s) of interest that a clinical trial should address."

The estimand definition

Estimand:

A precise description of the treatment effect reflecting the clinical question posed by the trial objective. It summarises at a population-level what the outcomes would be in the same patients under different treatment conditions being compared.

The intercurrent event definition

Intercurrent Events:

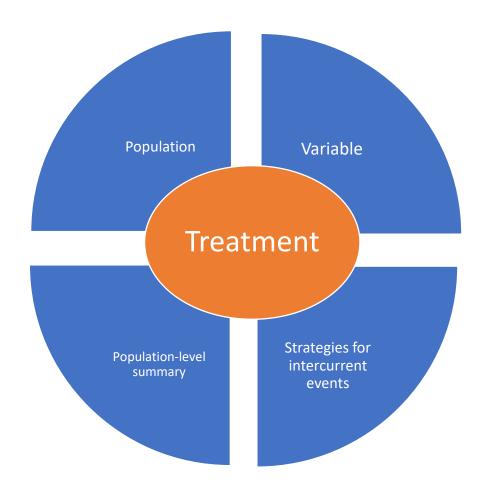
Events occurring after treatment initiation that affect either the interpretation or the existence of the measurements associated with the clinical question of interest. It is necessary to address intercurrent events when describing the clinical question of interest in order to precisely define the treatment effect that is to be estimated.

Missing data definition

Missing Data:

Data that would be meaningful for the analysis of a given estimand but were not collected. They should be distinguished from data that do not exist or data that are not considered meaningful because of an intercurrent event.

Estimand attributes



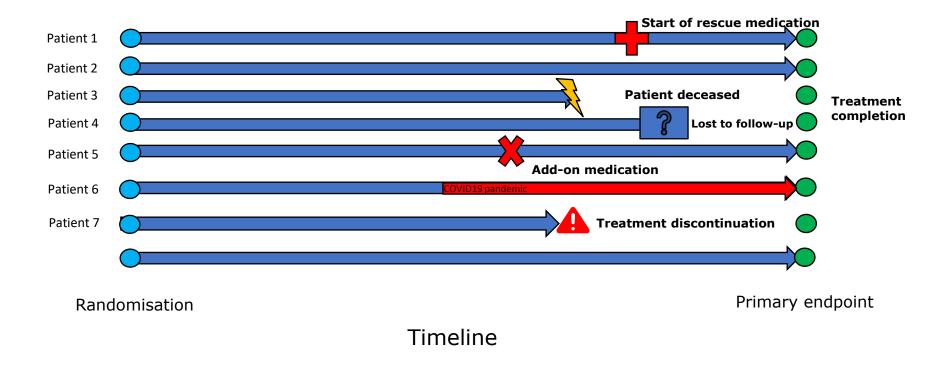
Strategies for intercurrent events

- Treatment policy strategy
- Hypothetical strategy
- Composite variable strategies
- While on treatment strategies
- Principal stratum strategies

Strategies for intercurrent events

- Treatment policy strategy
- (Actively!) Ignore the intercurrent event
- it requires complete subject follow-up

Patient journeys in a trial (TP)



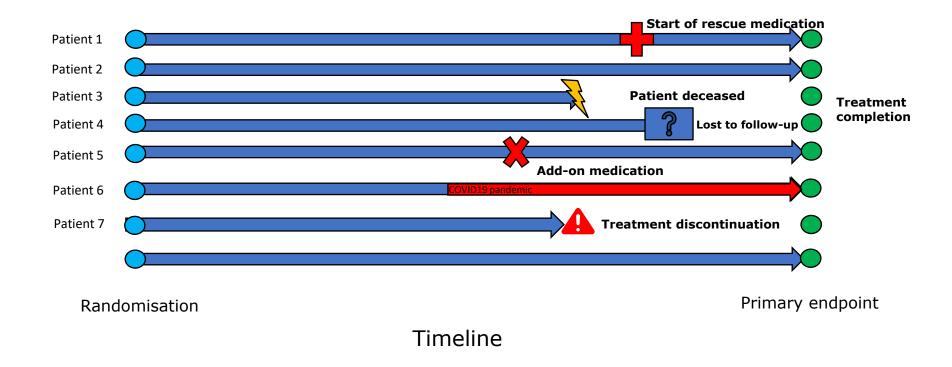
Strategies for intercurrent events

Hypothetical strategy

Envisage a scenario where the

intercurrent event would not occur

Patient journeys in a trial (Hyp)



