



2026 Europe Interchange

THE FUTURE IS CONNECTED: STANDARDS AND AI POWERING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION



MILAN, ITALY | MAIN CONFERENCE: 20-21 MAY | TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS: 18, 19, & 22 MAY

The New Era for Standards: A Blueprint for A Digital-First Clinical Enterprise

Sarah Jamal, Strategic Client Advisor, Oracle

Speakers



Sarah Jamal
Strategic Client Advisor
Oracle

- ✓ Clinical Data Management (CDISC standards)
- ✓ Solutions Consulting
- ✓ Strategy and Customer Engagement

+ representative of Oracle's CDISC platinum membership and E3C member!



Agenda

1. “Putting pen to paper”, but no longer literally
2. What a digital-first clinical enterprise looks like
3. Strategies for the messy reality of running businesses



“Putting pen to paper”, but no longer literally

The transformative shift we are living



“The goal is simple but transformative: make standards executable so they can power automation across the research data life cycle.”

Sam Hume, Principal Consultant,
CDISC



13% success rate
Phase 1 to market launch

Learning issue with 87% failure rate

**Standards can unlock
systematic learning**

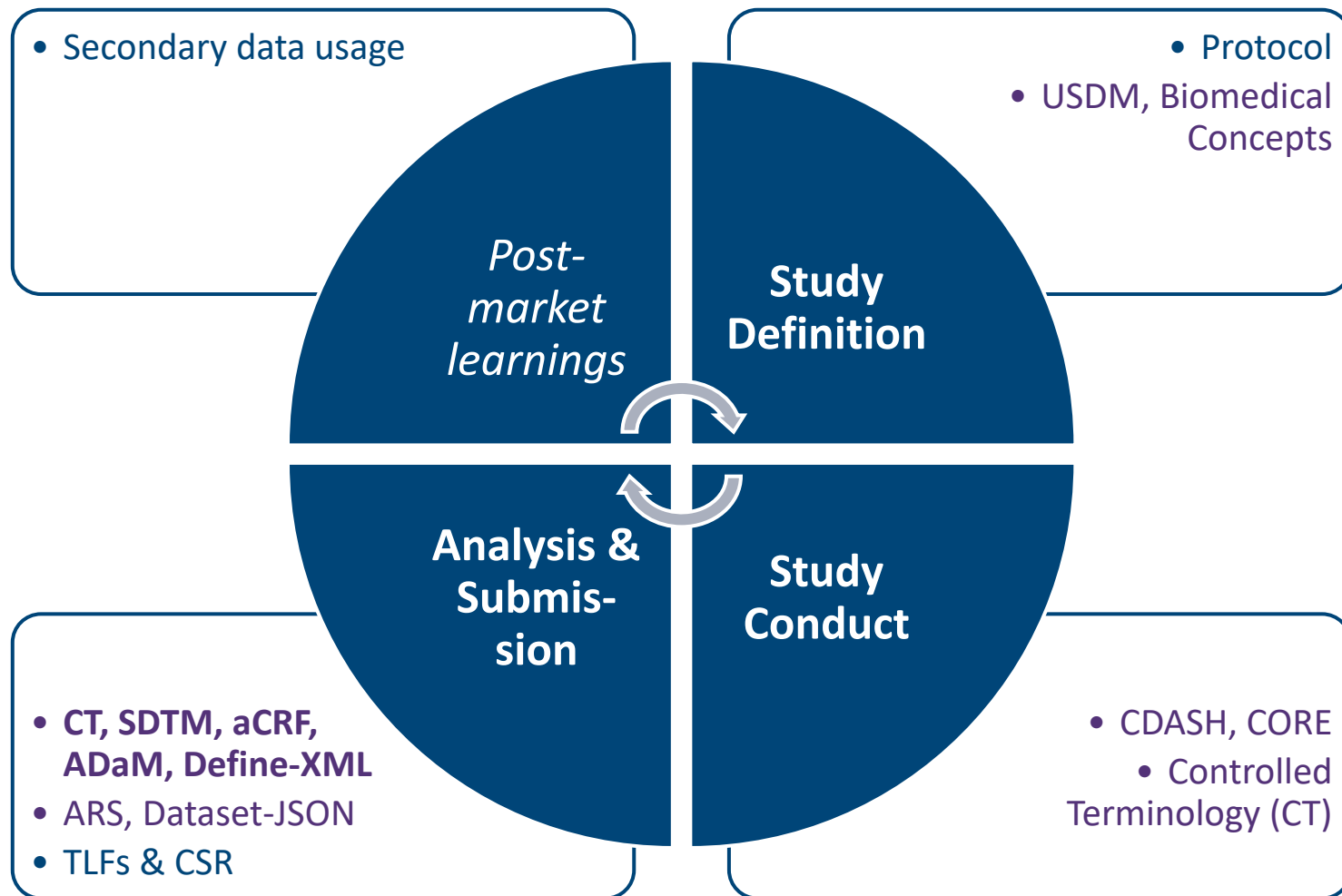




What a digital-first clinical enterprise looks like

The journey and the value

From Protocol to Submission



Digital-first clinical enterprise

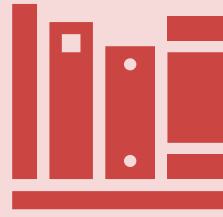
Study
definition



Human expertise

Defines optimal study design within study protocol
Selects sources of applicable metadata (e.g. corporate standards)

