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## **ICH M11 Clinical electronic Structure Harmonized Protocol (CeSHarP) and CDISC: Making the Electronic Protocol a reality**

Presented by Peter Van Reusel, Chief Standards Officer, CDISC

# Meet the Speaker

Peter Van Reusel

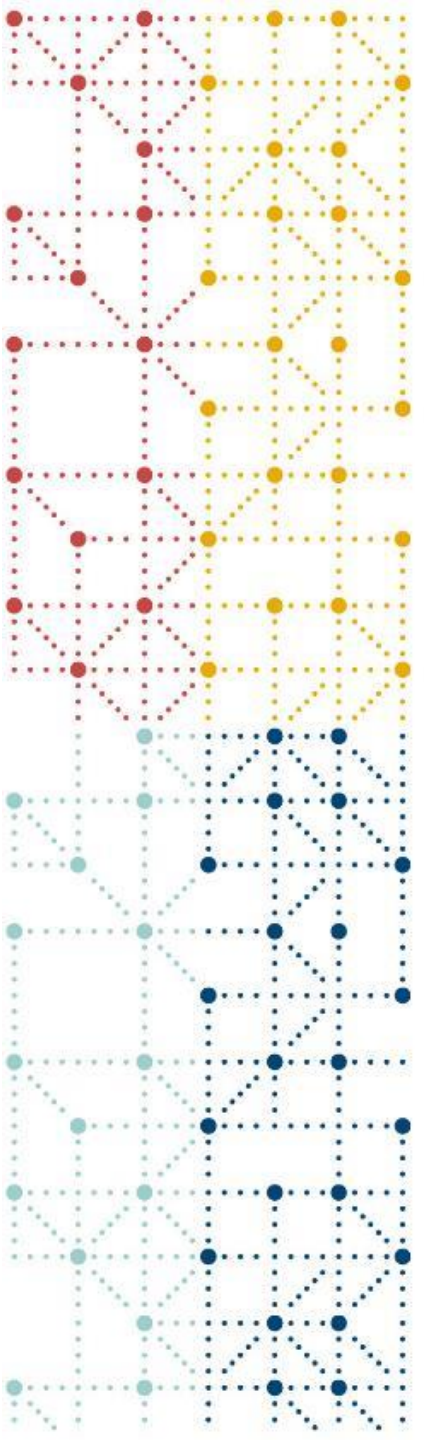
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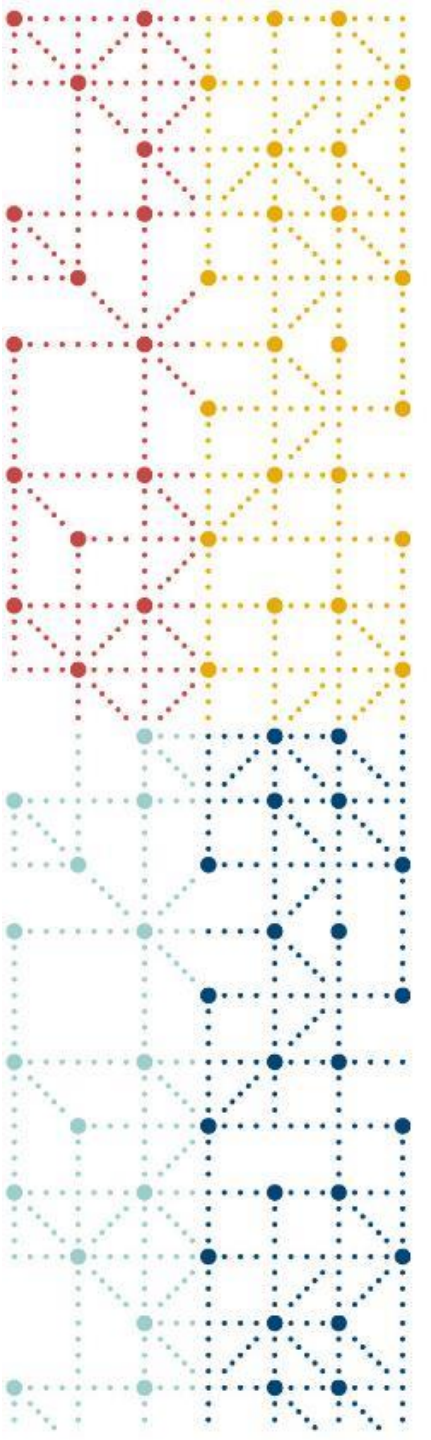
Peter Van Reusel provides executive leadership to the development and implementation of clinical standards in line with CDISC's strategy and operational plans, working closely with the President and CEO, as well as CDISC staff and stakeholders. He has over 20 years' experience in senior roles in pharma and at CROs, providing standards expertise and carrying out other standards work in various organizational settings. A long-time, CDISC-authorized instructor, Peter has helped significantly in developing CDISC training courses.

He previously served as CDISC's European Liaison, shepherding relationships with key European regulatory, academic, and biopharma stakeholders. Peter is also an active PHUSE collaborator.



# Agenda

- What is ICH M11
- USDM meets M11
- Collaborations and driving adoption
- Next steps



# What is ICH M11?

Clinical Electronic Structured Harmonized Protocol

# ICH M11 Expert Working Group

- **Regulatory Members**

- ANVISA, Brazil
- CDSCO, India
- EC, Europe
- FDA, United States
- Health Canada, Canada
- HSA, Singapore
- MHLW / PMDA, Japan
- National Center, Kazakhstan
- NMPA, China
- SFDA, Saudi Arabia
- TFDA, Chinese Taipei

- **Industry Members**

- BIO
- EFPIA
- IFPMA
- IGBA
- JPMA
- PhRMA

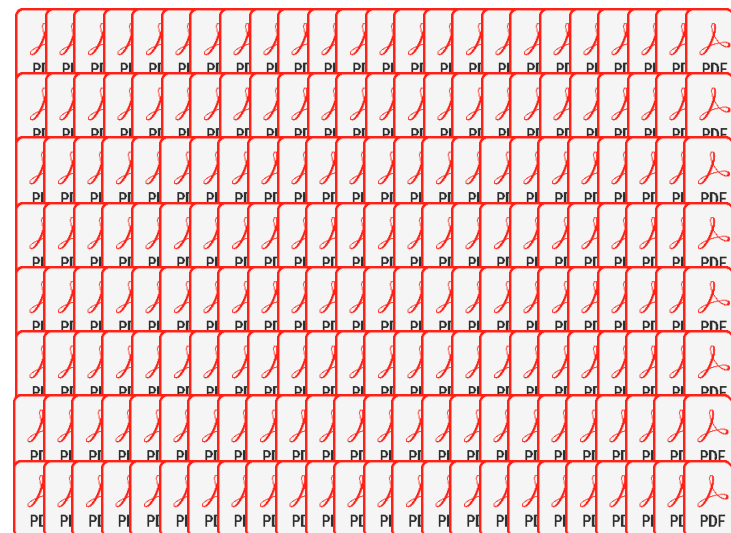


# Why Clinical electronic Structured Harmonized Protocol (CeSHarP)?

- Paper Submissions...  
Not like this anymore...




