

## Food & Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007

Implications for Publication Planning Professionals and Biomedical Publications

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## Title VIII-Clinical Trial Databases:

A Perspective from an Academic Trialist

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#### **OBJECTIVES**

Explore some of the implications of Title VIII on clinical trial conduct at academic centers

- Examine the Impact of this legislation on the reporting of trial results
- Address potential impact of title VIII on the academic progress of faculty and their training programs



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#### Characteristics of AASK Participants

<u>Characteristics</u>	Percent of Participants
Age	60.1 yrs
Gender	58% male
Income (annual)	9,500
Education	11 yr
Divorced	56%
Employment	36%
Insurance	28%
<b>Concurrent problems</b>	3.8

# Significant Variables in the Decision NOT to Participate in Biomedical Research

_ Experimented on	_ 45/29
_ Side effects	_ 53/16
Interfere with Tx.	_ 46/16
Time concerns	_ 37/21

Most important factor in Decision not to participate -health concerns: 42% -suspicions: 21%

Kind of help which might lead them to participate, more information



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## **Data Elements of Title VIII**

- **Design and outcomes**
- Patient disease state, and entry criteria
- Individual site status
- Updated recruitment status
- (above with in 21 days of protocol activation)
- Efficacy and safety data
- Other data?
  - (later with in 1 year of trial end)



#### Data Elements of Title VIII Provide a Landscape for Clinical Trails

#### **Clinicaltrials.gov**

- Repository for trial designs, timelines, patient populations under study, and research questions!
- Parenthetically providing the underpinnings for trial innovation



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Cons:

The timelines can erode the academic mission Premature public data basing can interfere with peer review Timelines in Title VIII are too aggressive "Other data" is needlessly vague



## Timelines for Reporting Clinical Trials proposed in Title V III

# Data elements: AE's, Primary and Secondary outcomes



## Timelines for Reporting Clinical Trials proposed in Title V III

End of trial: proposed end of study, or actual end (date of last patient visit)

- Publications usually begin with data base lock (AE collection is 30 days after LPLV).
  - Major message may be safe but secondary messages may be compromised
    - Time, opportunity, and resources for training are severely limited-Academic mission compromised!



## Timelines for Reporting Clinical Trials proposed in Title V III

Major message may be safe but secondary messages may be compromised. (6 months)

Multi-center trials are organized by committees, writing groups, nationally and globally (LIFE has > 150 publications)



## Timelines for Reporting Clinical Trials proposed in Title V III

Time, opportunity, and resources for training are severely limited with out the ability to perform the secondary (hypothesis generating) analyses

Academic mission compromised!

Students and trainees lose
opportunities for original reports



## Other Data Elements and Assurance That Data are not Mis-leading

- Inherently this infers re-interpretation of the data. This is process needs clear elucidation. (done with experts?)
  - How is conflict resolved?
  - How does one reconcile Title VIII review with the peer review process?
  - Are there parameters for other data request?



#### SUMMARY

#### Title VIII calls for:

Timely and consistent reporting of clinical trial initiation, progress, and results.

Title VIII will provide more access to data (for the segment of the population performing web searches).

But hinders the academic mission by truncating time for exploratory analyses, opportunities for training, and modifying peer review (super review).



#### CONCLUSIONS

Liberalizing reporting timelines (data base lock rather than last patient visit) would diminish the impact on Academic Centers.

The NIH director has the option of prolonging timelines and liberal rulemaking privileges over the next 3 years.



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