# Future of CRO-Pharma Relationship: Thriving with Collaborative Mindset

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#### **AGENDA**

- PRINCIPLES OF COLLABORATIVE NETWORKS
- CURRENT STATUS OF CRO-PHARMA COLLABORATION
- CASE-STUDIES OF INNOVATIVE TYPES OF CRO-PHARMA COLLABORATIONS
- OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES IN CRO-PHARMA RELATIONSHIP
- HOW TO CREATE A SUCCESSFUL CRO-PHARMA PARTNERSHIP MODEL
- FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN CRO-PHARMA RELATIONSHIPS
- HOW CAN WE HELP YOU

### GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF ESTABLISHING EFFICIENT COLLABORATIVE NETWORKS











## "COLLABORATIVE MINDSET" ELEMENTS

- "We versus I"
- Sharing information and outcome
- Trust and have faith
- Communicate frequently and openly



#### BUILDING A PARTNERSHIP IS LIKE FARMING

PHASE I:
PREPARING THE FIELD

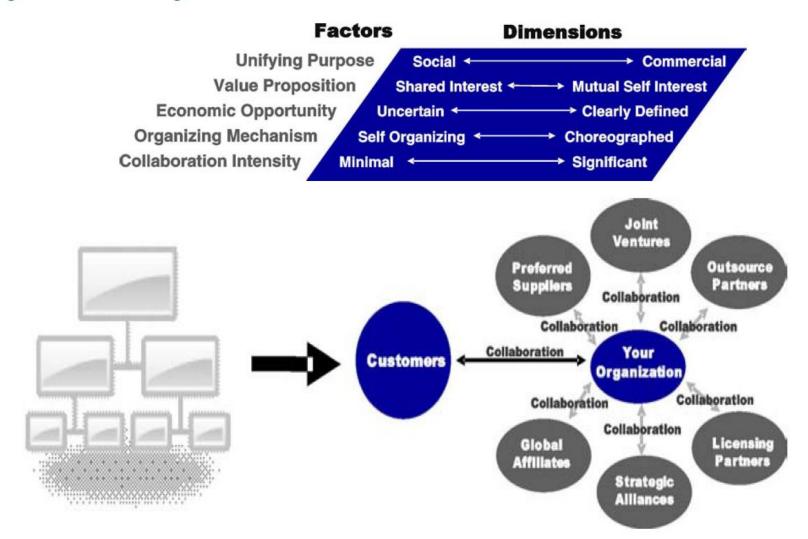
PHASE II: SOWING THE SEEDS

PHASE III:
WEEDING AND TENDING THE GROWING PLANTS

PHASE IV: HARVESTING

#### WHAT IS A COLLABORATIVE NETWORK

Figure 3: Network Design Model



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Source: Shuman J (2010)



### KEY PRINCIPLES DRIVING COLLABORATIVE NETWORKS

#### **Principle #1**

Organizations and people only actively engage in collaboration when the benefit they derive is greater than the time and effort it takes to collaborate.

#### Principle #3

Every network has a choreographer, the individual or entity that organizes the network and is responsible for achieving the purpose of the network.

#### Principle #2

Collaborative networks are fit for purpose. The purpose determines how the network is structured.

#### **Principle #4**

Governance is the system for managing the joint and individual work of the collaboration. Governance principles have both structural and behavioural components.



#### Figure 4: Collaborative Network Governance Framework

### **Structural Elements**

- ► Committee Composition
- ► Roles and Responsibilities
- ► Decision Making Authority
- **▶** Escalation
- ▶ Milestones
- ▶ IP Rights

### **Behavioural Elements**

- ► Communication Protocols
- ► Meeting Management
- ▶ Decision Making Norms
- ► Conflict Resolution
- **▶** Evaluation
- ► Review Processes



### **CURRENT STATUS OF CRO-PHARMA COLLABORATION**





## 5 TRENDS SHAPING CLINICAL TRIALS OUTSOURCING SDL (2018)

- 1) Expansion of technology enabled trials
- 2) Patient-centric approach to research
- 3) Globalization of clinical trials and focus on emerging markets
- 4) Strategic partnerships with CROs
- 5) Innovation is a priority that is driving change

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Align S Clinical CRO

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Leading CROs Form New Industry Standards Group to Improve Collaboration with Sponsors

Align Clinical CRO to create open technology standards the make it easier for the control of the

**NEW YORK** — **March 27, 2018** — Six leading contract research organizations (CROs) and Veeva Systems (NYSE:VEEV) today introduced Align Clinical CRO, a new industry standards group dedicated to making it easier for sponsors and CROs to work together during clinical trials. Founding members, with input across the industry, plan to help create open technology standards intended to improve trial execution and collaboration with life sciences companies.

