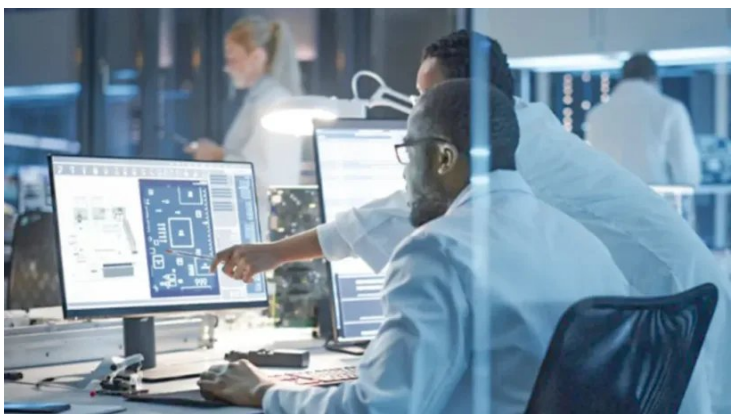


AI in Clinical Study Builds: Redefining EDC Efficiency

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For decades, Medidata has led the charge in clinical trial technology. As the industry moves toward a more integrated, AI-powered environment, the Medidata Rave EDC is being transformed by Medidata Designer. By leveraging artificial intelligence, organizations are now able to shrink study build timelines from the traditional 10-12 weeks down to just a few days



The Challenge of the Traditional Build

The historical lead time for a clinical database build has long been a bottleneck in drug development. The primary culprits for these delays include:

- **Manual Translation:** Converting static protocol documents into functional data collection structures.
- **Repetitive Programming:** Manually coding each validation rule and edit check.
- **Cyclical Reviews:** Time-consuming meetings and manual review cycles that delay the "go-live" date.

To address these, Medidata Designer utilizes a strategy that turns static protocols into dynamic structures through an AI framework, allowing for faster deployment across the platform.

1. Turning Protocols into Data Structures

The study build begins with the protocol. Traditionally, a study architect would manually interpret inclusion criteria, visit schedules, and Case Report Forms (CRFs). Medidata's AI predictive design engines now automate this by suggesting form structures based on study type and therapeutic area. This "clinically-fluent" AI ensures that the digital build accurately reflects the scientific intent of the protocol while reducing the risk of human transcription errors.

2. Predictive Validation and Smart Edit Checks

One of the most labor-intensive parts of a build is the creation of edit checks—the rules that ensure data quality during a trial. Previously, every validation rule had to be coded manually.

With AI, the system identifies common data inconsistencies and suggests relevant edit checks automatically. This accelerates setup and enhances data quality by flagging unusual patterns in real-time during entry, allowing for immediate correction rather than waiting for post-entry cleaning cycles.

3. Optimized Database Configuration

AI analyzes both the protocol and the eCRF (electronic Case Report Form) design to automatically configure the database structure. This automation ensures optimal data storage and seamless integration with other platform systems. By minimizing manual database programming, sponsors can avoid the integration challenges that often plague fragmented clinical trial ecosystems.

4. Revolutionizing User Acceptance Testing (UAT)

Quality Assurance (QA) teams often face a significant workload during UAT. Medidata's AI tools minimize this burden through:

- **Auto-generated Synthetic Data:** Instead of taking days to create test data for edit checks, AI generates CRF-specific synthetic data in minutes.
- **Anomaly Detection:** Algorithms flag inconsistent or illogical configurations before UAT even begins.
- **Simulated Data-Entry:** AI can simulate various data-entry scenarios to identify usability issues or gaps in validation rules before the study goes live.

Moving Toward Accelerated Study Builds

The integration of these advancements is aimed at achieving a drastic reduction in clinical trial startup times. Current platform capabilities suggest significant time savings, transforming what was once a multi-month process into a matter of weeks or even days.

By prioritizing regulatory-grade AI, Medidata is helping life sciences companies turn protocol complexity into operational clarity. This shift from reactive, manual cycles to proactive, automated builds ensures that study teams can move to start-up with greater confidence and speed.

Conclusion

The integration of AI into the Medidata platform is a current operational imperative. By automating the most tedious aspects of the EDC build—from protocol translation to UAT—Medidata is enabling a more agile, accurate, and accelerated clinical trial landscape. In an industry where every day saved in a trial can lead to better outcomes for patients, AI-driven efficiency is becoming the new standard for clinical excellence.

To learn more about how Medidata Designer helps in the development of a faster and more protocol centric study build, [watch this on-demand webinar.](#)

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