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How to Talk to Your PI and Other Partners About Good Clinical Practices: Non-compliance, Guidelines, or Inappropriate Issues

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Learning Objectives

- 1 Develop methods and strategies of communicating non-compliance, guidelines, adverse events, or inappropriate issues with an investigator and partners
- 2 Understand different communication types and methods, use them to tailor communication with an investigator and partners
- 3 Develop methods to engage investigators and partners to learn GCP, review guidance, or change standard practices

How to prepare to speak with an investigator

The Toolbox

INVESTIGATE THE ISSUE

**REVIEW POLICIES AND
REGULATIONS**

DEVELOP A SOLUTION

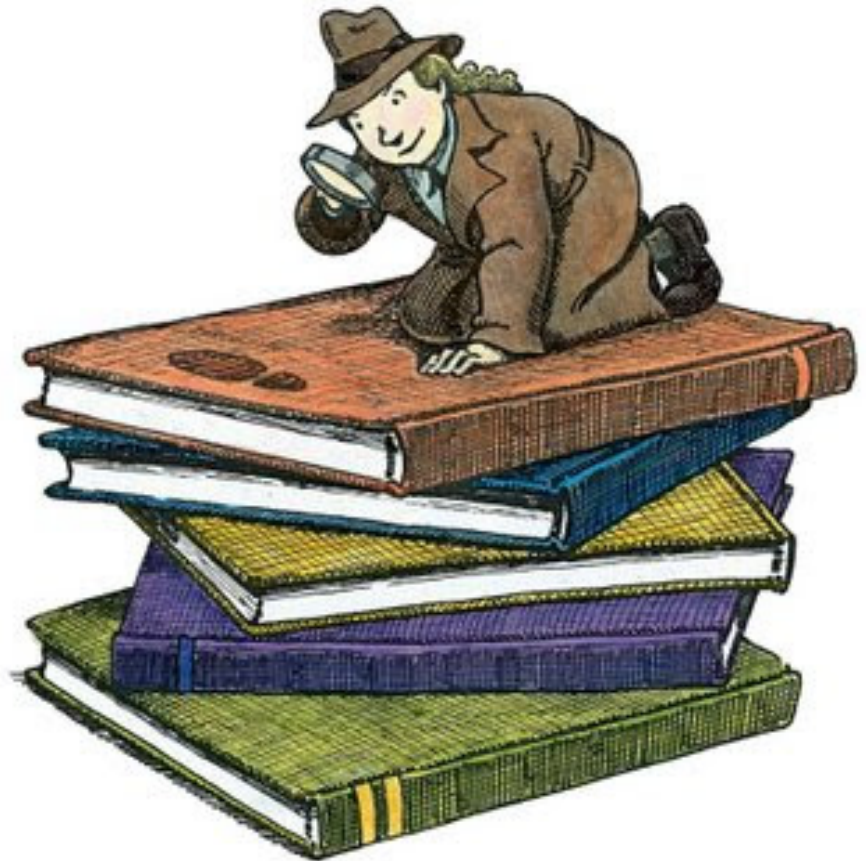
**PREPARE THE
DISCUSSION**

Investigate

Determine the:

- WHO
- WHEN
- WHERE
- WHY
- HOW

Look for a system or process problem rather than just who caused the problem.



Review regulations, policies, and guidance

International



*International
Conference of
Harmonization,
EMA, etc.*

Federal



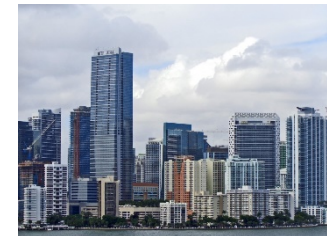
*FDA regulations and
guidance,
OHRP, NIH, etc.*

State



*Department of
Health, etc.*

Local



*Institutional/Company
Policies
Regulatory Board Policies
Team/Group Standard
practices.*

Violations of regulations, policies, and guidance should be presented with details about the event.

Develop a solution

SOLUTIONS SHOULD INCLUDE AN IMMEDIATE FIX AND A LONG-TERM PREVENTION OF THE PROBLEM



The solution does not just involve one individual it involves a team.