For the first time, leading CROs, including ICON plc, Medpace, Pharmaceutical Product Development, LLC (PPD), PRA Health Sciences, Syneos Health, and UBC are coming together to develop open technology standards to transform clinical trial operations across the entire industry to speed product development.

"There is tremendous potential to enhance clinical trial execution with common technology standards that benefit the entire industry," said Henry Levy, president of Align Clinical CRO. "The assembly of Align Clinical CRO represents an important industry collaboration to improve the trial process and how the industry works together to accelerate drug development."

The increasing role of contract research organizations in the evolution of the biopharmaceutical industry

Margherita Balconi ° Valeria Lorenzi °

Department of Economics and Management, University of Pavia, Italy

2017/10

March 2017





### GETTING REAL

Partnering for clinical and real-world evidence studies

#### **SELECTING A CRO AS A STRATEGIC PARTNER**

Look for a service provider offering into cated development services, including all clinical phases and RWE studies. After initial due diligence and determining the best candidates, conduct an audit history and look for gaps in specific expertise. Acquire information on the prospect's quality record and project management expertise. A positive regulatory history is also important.

In addition to operational, methodological and clinical experience, the CRO must have expertise in clinical and RWE studies. Also look for advanced technical capabilities, reliability, high quality of services/reputation, history of on-time delivery, strong quality record, etc. Work collaboratively with the sponsor to develop operating procedures, and have a dedicated project manager.



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"Big pharma will go towards preferred relationships, but mid-size and smaller pharma and biotechs will look towards working with partners that can do so in a costeffective manner and provide individualised attention."

Ajit Nair, President Global Operations SIRO Clinpharm



"CROs need to move away from a service-provider mindset, and the challenge for us is to move from a buyer mindset."

Karin Wingstrand, Vice-president and head of clinical development, AstraZeneca



#### WHY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

- Many trial sponsors are looking for strategic partners to handle the full gamut of clinical trial services from recruitment to reporting. Many also need specialist CROs with specific knowledge and experience in a particular therapeutic area. As sponsors look for development partners that bring breadth and depth of expertise to the trial, they are often considering how they might work with these partners more closely to increase efficiency and decrease costs.
- According to the Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development, clinical trials conducted by CROs are completed on average 30 percent more quickly than those conducted in-house.
- This results in an average time savings of some four to five months, translating to \$120 million to \$150 million in increased revenue potential.
- CROs that offer greater value across the project will be well-positioned to attract and maintain longer-term partnership opportunities. Adjacent services that add value to sponsors current capabilities without requiring administration of additional contracts with multiple vendors will become strong differentiators.





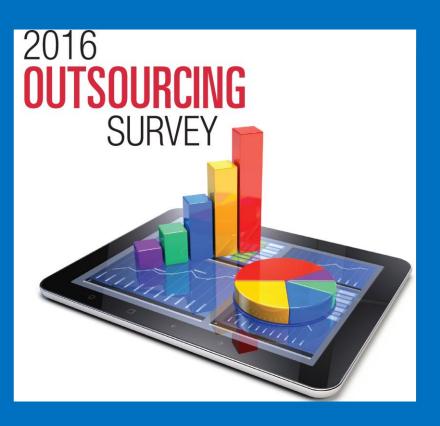
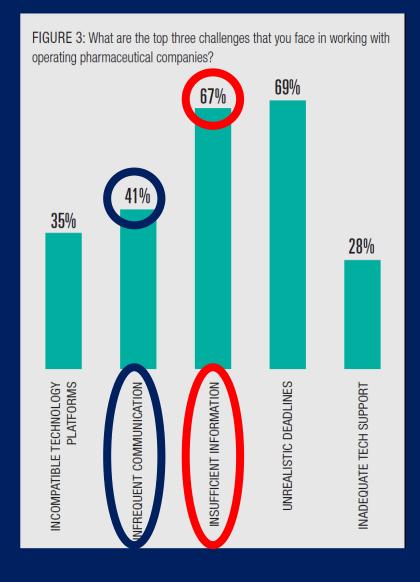




FIGURE 3: What are the top three challenges that you face in working with operating pharmaceutical companies? **62**% 30% 30% INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION INCOMPATIBLE TECHNOLOGY PLATFORMS **UNREALISTIC DEADLINES** INADEQUATE TECH SUPPORT NFREQUENT COMMUNICATION



**Source: Contract Pharma (2016)** 



FIGURE 6: What do you find are the most challenging aspects of any outsourcing project?