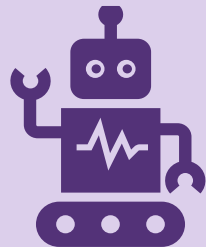
Study
conduct



Standards

USDM provides a standardized way to describe the protocol as a digital object
BCs provide a template for the meaning of each clinical observation required per protocol
TAUGs provide disease-specific interpretation of standards

Analysis &
Submission



Automation / AI

Ensure the protocol fits into a compliant structure
Reads and interprets digital protocol

Digital-first clinical enterprise

Study
definition

Study
conduct

Analysis &
Submission



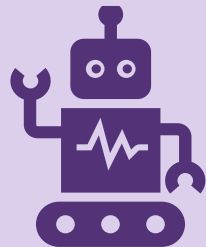
Human expertise

Defines needed integrations between systems
Reviews and validates automated setup



Standards

CDASH standardizes how data is captured in eCRF
BCs provide a template for the meaning of each clinical observation in the eCRF
TAUGs provide disease-specific interpretation of standards



Automation / AI

Translates **USDM** to downstream standards or system specifications, as applicable
Maps CDISC to other standards, e.g. E2BR3, LAB, FHIR

Digital-first clinical enterprise

Study
definition

Study
conduct

Analysis &
Submission



Human expertise

Selects required outputs

Reviews and validates submission outputs

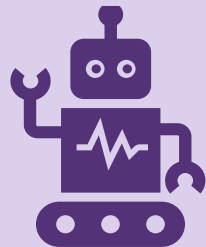


Standards

SDTM standardizes how collected data is structured for regulatory submission

ADaM standardizes how data is transformed into analysis-ready datasets

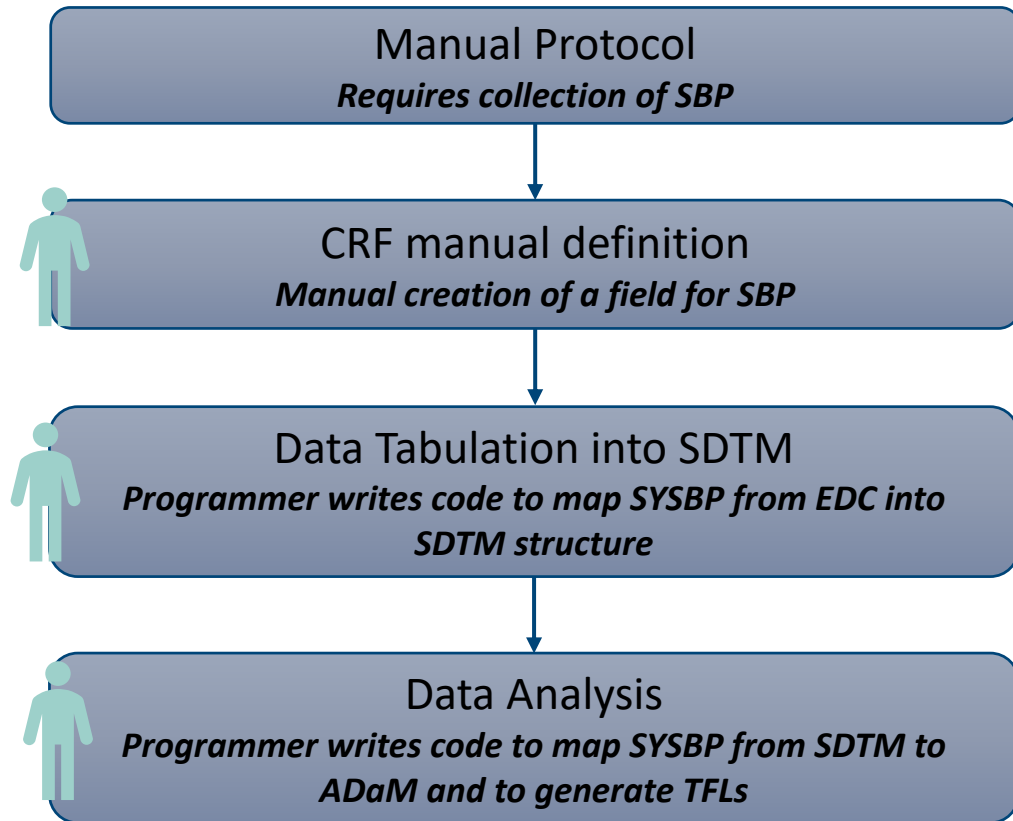
define-XML provides machine-readable metadata describing datasets, variables, and their relationships



