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Enhancing Patient Safety: The Power of Data

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ABSTRACT

It's all about the data. That is, every product approved by health agencies around the world relies on quality patient data. These are the very data that are monitored during the conduct of clinical trials, collected, collated, and analyzed to determine the safety and efficacy of pharmaceutical, biological, and device products. We need data, and lots of it, to predict risk. We must therefore integrate data from a number of sources. The industry is committed to protecting human subjects while generating these high-quality outputs. Yet, inherent in the system today is redundancy which costs us all. How do we achieve the perfect trifecta: cheap, fast, and high quality? How do we, and how can we, use these data to ultimately enhance the safety of our patients?

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