

# ***Data Sharing Standards***

# ***Guidance for data submission standards***

## **Providing Regulatory Submissions In Electronic Format Standardized Study Data**

Guidance for Industry

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## **II. REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT ELECTRONIC STANDARDIZED STUDY DATA**

### **A. For what submission types is an electronic submission of standardized study data required?**

Electronic submissions of standardized study data will be required for the following submission types:

- Certain investigational new drug applications (INDs)<sup>4,5</sup>
- New drug applications (NDAs)
- Abbreviated new drug applications (ANDAs)
- Certain biologics license applications (BLAs)<sup>6</sup>

***Epidemiological studies are now adopted this standards***

This requirement also includes all subsequent submissions, including amendments, supplements, and reports to one of the submission types identified above. Study data in submissions that are not submitted electronically will not be filed, unless exempt from the electronic submission requirements or unless FDA has granted a waiver.

Sponsors and applicants must submit study data electronically using the format described in this guidance for both clinical and nonclinical studies.

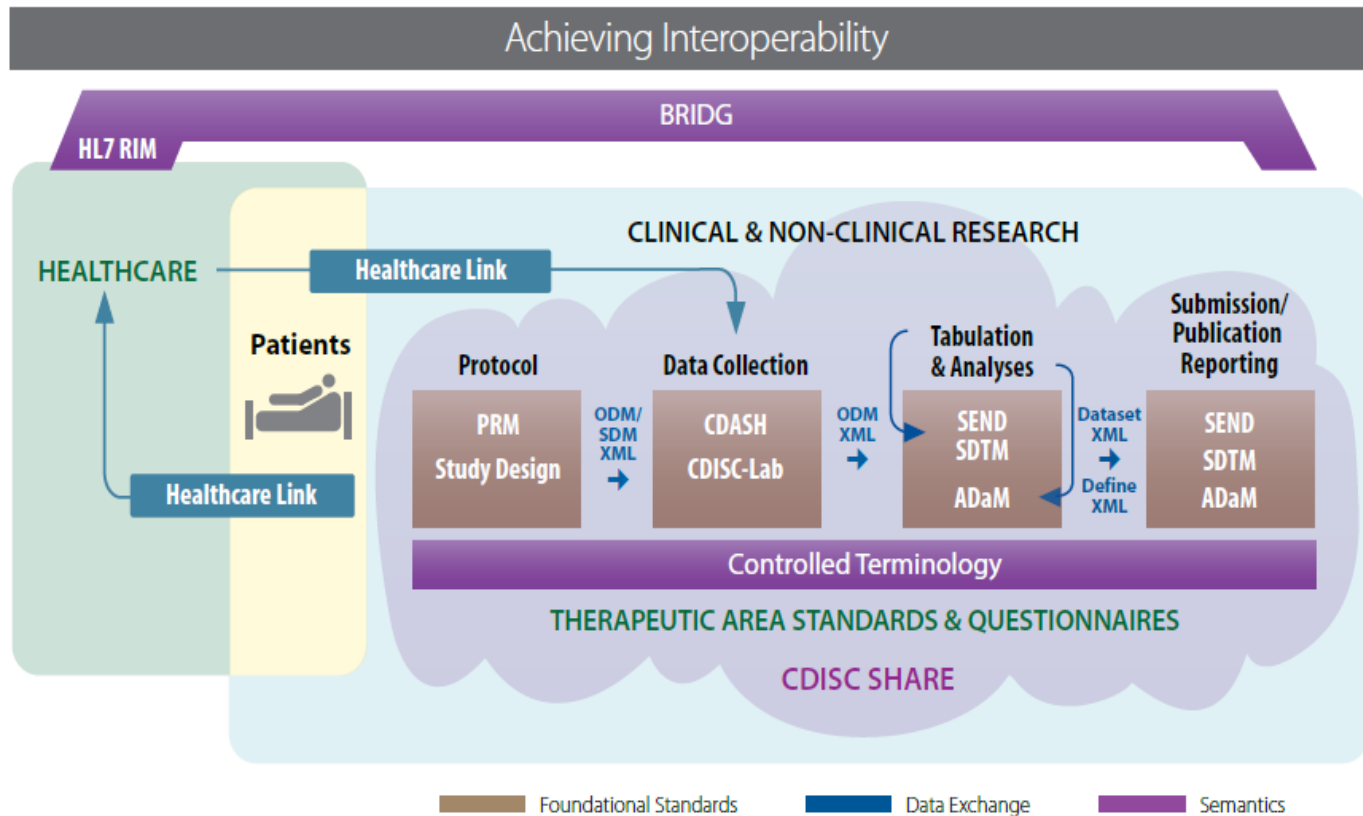
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## *3. Controlled Terminology Standard*