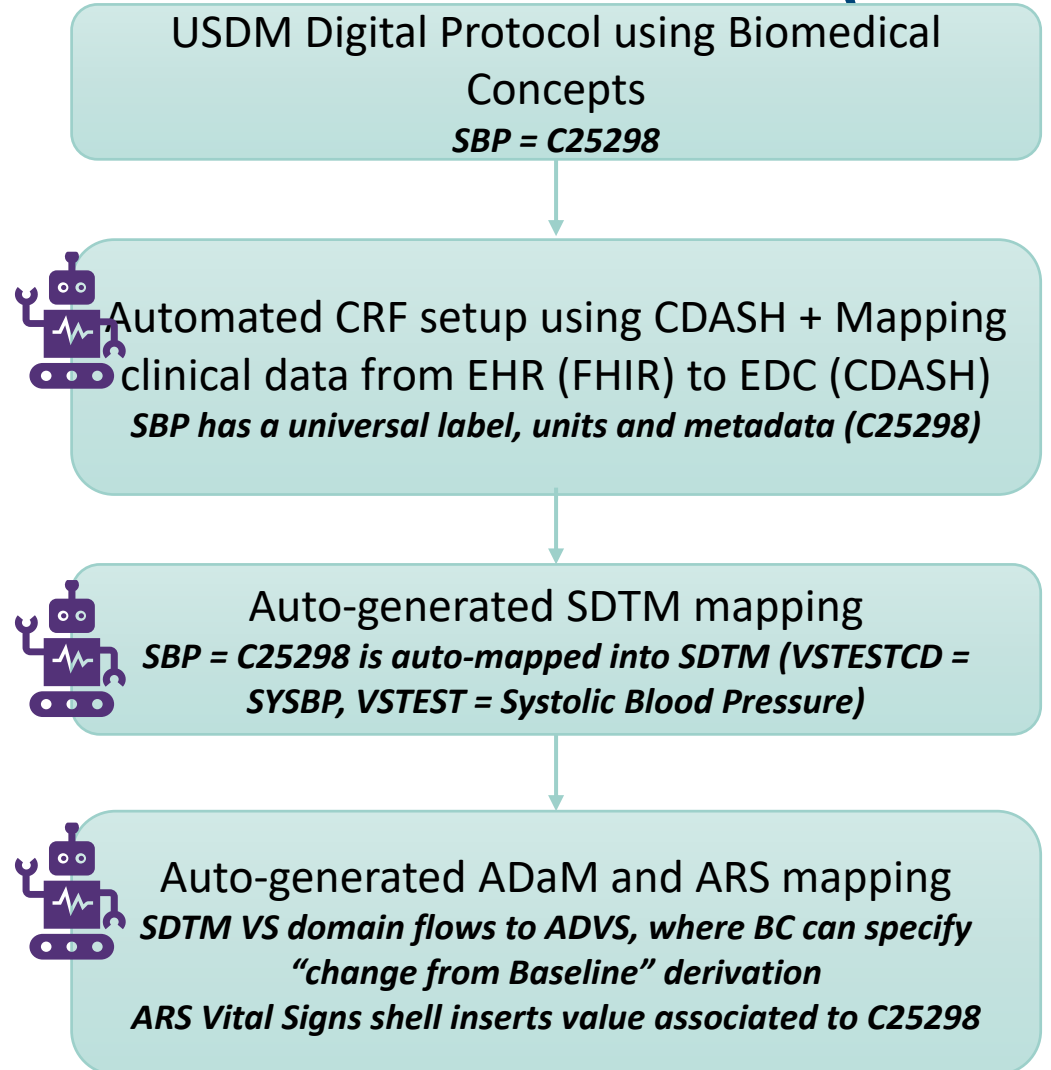
Automation / AI

Generates compliant submission outputs generated from mapping metadata (shells) and clinical data (final outputs)