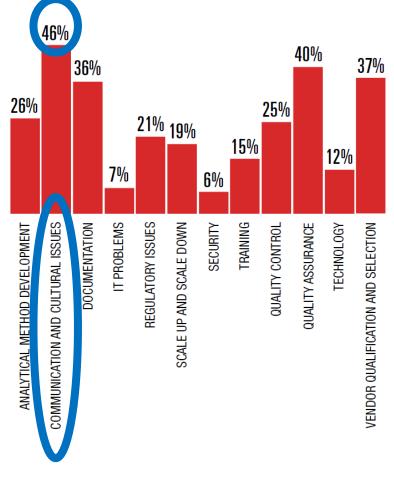
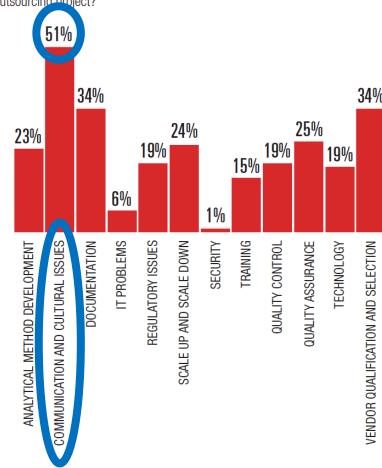


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**Source: Contract Pharma (2015)** 

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## Worldwide Clinical Trials' Annual Survey Reveals 2018 Trends in CRO/Sponsor Partnerships

- 1) There is a growing urgency for CRO expertise in <u>early</u> <u>phase clinical research</u>, i.e., first-in-human through proof of concept.
- 2) There is stable growth in the overall demand for CROs.
- 3) Data quality tops the list of CRO evaluation criteria.
- 4) Sponsors are looking for CROs that provide innovative solutions.
- 5) Sponsors continue to push for clinical trial efficiencies.



### CASE-STUDIES OF INNOVATIVE TYPES OF CRO-PHARMA COLLABORATIONS









Case 1 – Progress Requires Partnerships: Collaborative Innovation Helps Fast Track Rare Condition Study

**Location of Case: USA** 

**Company Featured: Covance** 

**Innovation Example: Collaborative Innovation** 

Case 2 - Innovation in Trial Recruitment Speeds the Clinical Trial Process

**Location of Case: EU** 

**Company Featured: PAREXEL** 

Innovation Example: Innovation in Trial Recruitment

Case 3 - Clinical Trial Costs Reduced Through Innovative Partnerships and a Revised Trial Design

Location of Case: Global Company Featured: PPD

Innovation Example: Innovative Trial Design, Collaborative Innovation, Innovative

**Partnerships** 

Case 4 - Innovative Partnerships Put Cardiovascular Treatment Trial One Year Ahead of Schedule

**Location of Case: USA** 

**Company Featured: Covance** 

Innovation Example: Innovative Partnerships/Collaborative Innovation



Case 5 - CRO-Championed Innovation Leads to Early Completion for Global Study of Rare Pediatric Condition

Location of Case: Global

**Company Featured: INC Research** 

Innovation Example: Collaborative Innovation/Innovative Partnerships/Logistics

Case 6 - Adaptive Trial Design Cuts Costs for Cancer Study by More Than \$1 Million

Location of Case: USA Company Featured: PPD

Innovation Example: Innovative Trial Design (Adaptive), Optimizing Trial Design for Each

**Unique Trial and Set of Objectives** 

Case 7 - Innovative Partnerships Breed Success in Clinical Trials: Clinical Trial Educators Program

**Location of Case: USA** 

Company Featured: inVentiv Health Clinical

Innovation Example: Innovative Partnerships, Innovation in Patient Recruitment,

**Collaborative Innovation** 

Case 8 - Innovations in Data Management and Strategic Partnerships Achieve Cost-Savings for Biopharmaceutical Trial Sponsor

Location of Case: Global

Company Featured: inVentiv Health Clinical

Innovation Example: Innovation in Data Management (data optimizing software),

**Innovative Partnerships** 



Case 9 - Clinical Trial Innovations Expedite Recruitment, Prioritize Communication, and Streamline Logistics for a Global COPD Trial

Location of Case: Global Company Featured: PAREXEL

Innovation Example: - Innovation in Trial Recruitment, Innovation in Communication,

**Innovation in Streamlining Logistics** 

Case 10 – Bringing Treatments to Market Through CRO-Supported
Commercial Infrastructure

**Location of Case: USA** 

**Company Featured: Quintiles** 

Innovation Example: Innovative Partnerships, Innovation in Commercializing Treatments

Case 11 - Making the Most of Data: Adopting eClinical Systems Allows CROs to Visually
Track Safety Data in Real-Time

Location of Case: USA Company Featured: ICON

Innovation Example: Innovation in Data Tracking and Management, Innovation in

Trial Design, Adjudication

Case 12 - Adaptive Trial Designs Maximize Trial Efficiency

**Location of Case: EU, 9 countries** 

**Company Featured: PPD** 

Innovation Example: Innovation in Trial Design (Adaptive), Collaborative Innovation

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## Finding Alignment Opportunities and Obstacles in the Pharma/CRO Relationship



- 67% of respondents were or are still involved in some kind of CRO-Pharma partnership project.
- Majority of respondents favour Global Alliance as a partnership model.