The use of controlled terminology standards, also known as vocabularies, is an important component of study data standardization and is a critical component of achieving semantically interoperable data exchange.<sup>11</sup> Controlled terminology standards specify the key concepts that are represented as preferred terms, definitions, synonyms, codes, and code systems. Controlled terminology standards are maintained by external organizations (i.e., external to the sponsor or applicant). Sponsor- or applicant-defined custom terms are not considered controlled terminologies. However, some controlled terminologies are extensible and permit additions to existing codelists. It is the expectation that sponsors or applicants will use the controlled terminologies maintained by external organizations as the standard. Examples of controlled terminology standards include:

- The National Drug File (NDF) — Reference Terminology for drug classifications<sup>12</sup>
- CDISC Controlled Terminology<sup>13</sup>
- Medical Dictionary for Regulatory Activities (MedDRA)<sup>14</sup>

# Clinical Data Interchange Standards Consortium (CDISC)



# Data Standards for Sharing

Study #2 – dmg.xpt

ID	GENDER
A1	Male
A2	Male
A3	Female
A4	Female
A5	Male

Study #3 – axd222.xpt

USUBID	SEX
00011	0
00012	1
00013	1
00014	0
00015	1

SUBJID	SEX
Study #1 – demog.xpt	
0001	M
0002	F
0003	F
0004	M
0005	F

Study #4 – dmgph.xpt

PTID	GENDER
0001	1
0002	1
0003	2
0004	2
0005	1

# CDISC Models

- **Study Data Tabulation Model (SDTM)**
  - Version 3.1.1 and 3.1.2 accepted by FDA
  - Referenced as specification in FDA Guidance on eSubmissions for Implementation of ICH eCommon Technical Document
- **Analysis Dataset Models (ADaM)**
  - ADaM Version 2.1 and Implementation Guide Version 1.0 released 12/09
  - Accepted by FDA
- **Clinical Data Acquisition Standards Harmonization (CDASH)**
  - recommended basic standards for the collection of clinical trial data
  - Version 1.1 released January 2011
- **Operational Data Model (ODM)**
  - Production Version 1.3
  - XML schema
  - Part of eCTD data specifications
- **Protocol Representation Model**
  - Version 1.0 released May 2009
  - Spreadsheet of protocol elements with definitions; documentation; initial HL7 model
- **Laboratory Data Model (LAB)**
  - Production Version 1.0.1
  - Implementations through SAS, ASCII, XML/ODM and HL7 V3 RIM message
- **Standards for the Exchange of Non-clinical Data (SEND)**
  - Version 2.3 released November 2005. Based upon CDISC SDS V3.1
  - Included in SDTM model now referenced in FDA Guidance

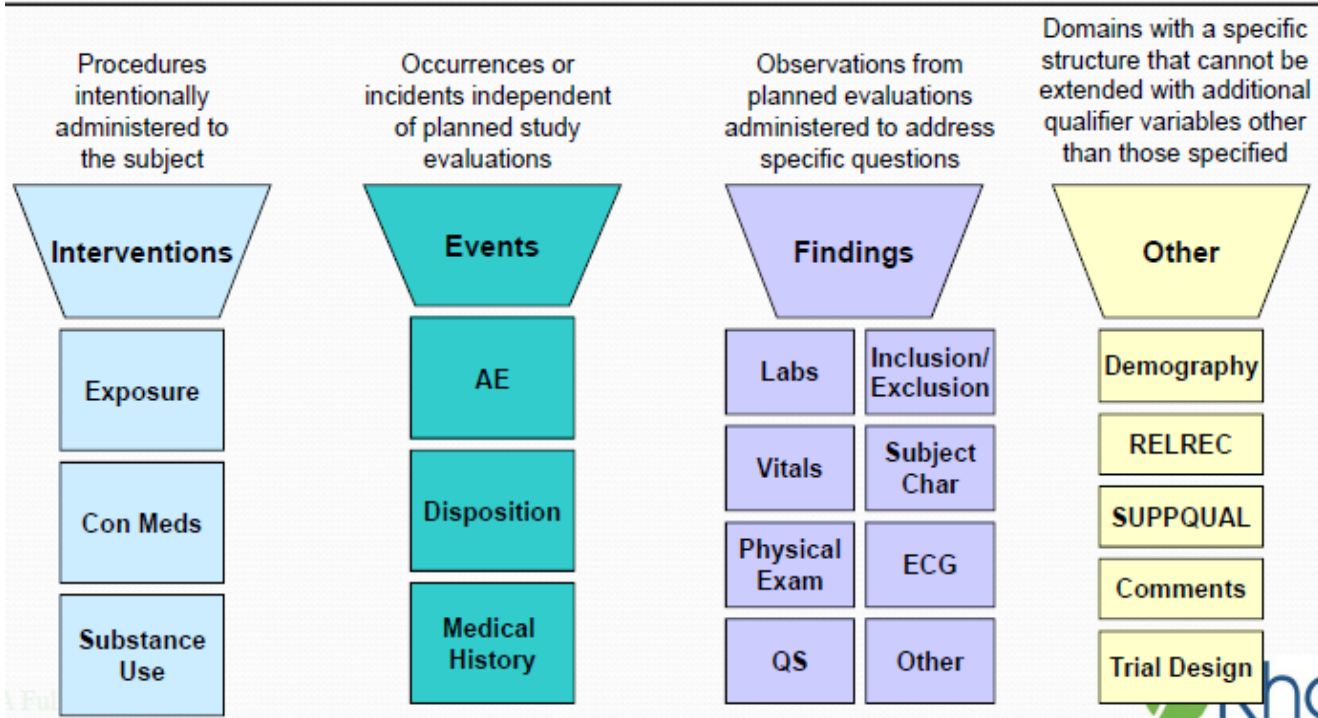
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# Data Sharing Models