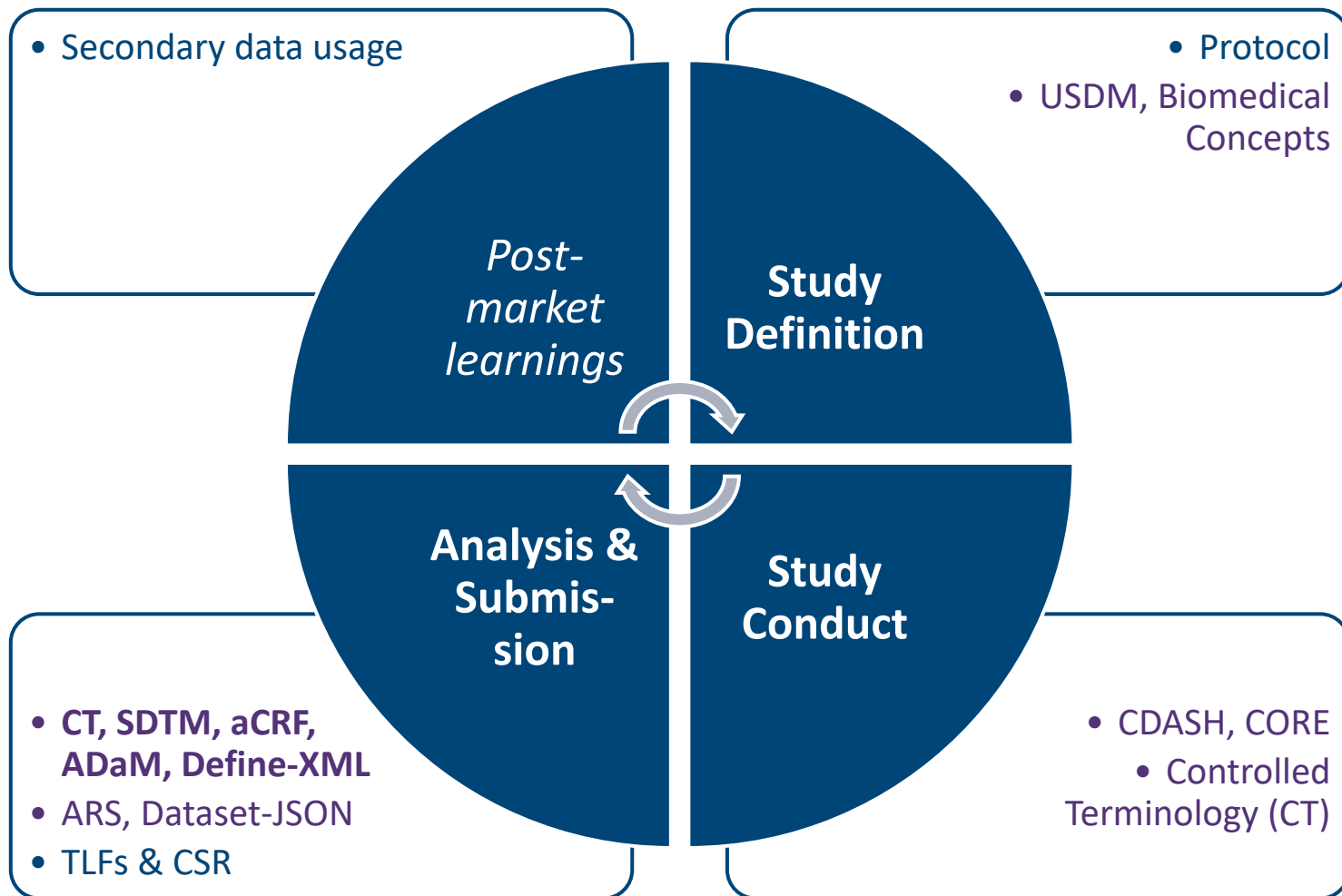
A familiar example – Systolic Blood Pressure (SBP)



Multiple re-interpretations = **duplicated efforts, risks for inconsistency, slower timelines, less trust in data reuse for learnings**



From Protocol to Submission



Business impact

- ✓ Automated systems setup
- ✓ Reduced manual handoffs and human-error
- ✓ Consistency and reusability
- ✓ ...