Considering the biggest relationships in which your company is involved between CROs and pharmaceutical or biotechnology companies, what form do these take in practice? (% respondents) Arm's-length business relationship (ie, outsourcing of specific work on an ad-hoc basis) Global alliance Non-exclusive partnership Partnership that is exclusive for a given disease area or geography Joint venture Members of same corporate group We are not involved in any such relationship

company is involved between CROs and pharmaceutical or biotechnology companies, what would be your preferred form?

(% respondents)

Global alliance

Partnership that is exclusive for a given disease area or geography

17

Arm's-length business relationship
(ie, outsourcing of specific work on an ad-hoc basis)

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Non-exclusive partnership

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Joint venture

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Members of same corporate group

6

We are not involved in any such relationship

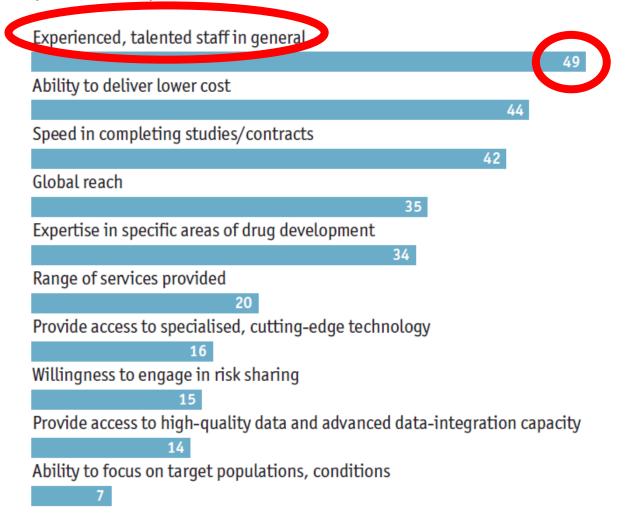
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### What are the most important attributes that you look for in selecting a CRO with which to do business?

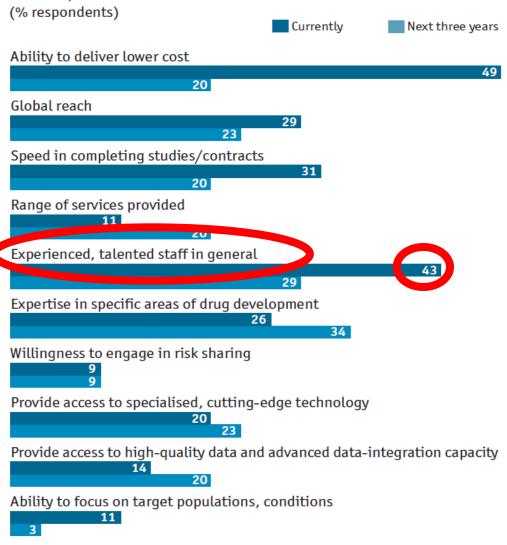
Select up to three.

(% respondents)





Which of the following attributes does your company currently use to differentiate itself from competitors in attracting business from pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies? Select up to three.

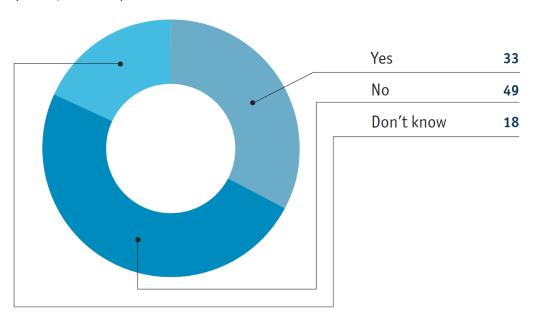


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Has your company been involved in an unsatisfactory relationship between pharmaceutical/biotechnology companies and CROs in the last three years?

(% respondents)

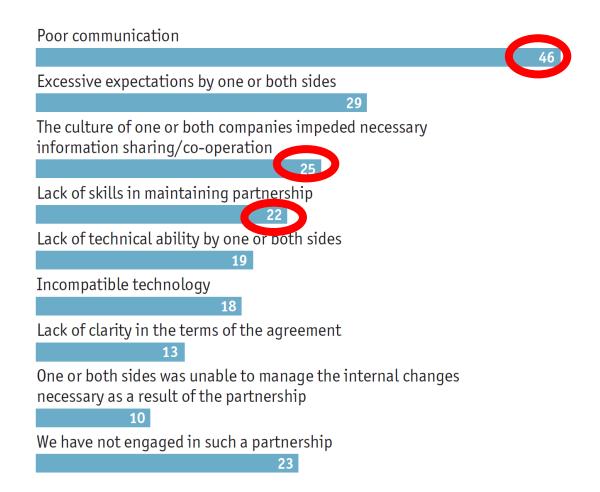


- 49% of respondents were <u>not</u> involved in some kind of CRO-Pharma unsatisfactory relationship.
- This means that there is lot of space for improvement especially when creating long-term strategical partnerships.