- ...but this isn't much better!



# M11 Is ...

## ICH CLINICAL ELECTRONIC STRUCTURED HARMONISED PROTOCOL (CeSHarP)

<https://www.ich.org/page/multidisciplinary-guidelines>



INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HARMONISATION OF TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PHARMACEUTICALS FOR HUMAN USE

ICH HARMONISED GUIDELINE


**CLINICAL ELECTRONIC STRUCTURED HARMONISED PROTOCOL (CESHARP)**

**M11**

Draft version  
Endorsed on 27 September 2022  
*Currently under public consultation*

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Provides background, purpose, and scope as a guideline



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Provides the written format for the Interventional Clinical Trial Protocol Template



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**M11 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION**

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Provides the technical representation aligned with the guideline and protocol template

# M11 Simple Example

Technical Specification

## Template Specification

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<b>Sponsor Confidentiality Statement:</b>	[Sponsor Confidentiality Statement] Insert the Sponsor's confidentiality statement, if applicable, otherwise delete.
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<b>Version:</b>	[Version] An optional field for use by the Sponsor at their discretion.
<b>Amendment Number:</b>	[Amendment Number] Enter the amendment number. If this is the original instance of

## Trial Phase:

[Trial Phase] [Description of Trial Phase Other]

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<b>Compound Name(s):</b>	[Nonproprietary Name], [Proprietary Name], [Additional Proprietary Name] Delete this line from the table if a nonproprietary name has not yet been assigned. Omit proprietary name fields if not yet established.
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<b>Conformance</b>	Required
<b>Cardinality</b>	
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<b>Relationship (reference to high level conceptual model)</b>	
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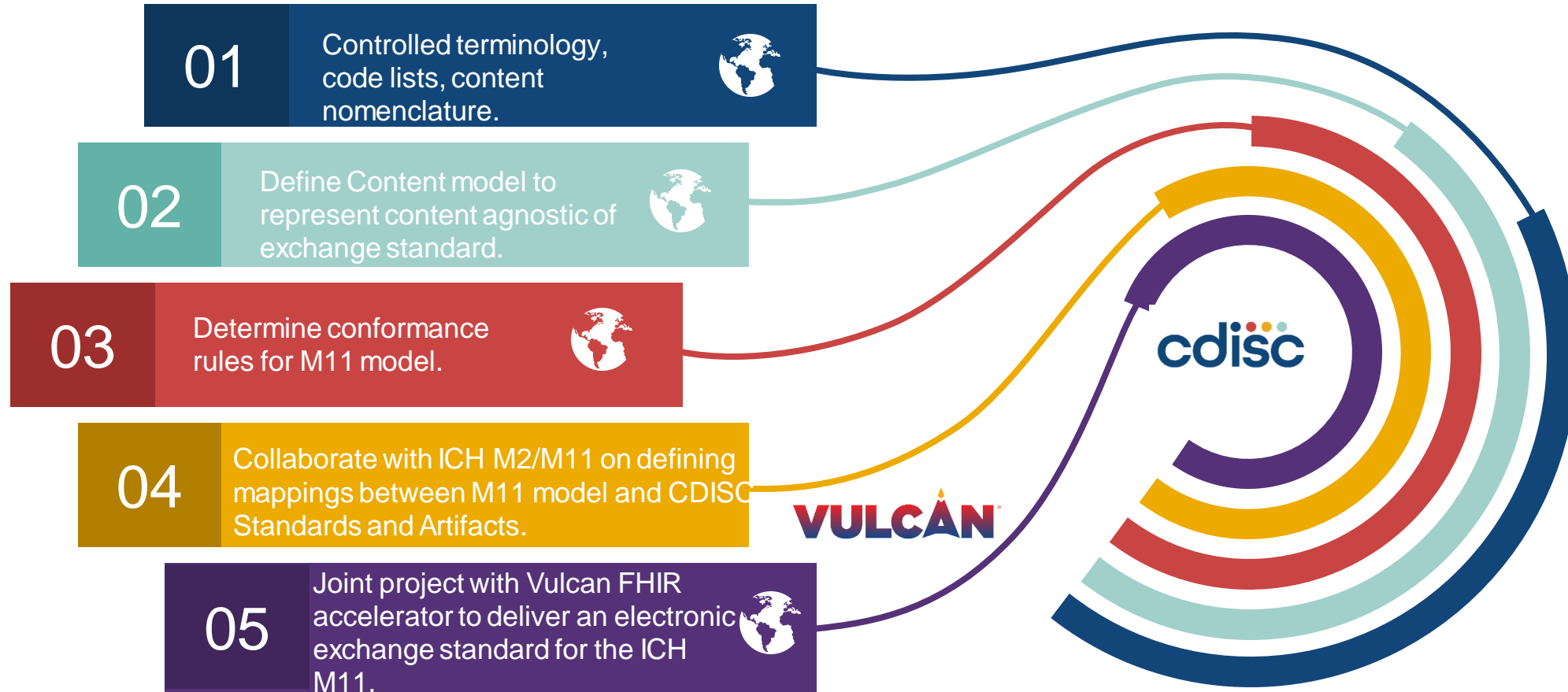
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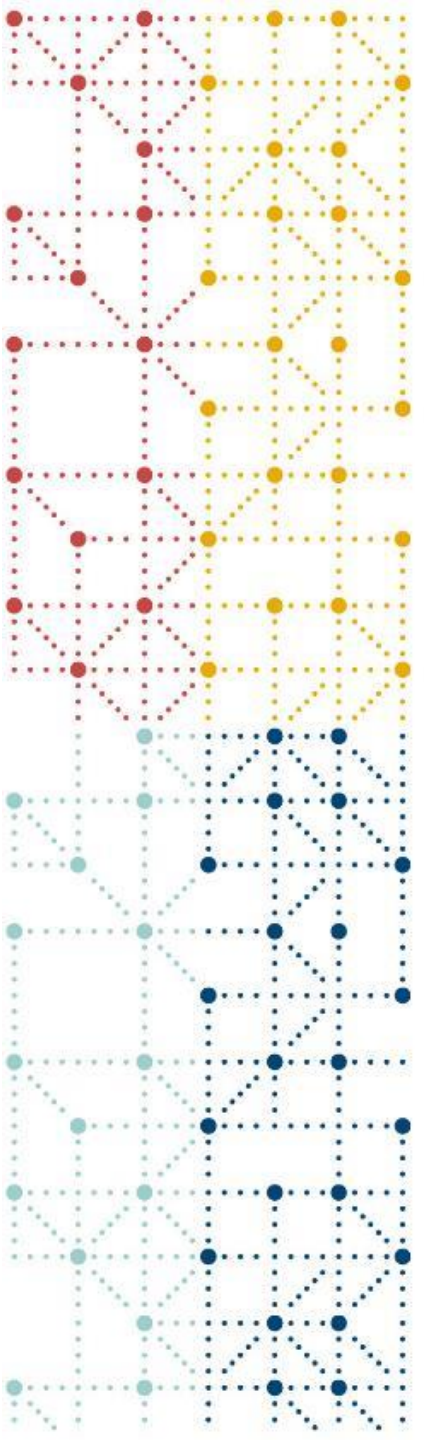
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**CDISC CT**  
**Trial Phase Response (C66737)**  
NOT APPLICABLE  
PHASE 0 TRIAL  
PHASE I TRIAL  
PHASE I/II TRIAL  
PHASE II TRIAL  
PHASE II/III TRIAL  
PHASE IIA TRIAL  
PHASE IIB TRIAL  
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# CDISC M2/M11 Engagement