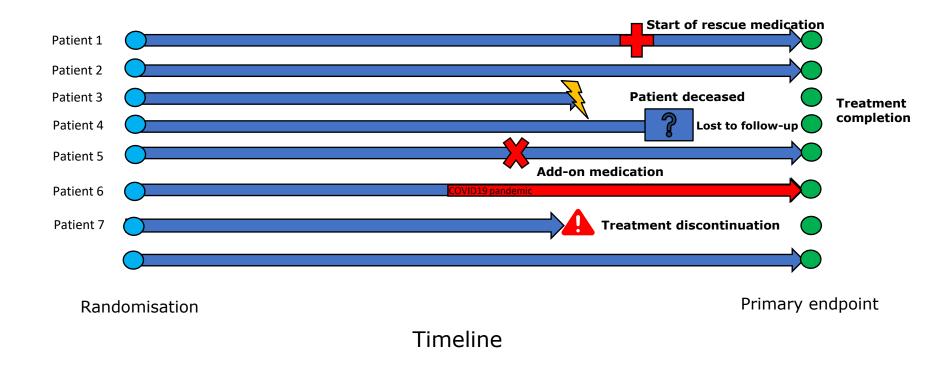
Strategies for intercurrent events

Composite variable strategies

Consider the intercurrent event as part of the variable.

Could be an event or could be a certain value if scores are used.

Patient journeys in a trial (Comp)



Strategies for intercurrent events

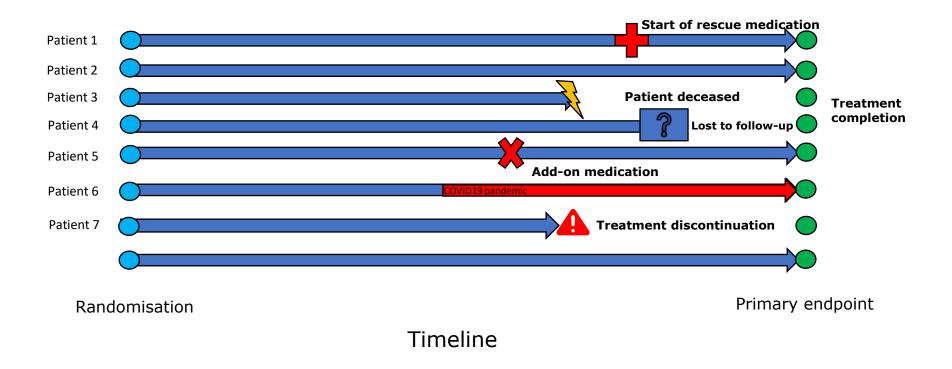
While on treatment strategies

Interest is in the patient's trajectory prior

to the intercurrent event.

Use only outcome values before the intercurrent event.