### What were the biggest challenges for successful relationships between pharmaceutical/ biotechnology firms and CROs? Select up to three.

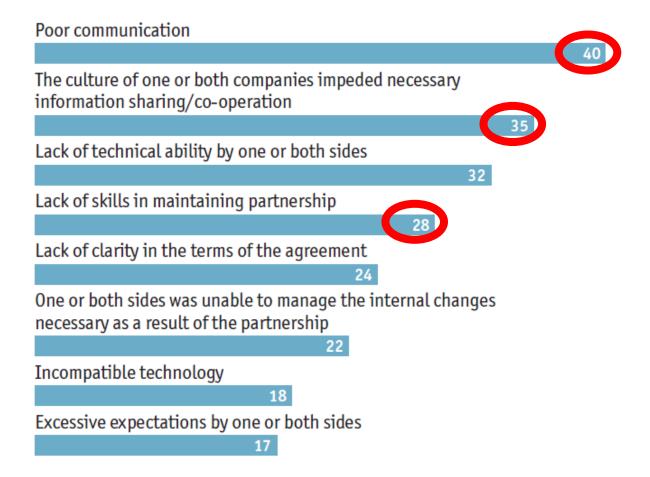
(% respondents)





### What were the biggest barriers to success in the unsatisfactory relationship?

Please select up to three. (% respondents)







## **STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS 2013**

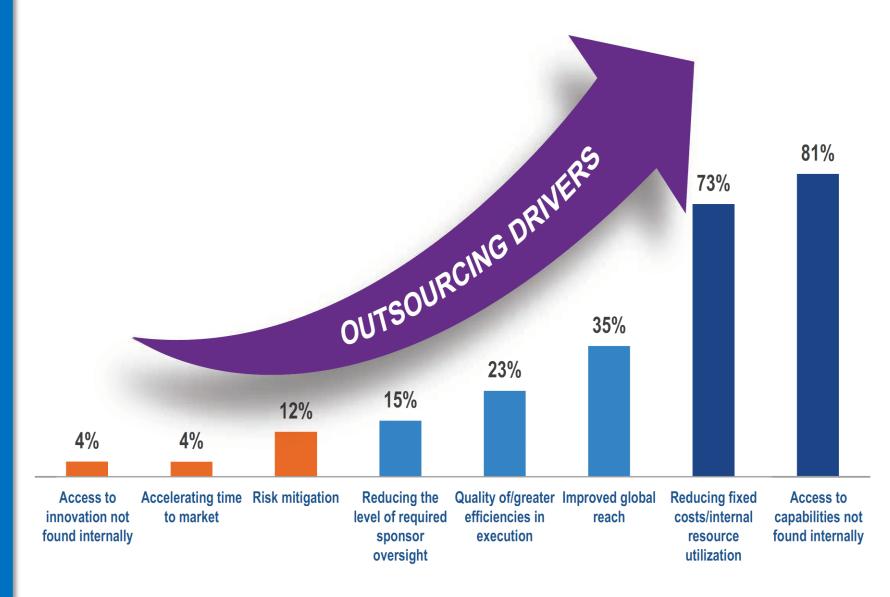
Transforming and Unlocking Value in Biopharmaceutical Development



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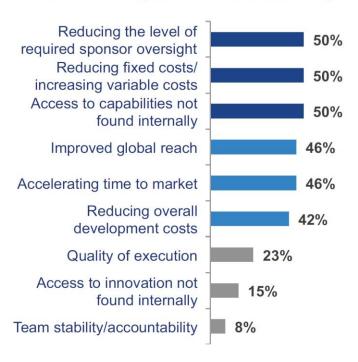