# USDM meets M11

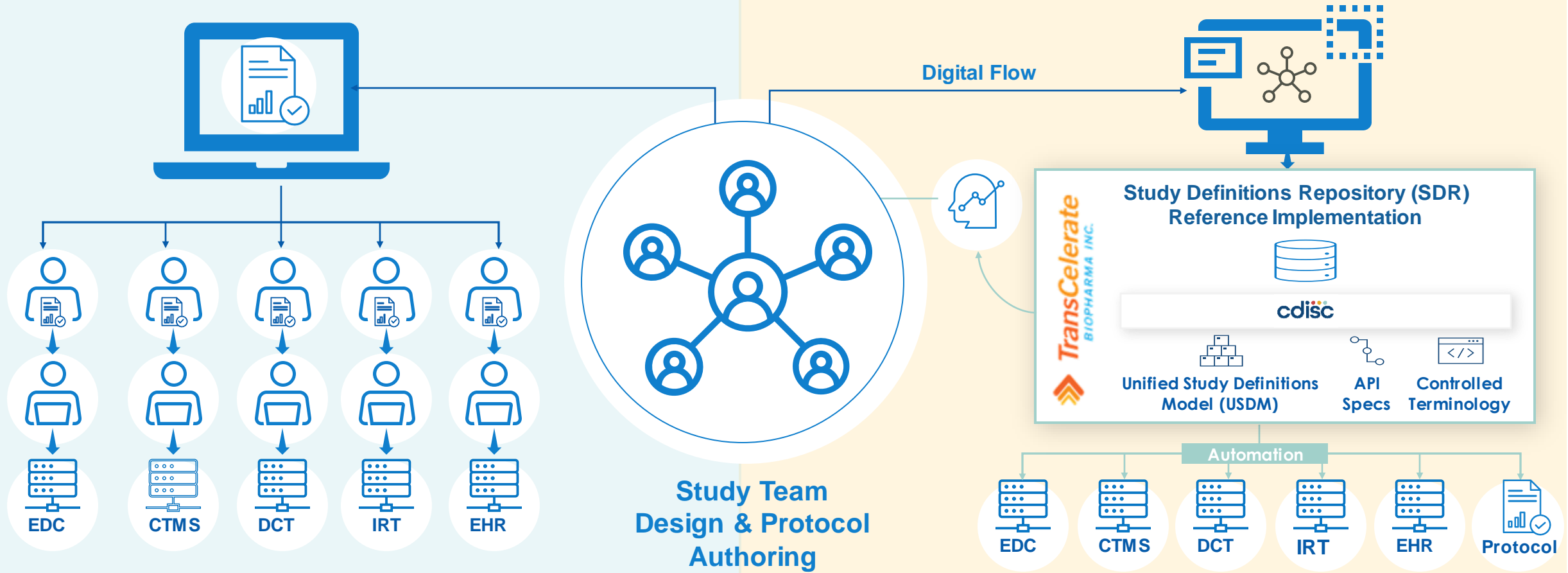
How will USDM help drive the adoption of digital protocols

# TransCelerate Digital Data Flow (DDF) Ambition

*Write Once, Read Many*

**TODAY:** Document-based paradigm for protocol creation, interpretation, and transcription into consuming systems

**TOMORROW:** Digital paradigm for protocol creation, with fully automated data flow and interoperability between systems



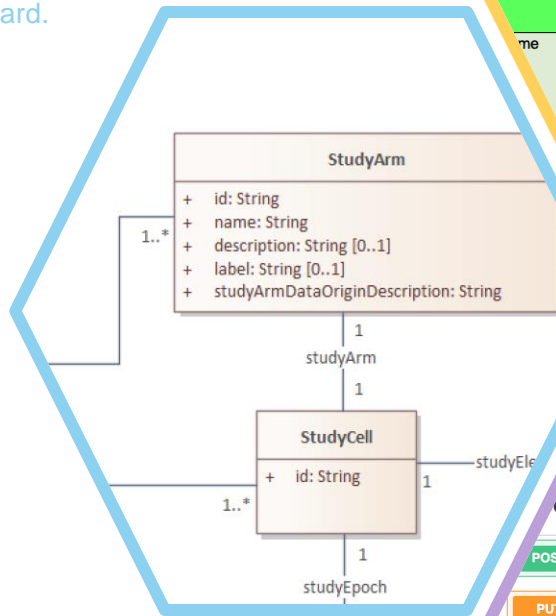
# The USDM Standard

## CDISC Controlled Terminology

Provides further semantics, complementing the UML model. Includes the definition of classes and attributes along with the definition of value sets

## Logical Model

The UML logical model (a class diagram) that provides the basis for the USDM standard.



**API Specification**  
Provides the means to exchange a single study between machines using a JSON API

	C174447	Study Arm
	C170984	Study Arm Name
	C93728	Study Arm Description
	C188827	Study Arm Type
	C188828	Study Arm Data Origin Description
	C188829	Study Arm Data Origin Type
	CNEW	Study Arm Label
	C71738	Study Epoch
	C93825	Study Epoch Name
	C93824	Study Epoch Description
	C188830	Study Epoch Type
	CNEW	Study Epoch Label

on 2.0 Draft for Internal Review)

**Unified Study Definitions Model Implementation Guide (USDM-IG)**  
Version 2.0 (Draft for Internal Review)  
Prepared by the DDF Team

**API for DDF** 2.4 Provisional (0.39)

Accelerate Digital Data Flow (DDF) Study Definitions Repository API.

