

Unanticipated Change in Clinical Trials: 3 Elements of Complexity

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Protocol complexity

Amendments and mid-study changes are common



At least 1 substantial amendment

59% of phase 1 studies¹

78% of phase 2 studies¹

69% of phase 3 studies¹



Multiple treatment arms

4x growth

of multi-arm, multi-stage trials from 2019-2020²



Personalized medicine

25%

of FDA drug approvals were for personalized medicines in 2019³

(up from 5% in 2005)

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Operational complexity

Increasing drug discovery and development timelines



15-20% biologics use in clinical trials in 2022

A significant jump from 2010 when biologics comprised 10-15% of all clinical trials⁴



Phase 3 clinical trial duration has grown 1 year longer

From about 2.25 years in 2010 to 3.25 years in 2021⁵

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Geopolitical complexity

Global uncertainty creates complexity for clinical trials



79% of studies were affected by COVID-19 in 2020⁶



250+ studies were running in Ukraine as of May 2022⁷

Trial integrity, data integrity, and patient access to treatment in jeopardy due to war.

¹ "No End in Sight for Trial Complexity, CSDD Report Reveals", James Miessler, CenterWatch, 2022.

² <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8915371/>

³ <https://www.ajmc.com/view/number-of-personalized-medicines-doubled-in-4-years-new-report-says>

⁴ "Clinical Trial Duration Trends & The Study Closeout Gap", Justin Culbertson, Clinical Leader, 2022.

⁵ "Global Trends in R&D 2022", IQVIA, 2022.

⁶ "The Impact of COVID-19 on Clinical Research in the Life Sciences Industry: Is there a Silver Lining?", Maynard Nexsen, 2021.

⁷ "The War Puts Ukraine's Clinical Trials—and Patients—in Jeopardy", WIRED, 2022.