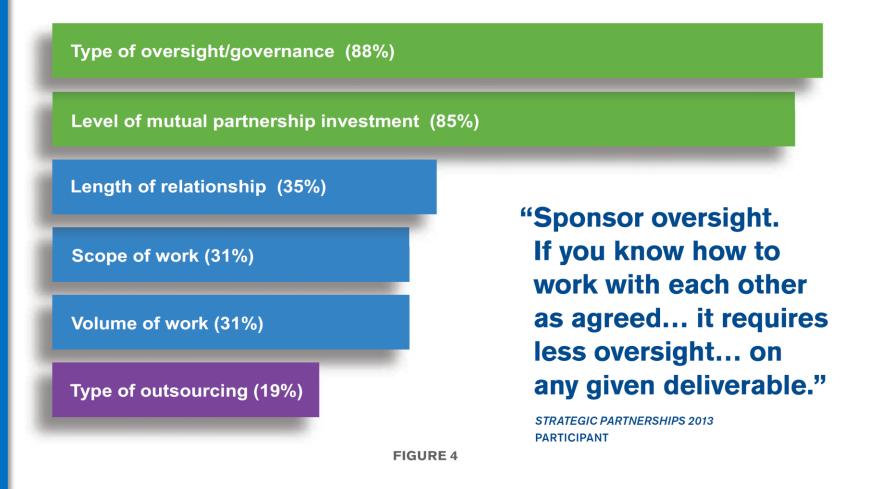
85%

...of executives believe Strategic Partnerships have had a positive impact on the CROsponsor relationship

### Impact of Strategic Partnerships on CRO-Sponsor Relationship







Q. How would you define a Strategic Partnership with a CRO today? Please select your top three choices.

Some respondents provided less than or more than three choices.



### STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP KEY DRIVERS

- Dedication, where the CRO team is committed to the client's results and success, and aligned with the company's specific needs.
- 2. **Risk-Sharing\***, where the CRO is operationally or financially vested in shared success.
- Value, in which the relationship is expected to yield cost and operational efficiencies without sacrificing quality.
- 4. **Transparency**, which the executives define as better communication between the two organizations, and greater sharing of information and expertise.





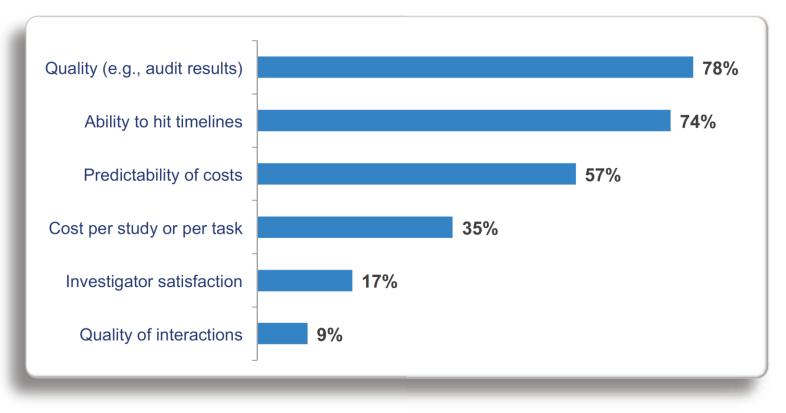


FIGURE 7

Q. In what ways do you measure success of outsourcing versus internal development?

Respondents were allowed to give multiple responses.



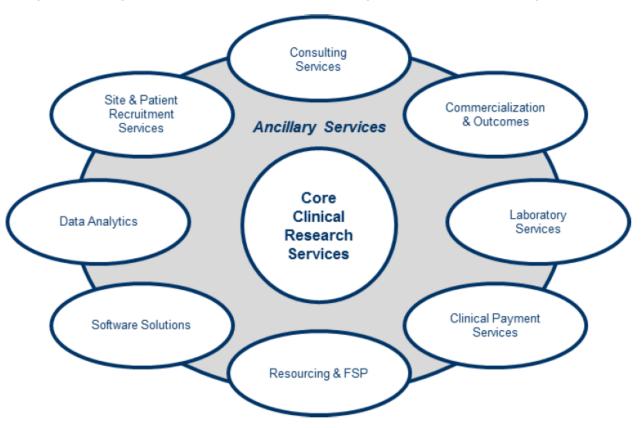
# THE EVOLVING CRO MODEL:

A SHORTCUT TO STRATEGIC CRO-PHARMA ALLIANCES



#### **Expansion of CRO Service Offering**

The traditional model has evolved beyond core research to include a variety of ancillary services as large CROs seek to increase their strategic partnerships and "share of wallet" with pharmaceutical companies





# Quintiles Case Study: Building a Multi-Function CRO Platform Through M&A

October 2011: Quintiles acquires Outcome Sciences for \$177 million

- Market leader in registries, post-approval research and quality-improvement initiatives for biopharma, medical device and government
- Strengthened Quintiles' late-phase offerings

**August 2012:** Quintiles acquires Expression Analytics

- Provider of genomic sequencing
- Expands Quintiles' personalized medicine capabilities

May 2013: Quintiles raises \$947 million as part of Initial Public Offering

August 2013: Quintiles acquires Novella Clinical

- Provider of preclinical to post-approval clinical trial management services
- Additionally, provider of resourcing solutions including FSP and contracting staffing