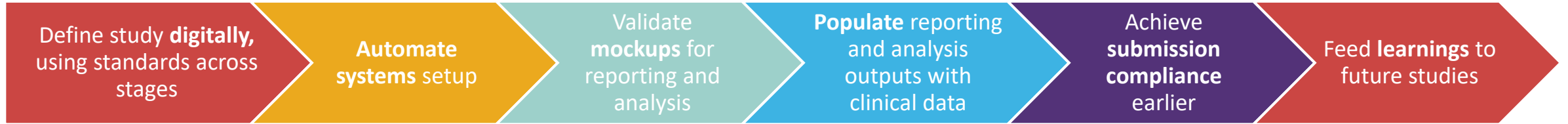
Increase the probability of success



Strategies for the messy reality of running businesses

Building the plane while flying it

The optimal journey (greenfield)



The current reality (modernization)

Pilots driving incremental efficiencies, but only on the 'edges'





Operational reality requires phased strategy with consistent metadata layer and orchestrated workflows

- Adopt “define once” paradigm, *i.e. build the metadata backbone*
- Aim to connect what already exists before replacing anything
- Orchestrate workflows across systems, *i.e. aim for end-to-end value*

AI without standards optimizes tasks

Standards + metadata enable AI to optimize the system





Where to start?

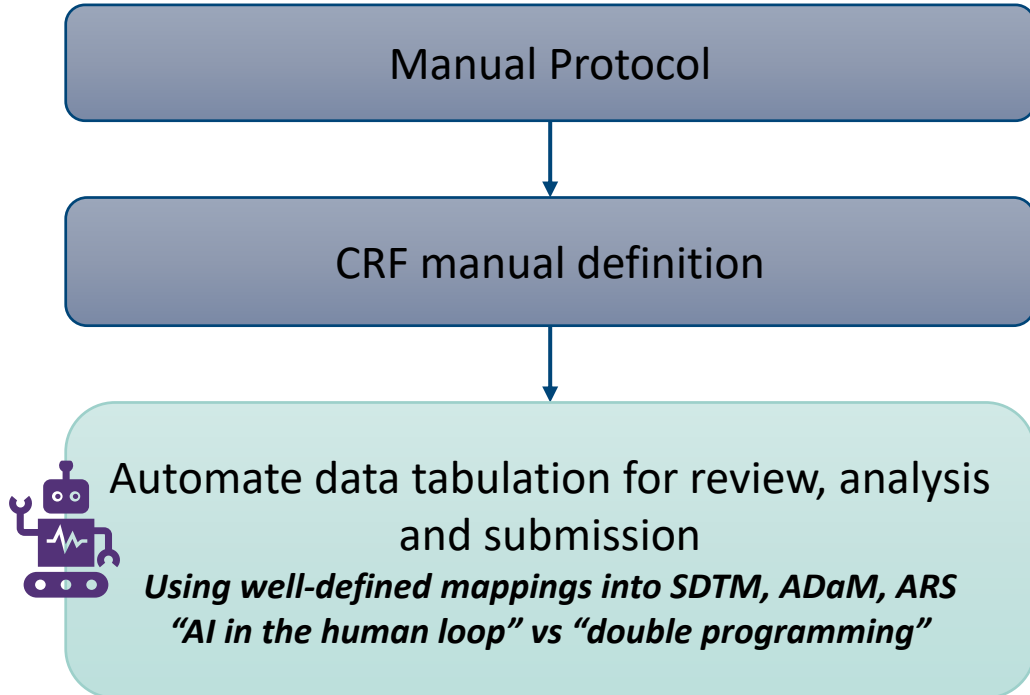
'Not-so-secret' secrets to successful adoption

1. Segment your portfolio
2. Use metadata layer alongside existing processes to enable cross-study view & reuse (study pooling)
3. Pick a chronological entry point:
 1. test and prove value on 1–2 studies;
 2. gradually expand footprint.

Transform how studies are done *over time*



A downstream example – data tabulation & analysis



- Use metadata to automate tabulation and analysis outputs
- Change management mainly on process
- Minimize human intervention
- Measure proof points to justify ROI
- Move upstream by connecting workflows
- *'Side-effect' benefits*



Takeaways

Key Takeaways

1. Standards are key to learn systematically
2. Benefits range from reduction in cycle times to lower operational costs and AI-ready data
3. Start from metadata consistency





Standards are not a constraint.

They are your **strategic lever** for speed, scale, AI and smarter trials.





Thank You!





Questions?