**Introduction** Routes that form the production specification.

- POST** /v3/studyDefinitions Create a study
- PUT** /v3/studyDefinitions/{studyId} Update a study
- GET** /v3/studyDefinitions/{studyId} Return a study
- GET** /v3/studyDefinitions/{studyId}/history Returns the study history
- GET** /v3/studyDesigns Study designs for a study

**Implementation Guide**  
Guidance on using the USDM model and ensuring conformance with the standard

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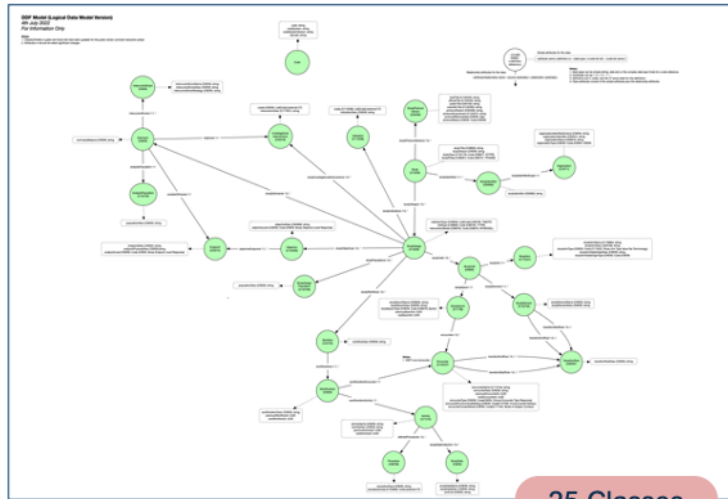
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## Examples

Example protocols implemented in the USDM with associated JSON files and visualisations

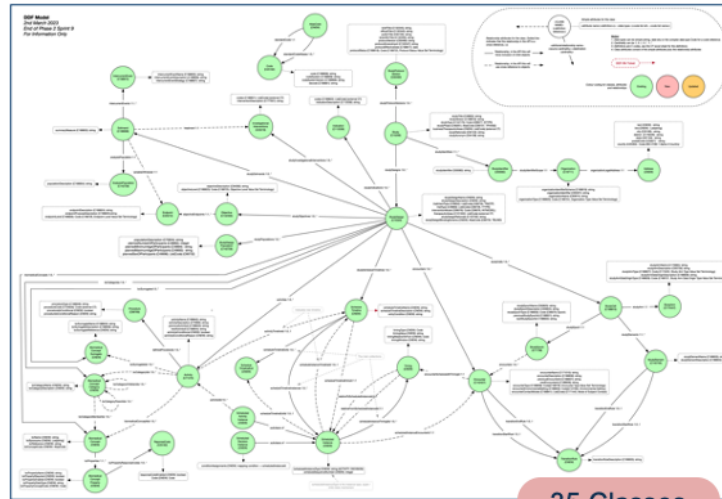
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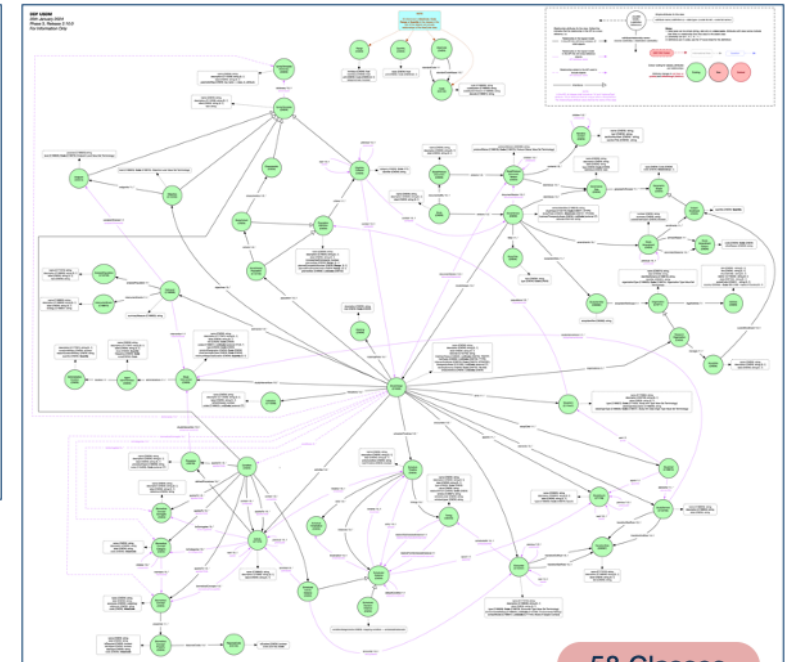
25 Classes

Phase Two



35 Classes

Phase Three



58 Classes

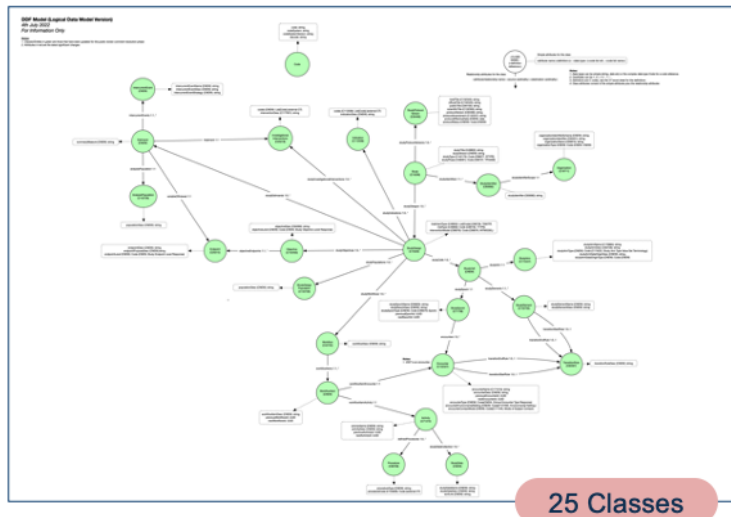
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- The protocol document was an external entity into which the structured content could be exported

- Focused on the structured elements of the protocol, e.g. the Schedule of Activities (SoA) & Biomedical Concepts (BCs)
- The protocol document still an external entity