Most observations collected during the study will be divided among three domain classes: Interventions, Events and Findings. Other information is captured in the Other/Special Purpose Domain Class.





# *Data Standard Modules for Sharing*

## **Special-Purpose Domains (defined in [Section 5](#)):**

- Demographics — [DM](#)
- Subject Elements — [SE](#)
- Comments — [CO](#)
- Subject Visits — [SV](#)

## **Interventions General Observation Class (defined in [Section 6.1](#)):**

- Concomitant Medications — [CM](#)
- Substance Use — [SU](#)
- Exposure — [EX](#)

## **Events General Observation Class (defined in [Section 6.2](#)):**

- Adverse Events — [AE](#)
- Medical History — [MH](#)
- Clinical Events — [CE](#)
- Disposition — [DS](#)
- Protocol Deviations — [DV](#)

## **Findings General Observation Class (defined in [Section 6.3](#)):**

- ECG Test Results — [EG](#)
- Laboratory Test Results — [LB](#)
- Questionnaires — [QS](#)
- Vital Signs — [VS](#)
- Microbiology Specimen — [MB](#)
- PK Concentrations — [PC](#)
- Inclusion/Exclusion Criterion Not Met — [IE](#)
- Physical Examination — [PE](#)
- Subject Characteristics — [SC](#)
- Drug Accountability — [DA](#)
- Microbiology Susceptibility Test — [MS](#)
- PK Parameters — [PP](#)

## **Findings About (defined in [Section 6.4](#))**

- Findings About — [FA](#)

## **Trial Design Domains (defined in [Section 7](#)):**

# Data Standard Modules for Sharing

## 2.2.1 The Interventions Observations Class

Table 2.2.1: Interventions — Topic and Qualifier Variables, One Record per Intervention Episode

Variable Name	Variable Label	Type	Role
<b>Topic Variable</b>			
--TRT	Name of Treatment	Text	Required
--MODIFY	Modified Treatment	Text	Expected
--DECOD	Standardized Treatment	Text	Expected
--MOOD	Mood	Text	Expected
--CAT	Category	Text	Expected
--SCAT	Subcategory	Text	Expected