May 2014: Quintiles acquires Encore Health Resources

- Provider of IT consulting services to healthcare market as well as clinical, strategy and physician advisory services

May 2015: Quintiles acquires Clio Science

- Full service CRO in Japan

**November 2016:** Quintiles merges with IMS Health. Rationale for the merger includes:

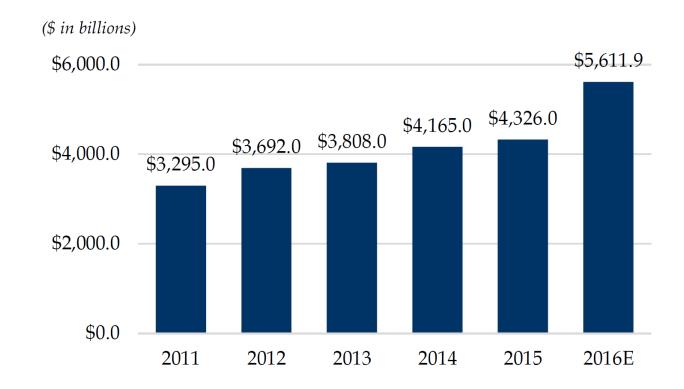
- Integration of IMS Health's Real World Evidence (RWE) analytics, consulting, outsourcing and technology services to make Quintiles IMS an end-to-end service provider for pharmaceutical clients
- Creation of the world's largest portfolio of healthcare information, therapeutic & regulatory expertise, and proprietary technologies with presence in 100+ countries
- Strengthening of client strategic partnerships through deep integration of data services

**Source: Delancey-Street Partners (2016)** 



# Quintiles Case Study: Revenue Growth Through M&A

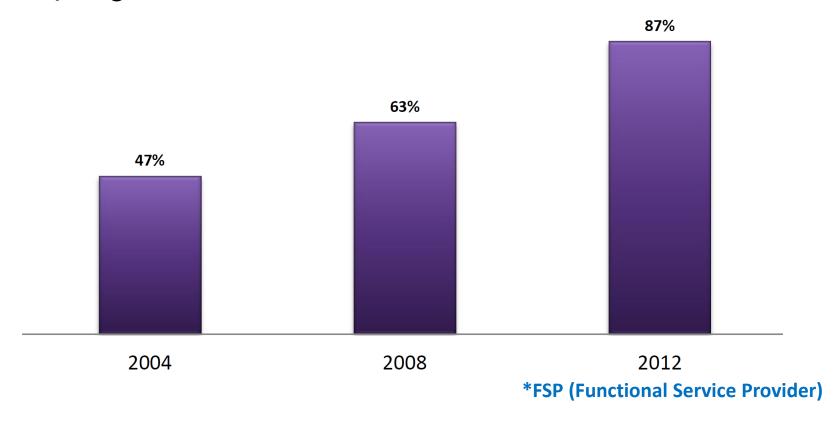
### **Quintiles Revenue Growth**



Source: CapitalIQ.



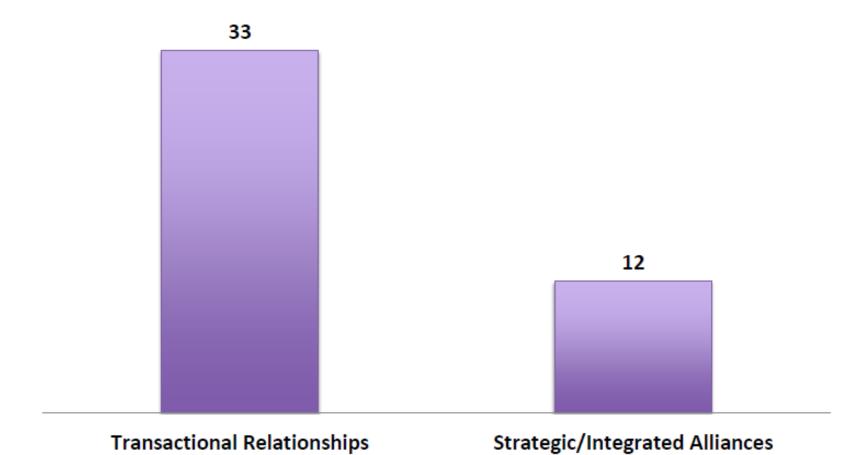
# Proportion of Top 30 Pharma Companies in at least One FSP/Multi-FSP/Integrated Alliance



Source: CenterWatch (2013)



