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Clinical trials used to be simpler





But today's trials are a lot more complex





Lab challenges abound

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Multiple ongoing overlapping trials

Disparate data sources

Loss of data integrity

Increased trial complexity

Managing multiple local labs



.... Stringent sample maintenance requirements **Missed** samples **Small** sample prep windows Collection errors Site **burden** and strict timelines

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LabConnect — Central Laboratory Services



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A specialized touch for your more specialized needs



in getting day-of collection information compared to 50% industry standard For complex studies or higher risk samples

Support tools/technology include SampleGISTICS, electronic accessioning, and more



Lab Samples

Access to Testing

The world's #1 most comprehensive testing capabilities





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Lab Samples

Access to Testing

Testing capabilities around the world

Five wholly owned operational facilities, including Johnson City, TN and Cleveland, OH as well as locations in Germany and the Netherlands.

Strategic Alliances

Cleveland Clinic 🛛 Labor Dr. Wisplinghoff

Additional global partners:

- Regional central lab support (kit building, distribution, regional site support, biorepository, etc.)
- Lab partners in logistically challenged parts of the world
- Lab partners with highly specialized analytical capabilities





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Scientific Advising

Acceleration through operation





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Sample Processing – DNA/RNA Isolation





Solution:

Scientific Oversight

molecular analyses

- Sample type and size
- **Dual DNA/RNA extraction**
- Isolation kit methodology •
 - Solution-based/Column-based/ Bead-based
 - Technician experience
- QC extracted nucleic acid ٠
- Sample requirements for molecular testing ٠
 - Input (amount and concentration)
 - **DNA/RNA** purity

Plan approaches to molecular testing

- Selection of technologies and testing algorithms
- Assay development
- Assay qualification/validation
 - Sample stability
- Regulatory requirements/guidance





Molecular Testing Technologies

Molecular Testing Technology	Applications	Benefits and Limitations
qPCR	 Gene expression analysis Verification of NGS results Copy number variation Biodistribution 	 Known target sequences Low number of targets RT-qPCR Less expensive/technically demanding More tolerant of variable DNA quality Requires normalization
ddPCR	 Low abundant target detection SNP detection Linkage analysis Biodistribution 	 Known target sequences No standards/references Higher tolerance of inhibitors than qPCR Absolute quantitation Higher sensitivity and precision than qPCR
NGS	 Whole genome sequencing Epigenetic factor analysis RNA-seq to detect all cellular RNA and identify novel variants Targeted transcriptome for most common mRNA 	 Known and unknown sequences Many targets RNA-Seq and targeted transcriptome More expensive/technically demanding Less tolerant of variable DNA quality



Flow Cytometry Challenges



- Vendor selection/contracting
- Method transfer
- Method development
- Method validation/qualification
- Vendor database configuration

- Solution: Defined Strategy
- Identify patterns to evaluate cell subsets and ID biomarkers
- Early optimization/matrix assessments
- Early Stability Assessments
- Flexible core with additional marker groups
- Strategic placement of open channels i.e., PE to allow for quick panel customization & optimization





Scientific Advising

Acceleration through communication



Efficiencies

- Real-time sample status reduces time locating samples and reported data
- Enables early intervention
 - Proactively identify and address discrepancies, missing samples, and samples collected in error
- Automated statistics for streamlined tracking
- Eliminates need for clinical team to track samples



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Complex Biomarker Plans & Sample Challenges





The world is our laboratory

20+

Years of global clinical trial experience

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Studies supported (548 Global)



Countries supported on 6 continents

<u>50+</u>

FDA drug approvals supported

5000+

Laboratory testing menu

More points of service than any other Central Lab



Clinical Trial Ecosystem









Thank You!