Patient journeys in a trial (WoT)



Strategies for intercurrent events

Principal stratum strategies

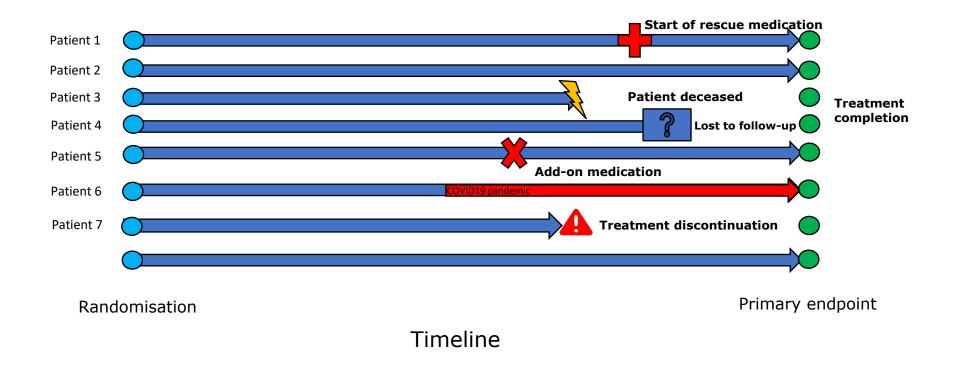
Interest is in a certain subpopulation that

would/would not experience a certain

intercurrent event of interest

!= subgroup/PP...

Patient journeys in a trial (PS)



What do ICH E9(R1) and CDISC have in common?

ICH E9(R1) Guideline

Nothing and a lot, at the same time



A.1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

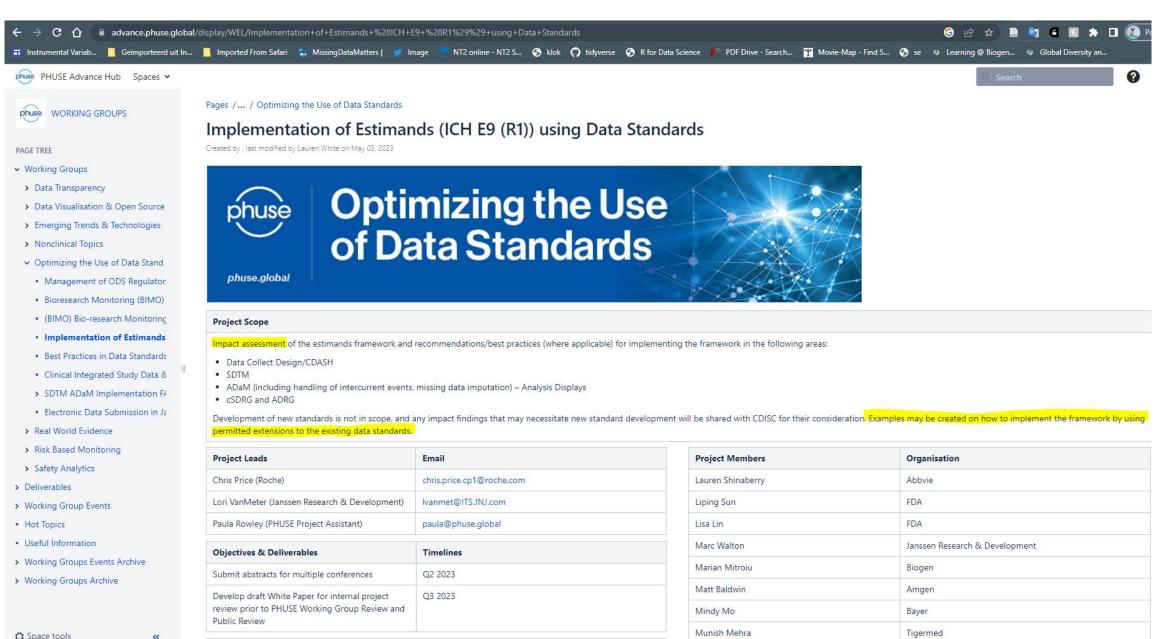
To properly inform decision making by pharmaceutical companies, regulators, patients, physicians and other stakeholders, clear descriptions of the benefits and risks of a treatment (medicine) for a given medical condition should be made available. Without such clarity, there is a concern that the reported "treatment effect" will be misunderstood. This addendum presents a structured framework to strengthen the dialogue between disciplines involved in the formulation of clinical trial objectives, design, conduct, analysis and interpretation, as well as between sponsor and regulator regarding the treatment effect(s) of interest that a clinical trial should address.