- ▶ Look for the immediate fix that will resolve the problem.
- ▶ Develop a process change that will resolve the problem in the future.
- ▶ Develop a system change that can prevent the issue.
- ▶ Train all personnel that could have made the error or that will be impacted by future changes to processes or systems.

Prepare your discussion

KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE

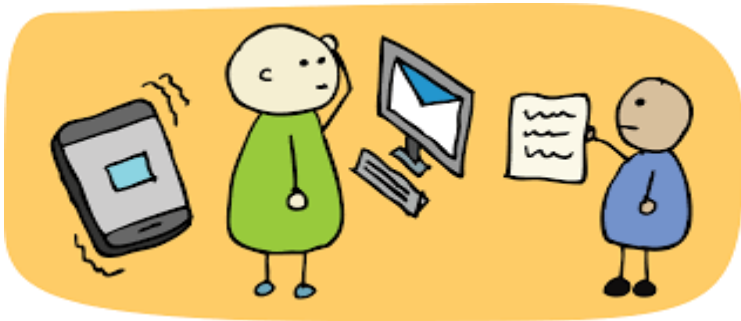


Tailor your presentation to your audience and remove all emotion from the conversation.

- ▶ Does your audience prefer facts and data?
- ▶ Do they prefer solutions and knowing how this affects the project timeline?
- ▶ Do they usually respond emotionally?
- ▶ Do they care about personal relationships?
- ▶ Are they usually passive?

Prepare your discussion

UNDERSTAND YOUR METHODS OF COMMUNICATION



Each method has its use, find which one is most appropriate for your discussion.



Phone Calls & Pages



Text Messaging & Text Paging



Emails, Letters, & Reports



Face-to-face Discussions



Group Discussions & Presentations

Prepare your discussion

KEEP CALM AND CREATE A LIST OF IMPORTANT POINTS



Organizing your thoughts externally can benefit both you and the audience.

- ▶ What are the risks and benefits or pro and cons?
- ▶ What are the facts that you feel need to be conveyed?
- ▶ Do you have any questions that need to be answered?
- ▶ Do you have any answers to questions you know or suspect will be asked of you?
- ▶ Are you nervous?



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Now you're ready to talk!

“Don’t let perfect be the enemy of good”

- Aphorism commonly said be Elihu Estey, MD



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Case Study!



- **A Research Coordinator at a participating site of an IND exempt Sponsor-Investigator multicenter trial studying a marketed product in a new indication receives the newly minted manufacturer's IB 20 from the coordinating site.**
- **The RC promptly has the PI review the IB and it is determined there are no new or increased risk and no modifications of protocol or consent are indicated.**
- **RC submits to IRB and indicates no new or increased risk and no modifications required.**
- **IRB responds stating that the last manufacturer's IB on file is 14 and requests they supply 15-19 as well. These are supplied.**
- **IRB determines that due to the missing manufacturer's IBs 15-19, the participating site PI failed to adequately inform participants of changes in risk resulting in serious noncompliance and harm to research subjects. IRB reports PI to FDA and HHS**

REPORTED

What do you do next?

GRAB THE TOOLBOX

INVESTIGATE THE ISSUE

REVIEW POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

DEVELOP A SOLUTION

PREPARE THE DISCUSSION



RESULTS

- **Investigate:**

- **PI disagrees with IRB**
- **Sponsor-investigator's site never sent IBs 15-19**
- **IBs 15-19 appear to already be incorporated in protocol and consent**

- **Relevant policies, guidance, and regulations:**

- **FDA.gov IND Applications for Clinical Investigations: Regulatory and Administrative Components**
- **E6(R2) Good Clinical Practice: Integrated Addendum to ICH E6(R1) Guidance for Industry, section 7.1**
- **21 CFR 312.55 (a)**
- **21 CFR 312.55 (b)**
- **Safety Reporting Requirements for INDs and BA/BE Studies Guidance for Industry and Investigators VI.B.1**

- **Solution:**

- **Failed to find any pertinent safety information relative to trial patients missing from consent**
- **Failed to identify any noncompliance**

- **Prepare discussion:**

- **Formal letter**



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