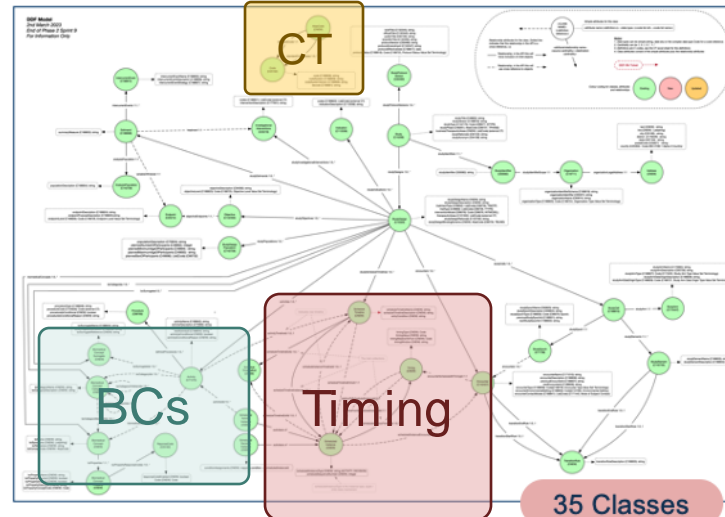
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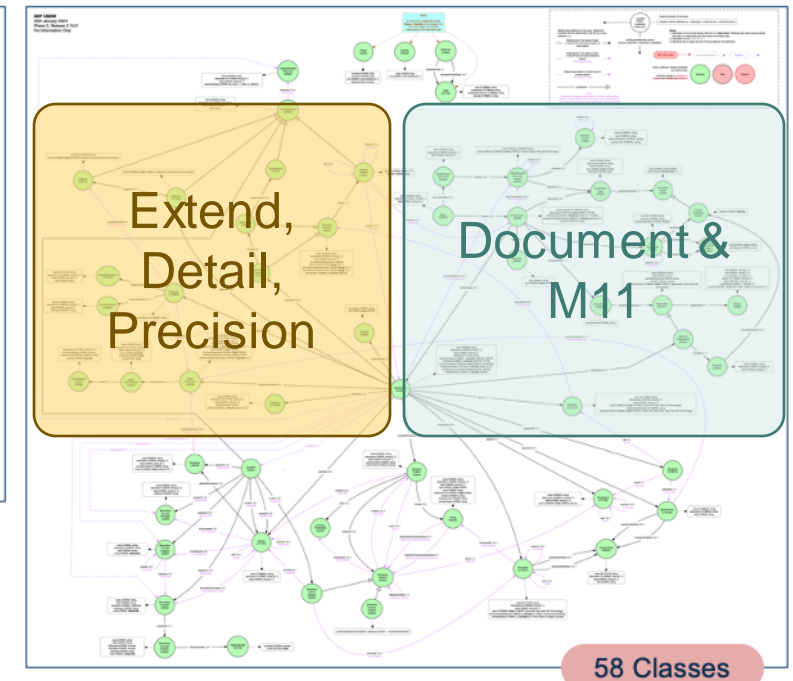
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Phase Two



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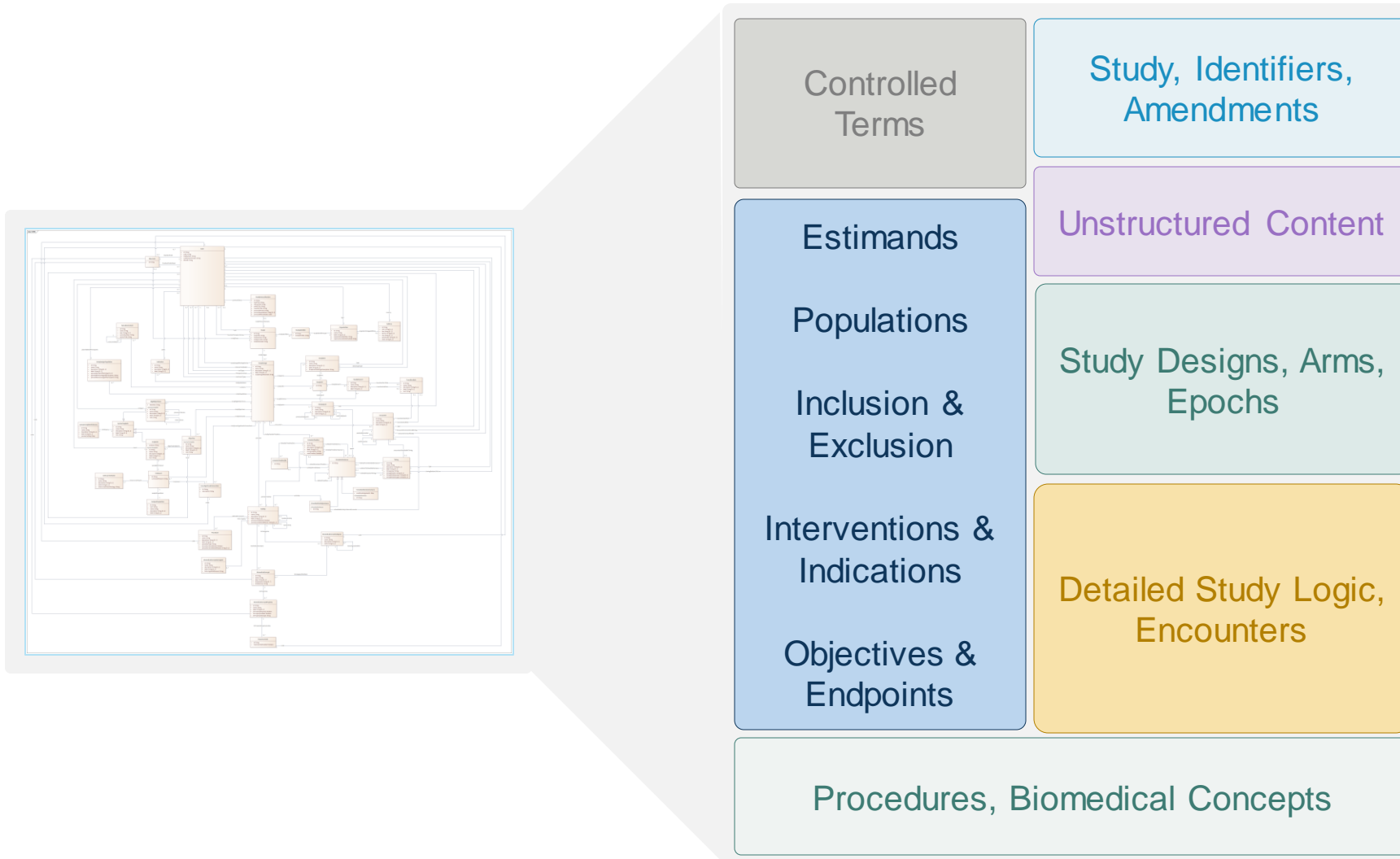


