



#### **The Danish TMF Network**

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## **Meet the Speaker**

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Since then, Karla has worked on both the CRO and Sponsor side and whithin Clinical Operations and Regulatory Affairs. Currently, Karla is working as a Clinical Trial Manager, focusing on improving the quality and processes of TMF management within Clinical Operations and between Sponsor and CRO.



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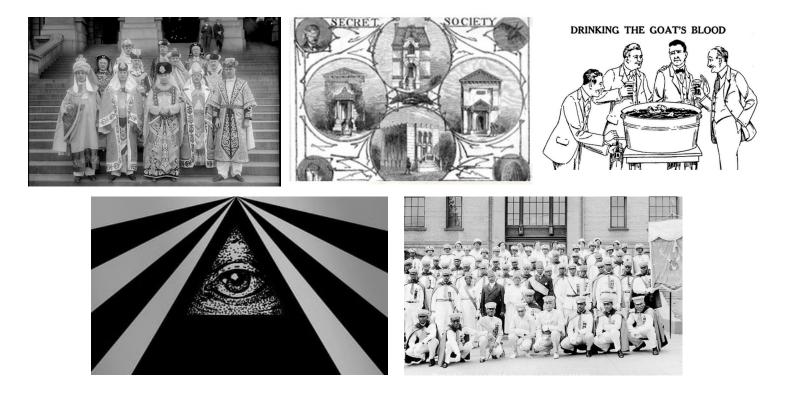
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# The Secret TMF Society

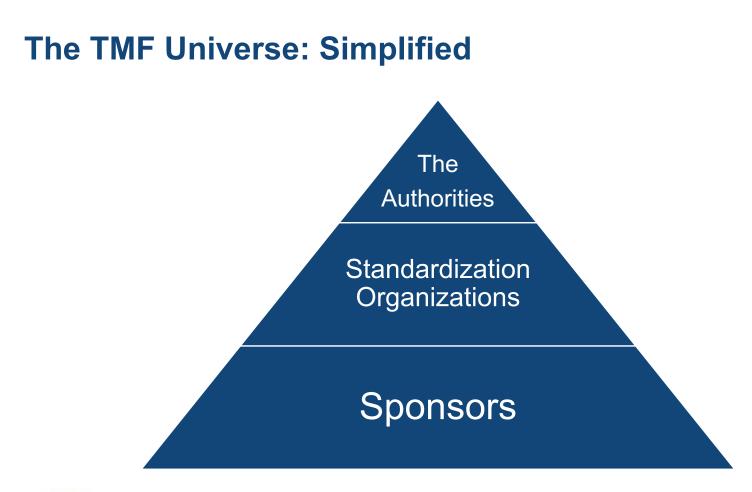


### **Secret Societies**



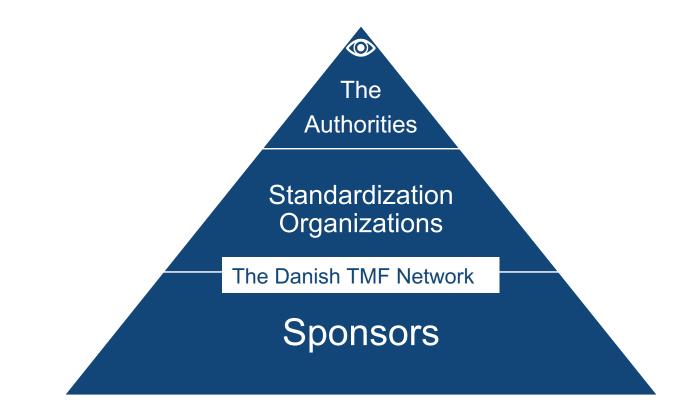








# The TMF Universe and the Danish TMF Network





# The Danish TMF Network: The Deets

- Professional group consisting of eTMF managers, clinical trial administrators, business analysists and system specialists
- Over 15 Danish (and 1 Norwegian) pharmaceutical companies
- Bi-yearly 3-4 hour meetings with an agenda
- Mailing list and LinkedIn group
- Only sponsors and CROs, no vendors
- Main objective: knowledge exchange and alignment



# The Origin Story: Strength in Proximity

- Established by the 6 founding members in 2015 during a TMF conference in London
- 6 TMF'ers from Ferring, Lundbeck, Leo Pharma and Novo Nordisk
- Common challenge: "The Newfangled Electronic Trial Master File"
- Able to meet F2F after the conference due to the proximity of the companies in Denmark





# The Danish TMF Network: The Evolution

#### <u>Then</u>

- 6 members
- 4 companies
- System-based discussions
- Presentations

#### <u>Now</u>

- 60 people on the invitation list
- +15 companies
- Process-based discussions
- Discussions about the "softer" side of TMF management
- Collaborations and round-table format





## **The Meeting Format**



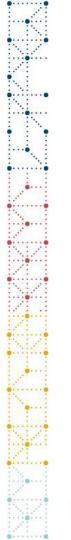




## **Discussion Topics**







## **Discussion Example 1**

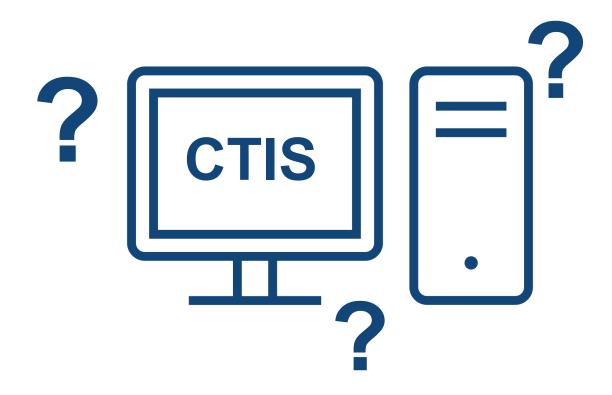


- Metrics and EDLs have been a source of many discussions
- One sponsor suggested a solution to improve subpar eTMF metrics to management
- Solution well received by the TMF network during a 2024 meeting
- Sponsor's management is still discussing the implementation
- Begs the question: who are the metrics for?





## **Discussion Example 2**







## **Discussion Example 3**







# Why It's so Important

- Tunnel vision
- Representative from different areas
- Knowledge sharing from a vault of over 350 years of experience
- Understanding authority requirements
- Strength in numbers
- Information overload; averted
- Safe space







# **Main Gains**

- Demystification of inspections
- Diversity fuels rich discussions and practical solutions
- Alignment and challenging authorities
- The feeling of belonging and worth
- Due to judgement free zone; real issues are discussed





## **Takeaway Messages**



Talking inspections = Better preparedness



It's about the process, not the platform



Round table discussions reveal real industry struggles



Higher stakeholder engagement because TMF is everyone's business



# **Takeaway Messages – The Softer Ones**



Helps fight burnout and isolation, especially for niche roles like TMF professionals



Safe spaces create shared growth



Real human insight > Guidelines alone



Community makes the challenge worthwhile