A.4. IMPACT ON TRIAL DESIGN AND CONDUCT

The design of a trial needs to be aligned to the estimands that reflect the trial objectives. A trial design that is suitable for one estimand might not be suitable for other estimands of potential importance. Clear definitions for the estimands on which quantification of treatments effects will be based should inform the choices that are made in relation to trial design. This includes determining the inclusion and exclusion criteria that identify the target population, the treatments, including the medications that are allowed and those that are prohibited in the protocol, and other aspects of patient management and data collection. If interest lies, for example, in understanding the treatment effect regardless of whether a particular intercurrent event occurs, a trial in which the variable is collected for all subjects is appropriate.

Avoiding or over-simplifying the process of discussing and constructing an estimand risks misalignment between trial objectives, trial design, data collection and method of analysis. Whilst an inability to derive a reliable estimate might preclude certain choices of strategy, it is important to proceed sequentially from the trial objective and an understanding of the clinical question of interest, and not for the choice of data collection and method of analysis to determine the estimand.

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Documentation to Data

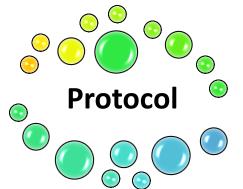
Get sufficiently detailed answers during collection



Data Collection

cSDRG

SDTM



SAP

Statistical details on estimand (WHAT detailed), link estimands to their estimators (HOW performed statistically)

ADRG Define.xml

HOW the relevant aspects of estimands were implemented in the data. New section on estimands in CSDRG & ADRG

ADaM

Dedicated datasets and variables to document
the traceability of
estimands and impact
in the data

Describe the study objective in terms of the estimands framework (WHAT)

Data Collection & Tabulation

Need for Data Collection Enhancements

- Accurate collection of intercurrent events is critical in defining estimands and constructing the estimators
- Granular data collection of the reasons for treatment discontinuations (e.g., AE, LoE, condition improved, AE & LoE etc...)





Data collection enhancements enable to use the prespecified strategies to handle intercurrent events based on the underlying reasons

Commonly Observed Intercurrent Events

Direct Consequences of Treatment

➤ Treatment Discontinuation



- ➤ Treatment Interruption
- ➤ Infusion Interruption
- ➤ Dose Adjustment
- ➤ Treatment Delay