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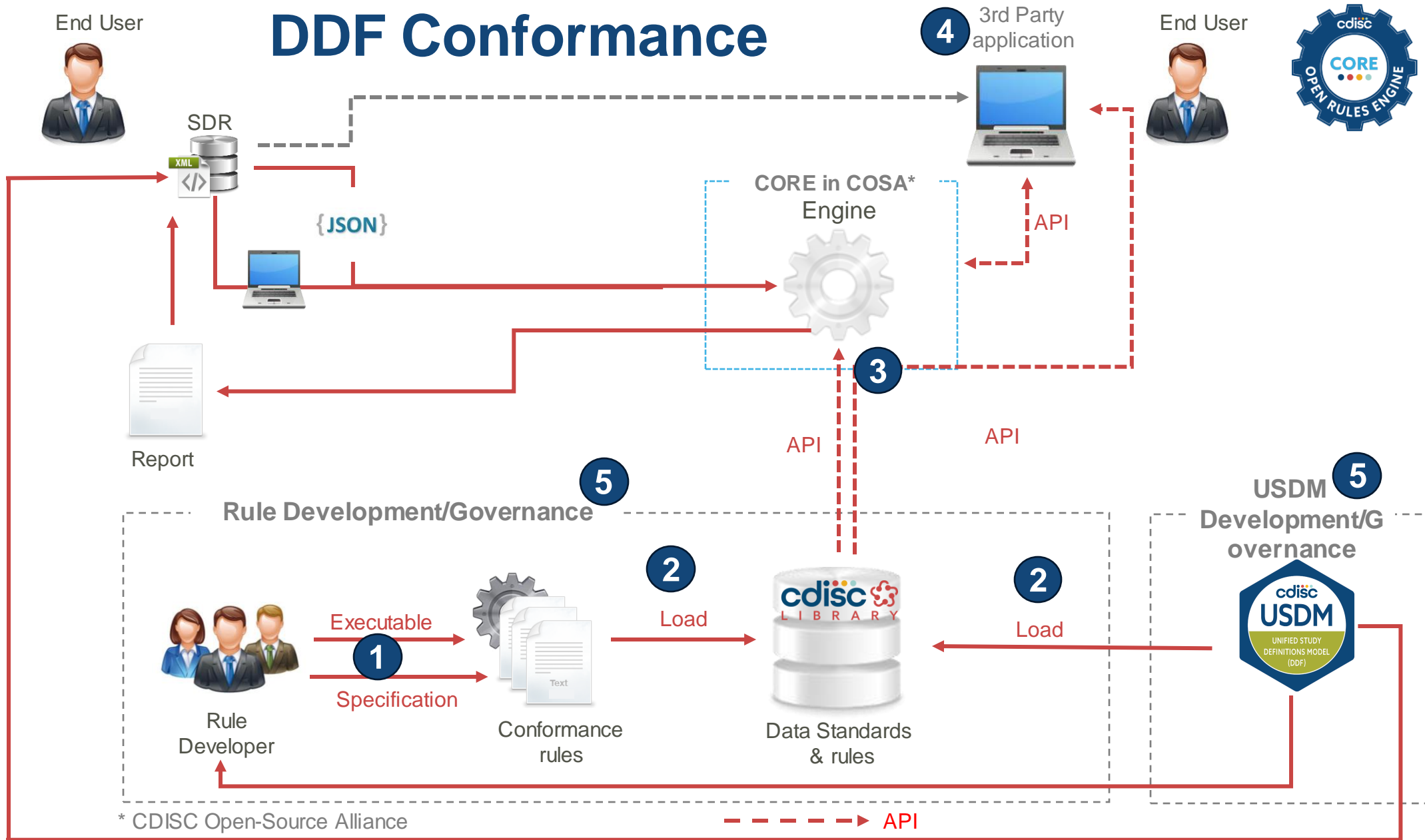
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# USDM Content





# DDF Conformance



# USDM generates various formats

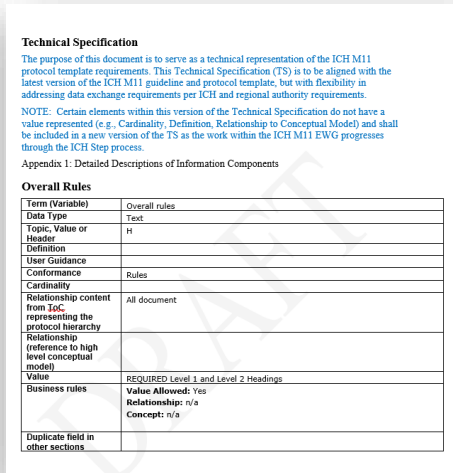
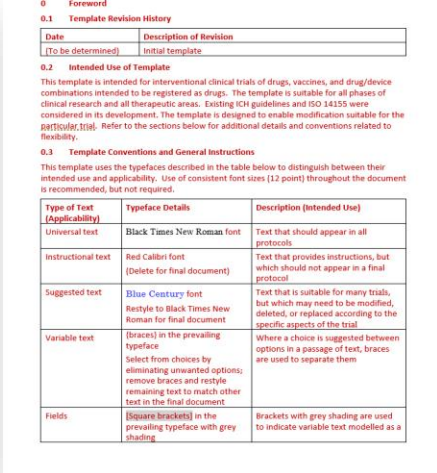
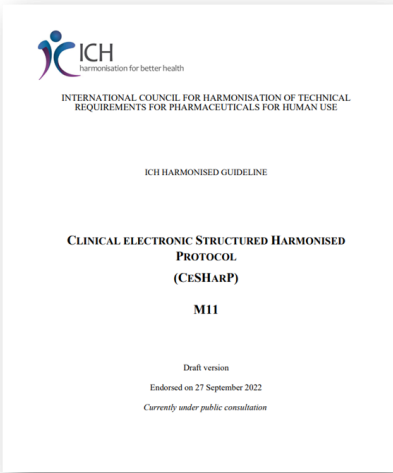
Guideline