Data Class  
 Required  
 Expected  
 Permissible  
 Relationship

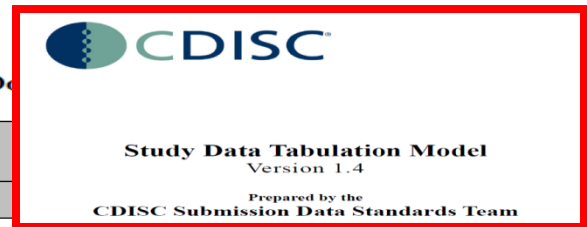
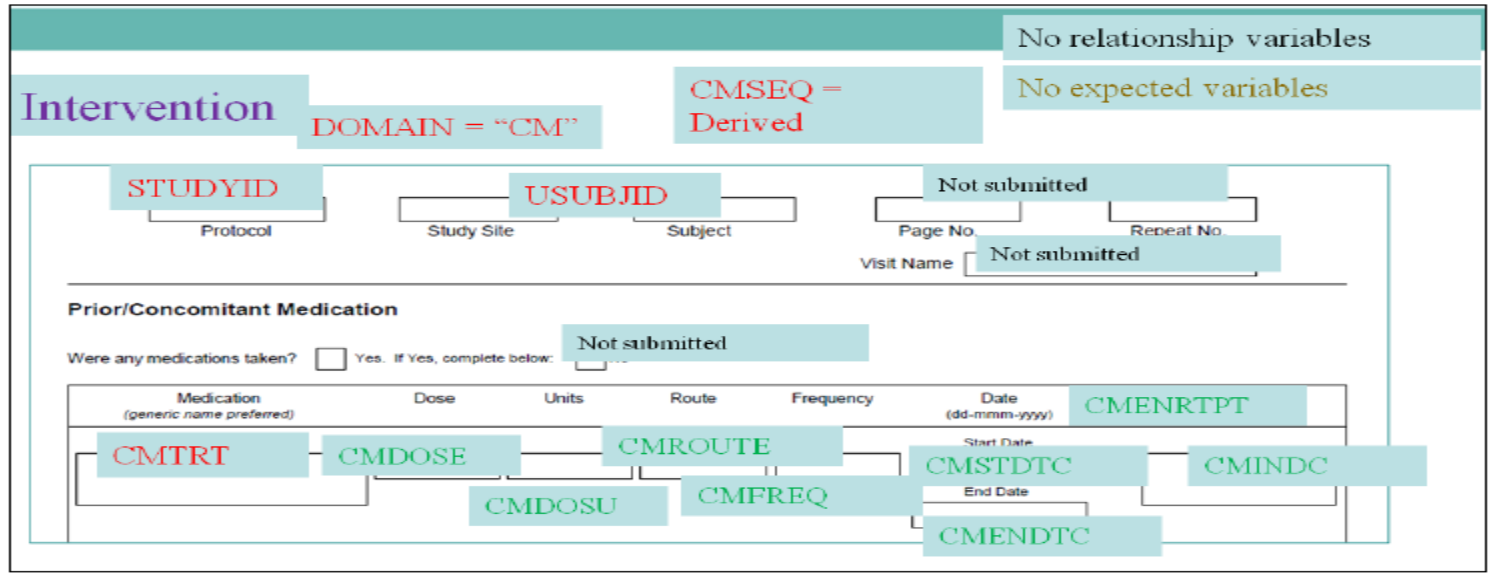


FIGURE 7 – INTERVENTIONS EXAMPLE



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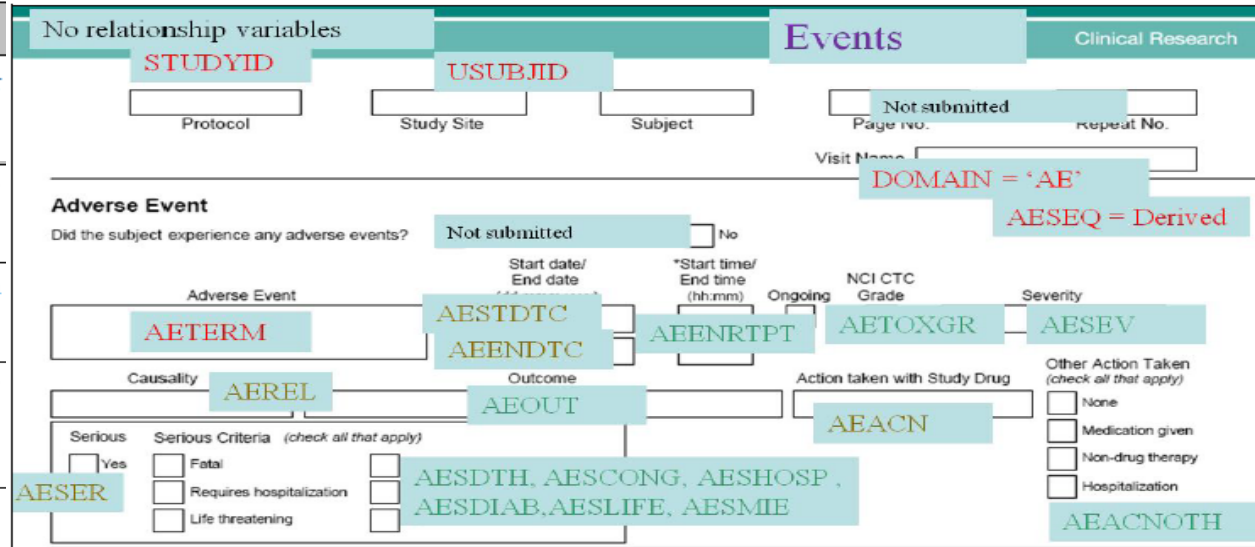
## 2.2.2 The Events Observation Class

