

BACKGROUND

The ACRO CRO Forum was established in 2015 as a special mechanism to interact with TransCelerate Biopharma Inc. The Forum provides an opportunity for subject matter experts (SMEs) from ACRO members and participating non-member companies to engage colleagues, provide industry input to TransCelerate workstreams and report back on TransCelerate developments, helping to inform member company perspectives and strategies.

PROCESS

For workstreams mutually identified by ACRO and TransCelerate as appropriate, the CRO Forum and TransCelerate each identify a liaison to keep both organizations informed about the other's activities and positions. The liaison is supported by a Working Group, which merges cross-company expertise and gathers input from a variety of SMEs participating in the Forum. The CRO Forum meets monthly by teleconference and quarterly in-person.

WORKSTREAMS

As of September 2018, the CRO Forum is actively working with TransCelerate on: Risk-Based Monitoring, eSource, Shared Investigator Platform and Pharmacovigilance projects. We maintain a coordination of efforts with TransCelerate on the currently inactive Quality Management Systems and Clinical Research Awareness & Access workstreams. Previously, the Forum has worked on the Site Qualification and Training and Common Protocol workstreams.

OBJECTIVES

1. Project Design

- Contribute to current and new TransCelerate workstream deliverables.

2. Knowledge Transfer

- Disseminate TransCelerate content to appropriate Forum Representatives, Forum Liaisons, their supporting Working Groups, and the CRO Forum Member companies.
- Consolidate CRO feedback/input to TransCelerate deliverables and to suggest new content.

3. Evaluation of Knowledge Transfer

- Track knowledge transfer between TransCelerate and the Forum and evaluate value for CRO Forum members.
- Maintain a fluid Working Group structure that mirrors TransCelerate's initiatives.

4. Communications

- Internal: Report to the ACRO Board of directors on "lessons learned" and workstream updates.
- External: Publicize the CRO Forum's TransCelerate engagement at industry conferences by hosting panels and presenting on relevant workstream engagements and projects.