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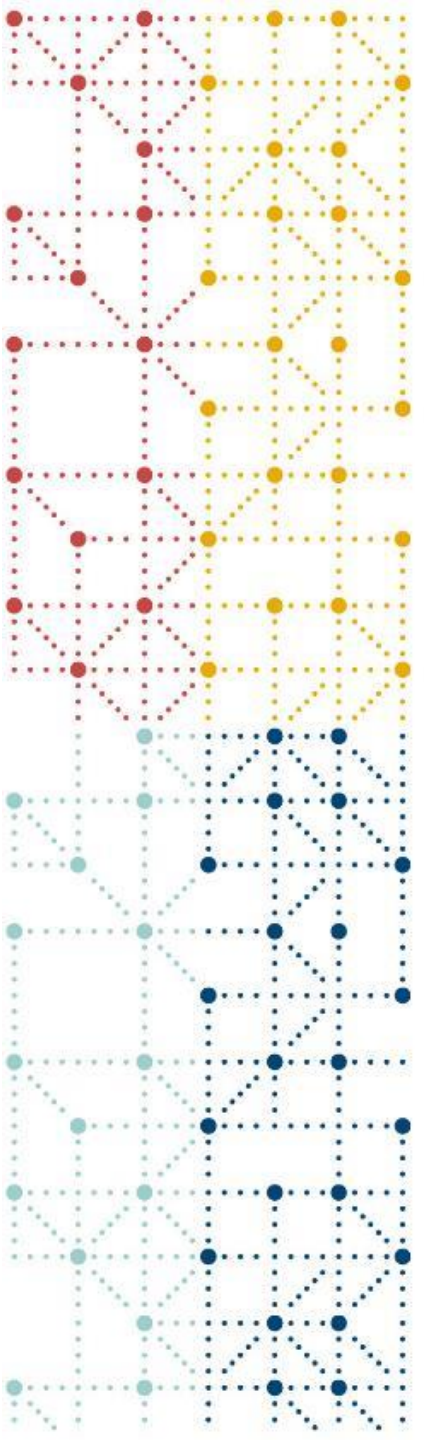
Electronic Document  
Human Readable Form



Machine-Readable Form



Standard Message Exchange Formats



# HL7 UDP and PRISM

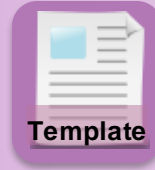
# Vulcan UDP collaboration: Utilizing Digital Protocol



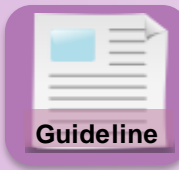
## CeSHarP



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FHIR –Technical Guide



## USDM and Terminology



USDM



M11/USDM Terminology



USDM JSON API



USDM Conformance Rules



USDMIG



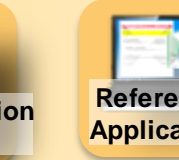
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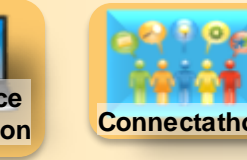
Use Cases



Implementation Guide(s)