Table 2.2.2: Events — Topic and Qualifier Variables, One Record per Event

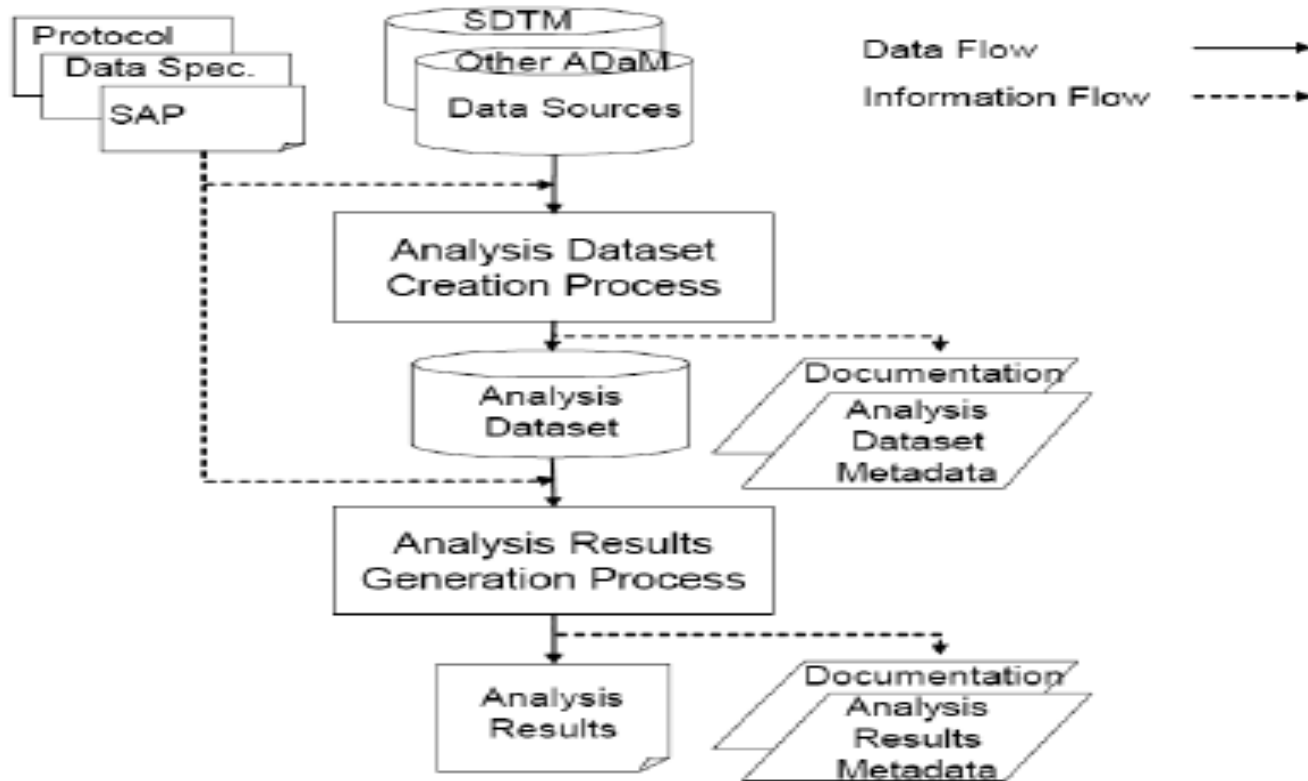
Variable Name	Variable Label	Type	Role	Description
<b>Topic Variable</b>				
--TERM	Reported Term	Char	Topic	Topic variable for an event observation, which is the verba
--MODIFY	Modified Reported Term	Char		
--LLT	Lowest Level Term	Char		
--LLTCD	Lowest Level Term Code	Num		
--DECOD	Dictionary-Derived Term	Char		

Data Class  
 Required  
 Expected  
 Permissible  
 Relationship









FIGURE 8 – EVENTS EXAMPLE



# *Data Standards for Traceability*



# *Data Standards for Submission*

[-]  [folder name]	Replace with folder name, e.g., m5
[-]  Datasets	
[-]  [study]	Replace with study identifier, e.g., 123-070
[-]  analysis	Contains analysis datasets and associated files
[-]  programs	Contains program files
 listings	Contains data listing datasets and associated files
 profiles	Contains subject profiles
 tabulations	Contains data tabulation datasets and associated files