Additional / Alternative Treatment

Concomitant Medication



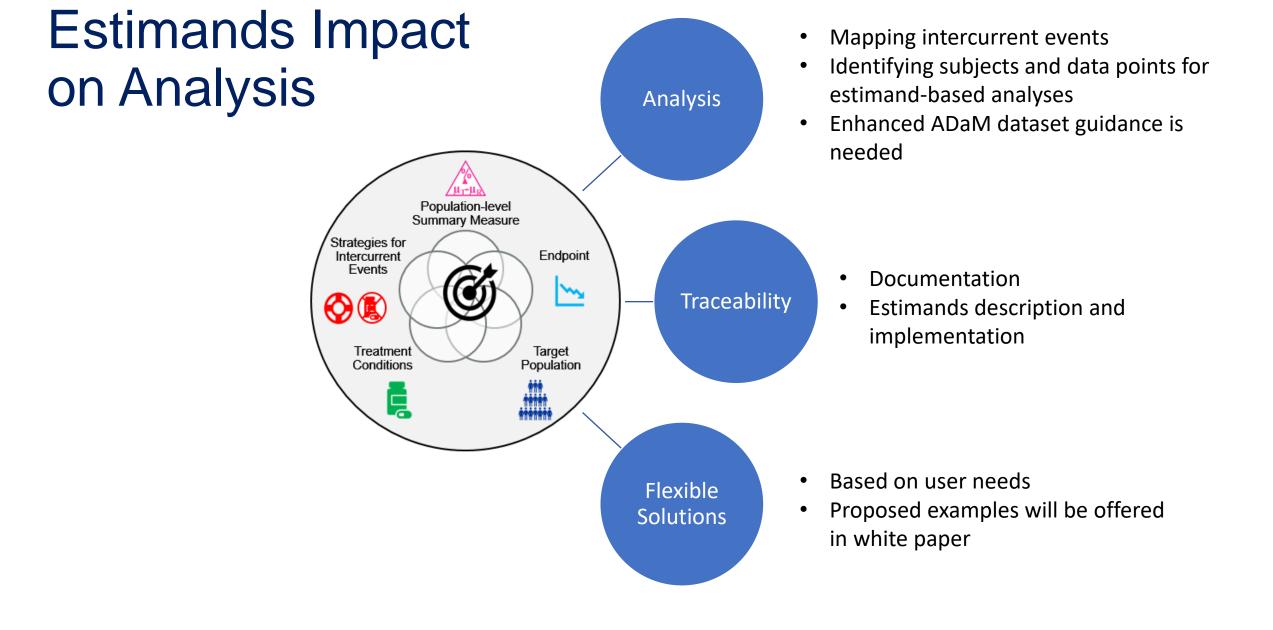
- ➤ Concomitant Procedure
- ➤ Subsequent Cancer Surgery*
- ➤ Subsequent Radiotherapy*

*oncology

Data Collection & Tabulation - Summary

 Accuracy and Granularity Data Collection Sponsors should assess study designs Proposal submitted to CDASH/CDISC Codelist Recommendations for new terms • Estimands framework has no impact **SDTM** Follow SDTM IG & Conformance Rules Section for Intercurrent Events cSDRG Define, collection and mapping

Data Analysis



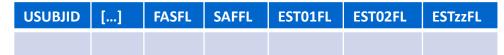
NEW Intercurrent Events Dataset (ADICE)

- Documents intercurrent events across all estimands
- Facilitates traceability and inclusion of intercurrent events into other datasets
- OCCDS structure (one record per intercurrent event)
- This is an optional and supportive dataset to consolidate all intercurrent events in one place

 USUBJID ASEQ ATERM ADECOD ASTDT(M) AENDT(M) SRCDOM SRCVAR SRCSEQ
- Optional columns per estimand:
 - ESTzzSTR: Strategy (e.g., treatment policy) for handling the intercurrent event for estimand zz
 - ESzzGRID: Group multiple intercurrent events affecting a datapoint for estimand zz

NEW ADaM Dataset Variables

• ADSL (Subject-Level)



• ESTzzFL: Subjects considered in all estimand zz estimations

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- BDS (Basic Data Structure)
 - ESTzzRFL: Record-level datapoints considered in all estimand zz estimations
 - ICESEQzz: Links the intercurrent event(s) impacting the datapoint for estimand zz
 - Point to ASEQ of the single intercurrent event affecting the datapoint
 - Point to ESzzGRID of the multiple intercurrent events affecting the datapoint (advanced)

Note: if ADICE is not implemented: ICEDOMzz and ICEVARzz link to SDTM source

Similar for OCCDS and ADaM OTHER structures

Data Analysis - Summary

 Consistent documentation of all **ADICE** intercurrent events Support harmonized workflows ADSL: New estimand analysis set flag New ADaM BDS: New record level data point flag Variables and intercurrent event traceability variables Building upon existing ADaM-IG that Guidance already addresses analysis features (estimations).

'Data analysis' becomes more complex & granular – 'Data derivation' + 'Estimation'

Conclusion & Next Steps

Conclusion – E9(R1) & CDISC

Cross-functional interaction critical

Impacts protocol, data collection and data analysis

Different implementation approaches may be appropriate

Need to update/extend existing data standards

Consistent implementation of estimands is beneficial

Thank you!



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