Reference Application



Connectathon

## Shared



Maintenance Plan



Communications Strategy

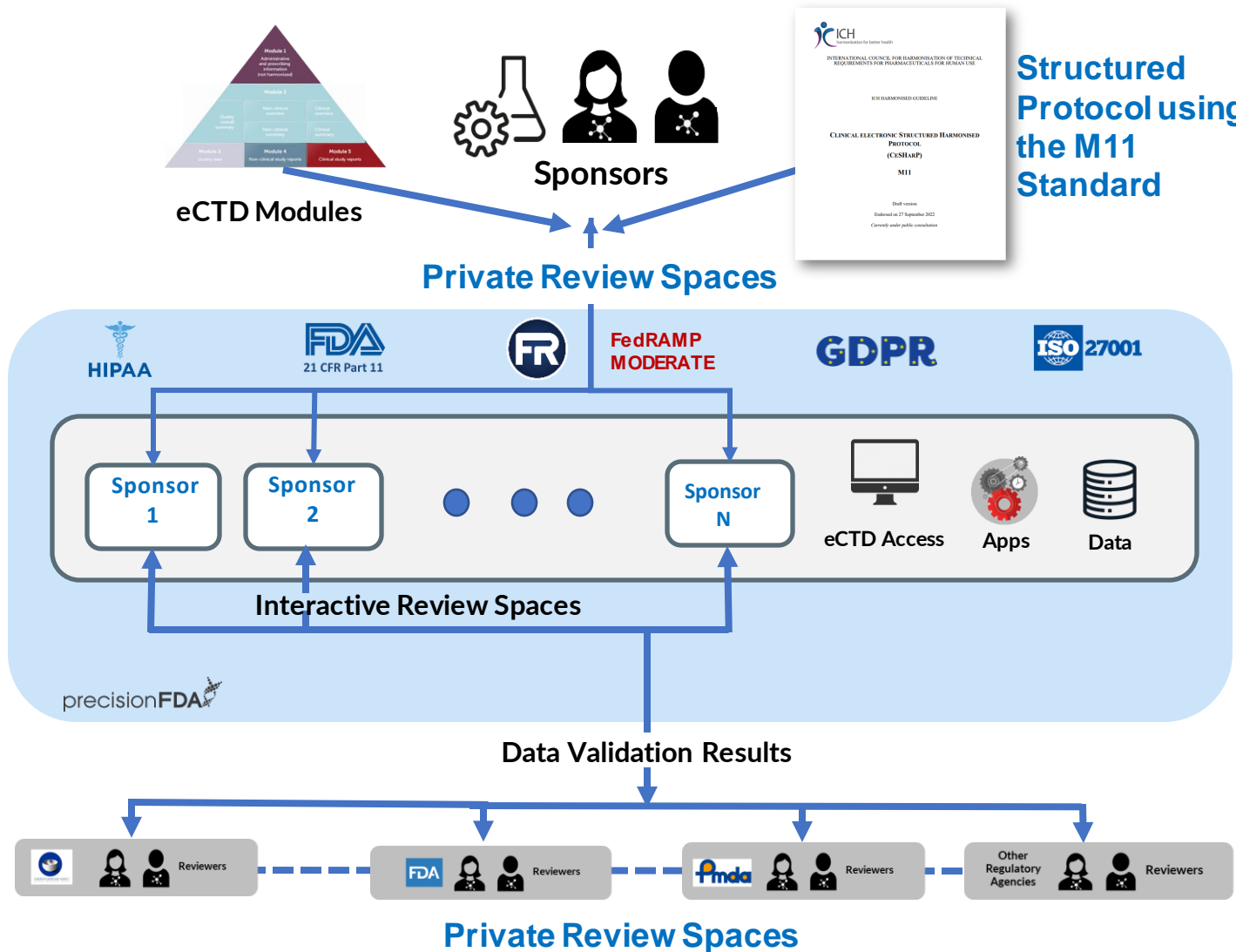
# PROJECT PRISM

A Regulatory Cloud Collaborative Initiative



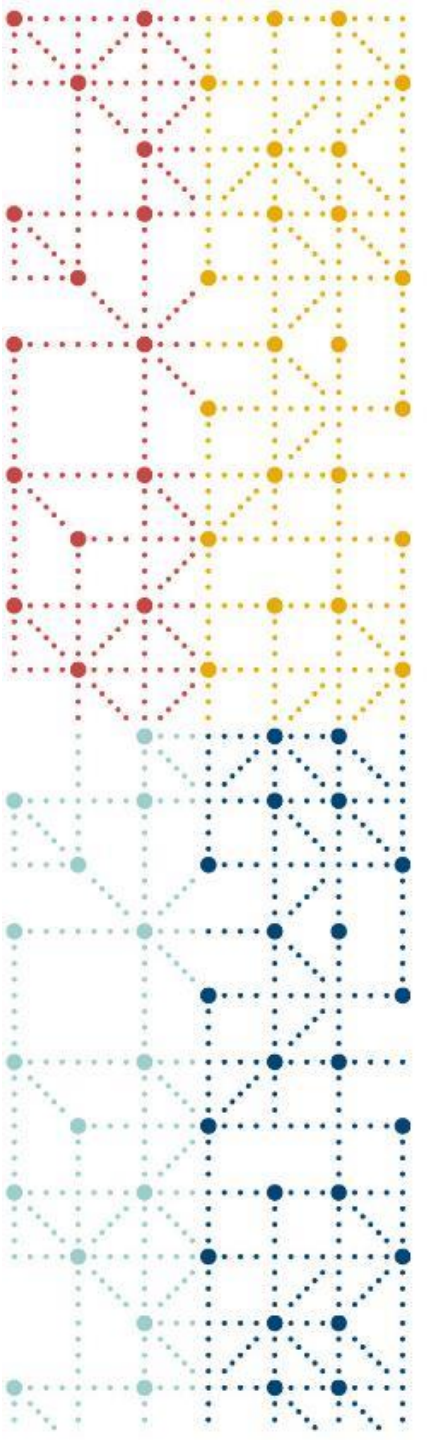
precisionFDA Regulatory Information Service Module  
FDA-Industry Research Collaboration Agreement  
(Public-Private Partnership)

# Implementation of the M11 Protocol Standard for Interactive Activities in the Cloud



## M11-conformed eProtocols...

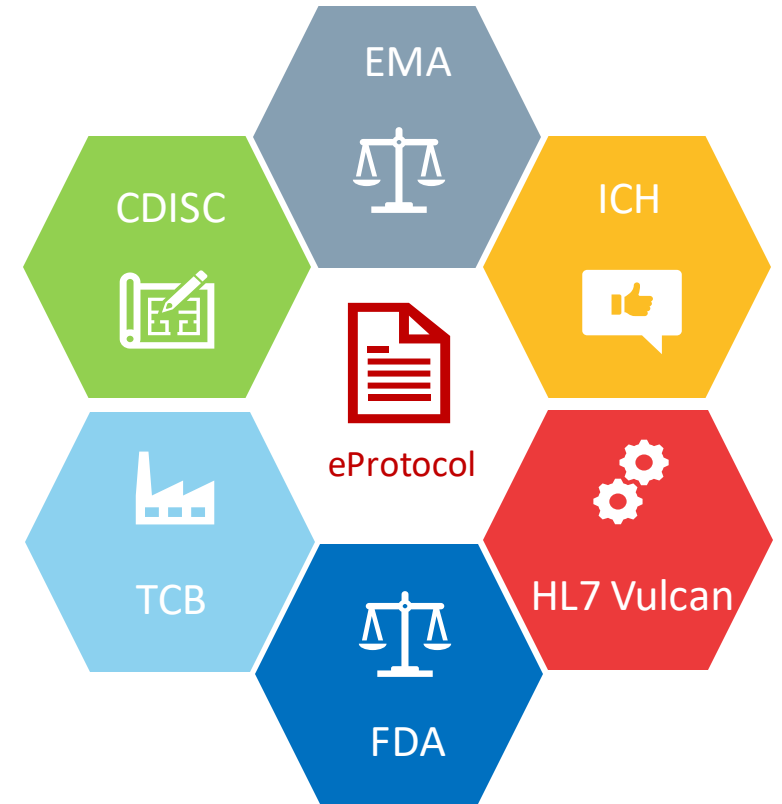
- Use a common data model & standards (e.g., CDISC)
- Can be exchanged using multiple standards: FHIR, XML, MS Word, PDF
- Can use common tools to access data repositories
- Can be real-time quality-checked
- Ensure consistency across protocol sections
- Ensure line of sight of trial objectives, endpoints, procedures and design.
- Facilitate downstream processes, e.g., SAP, CSR, Registries



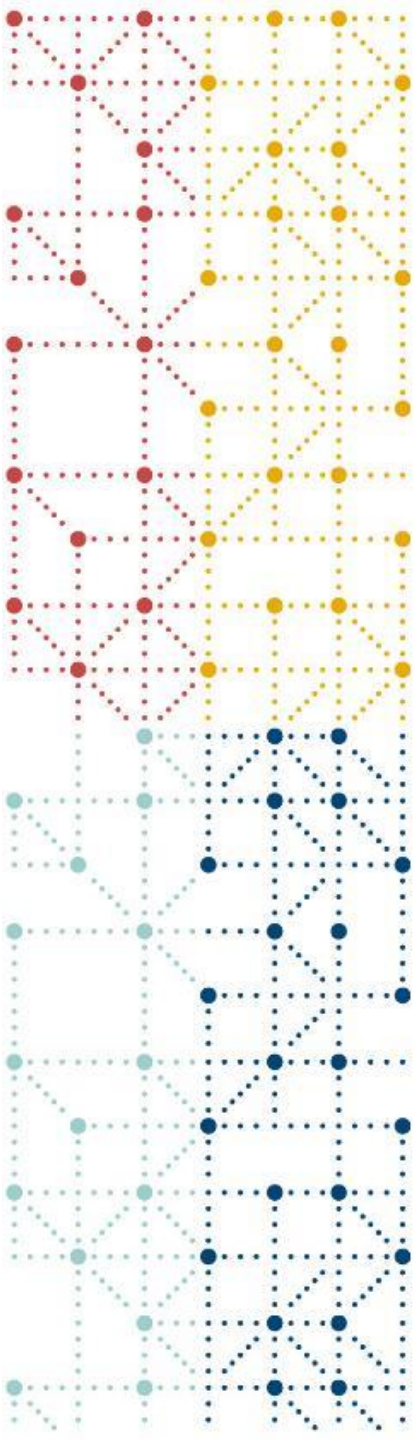
## Next Steps

# What to expect

- It's time to start paying attention
- Transcelerate and CDISC will accelerate the operationalization of the digital protocol
- We expect to engage in industry and regulatory pilots soon







**Thank You!**