### Average Number of Sponsor FTEs Assigned per Project

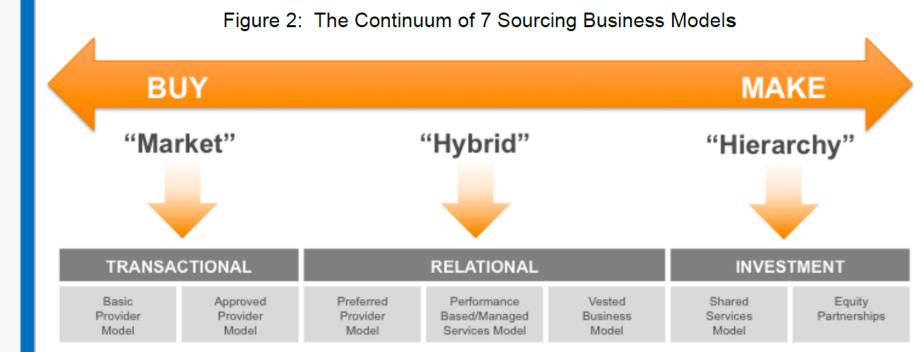


\*FTE (Full Time Employee)

Source: Parexel (2011)



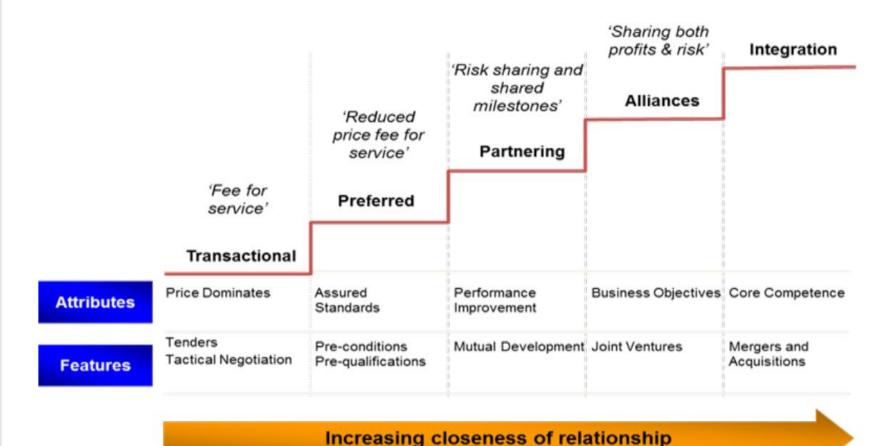
### **SEVEN SOURCING BUSINESS MODELS**





### **KEY TRENDS IN CRO OUTSOURCING:** THE RISE OF PARTNERING AND ALLIANCE RELATIONSHIPS

Exhibit 3: The Trend Toward Partnering



Source: Vitasek K et al. (2016)



## From Transactional Relationships to Alliances



#### Transactional Relationships

Ad-Hoc
Capacity-based
Reactive, project task outsourcing
Shadow headcount, sponsor SOPs
Mid-management governance committee
Lowest-bid/Many Providers
High out-of-scope costs/ Fee for service

#### **Integrated Clinical Research Alliances**

Formalized
Virtual/Competency-based
Planned, portfolio outsourcing
Lean operation, integrated/coordinated
Multi-level shared governance & SOPs
Few Partner-Providers
Shared operating risk/Fixed pricing

Lower transaction costs
More transparency
Greater risk sharing
More motivated staff
Faster start-up
More senior level commitment

Source: Getz K (2013)

### **SATISFACTION GUARANTEED**

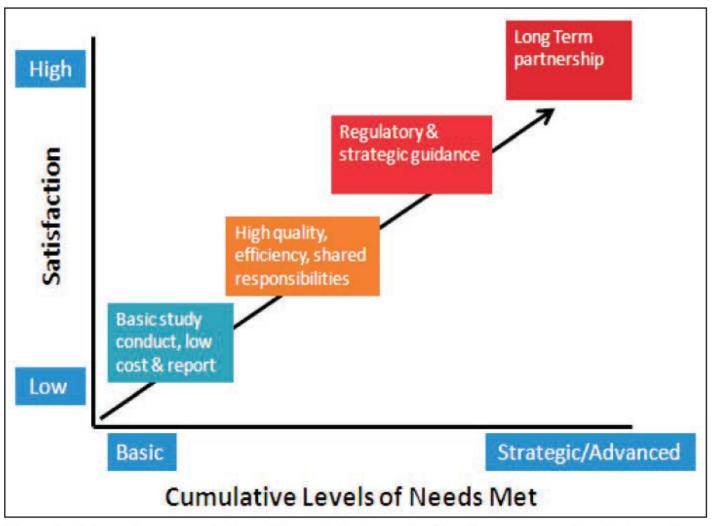


Figure 1: Schematic representation of the satisfaction gained by the sponsors when their needs are met at different levels and cumulatively.

Source: Chakraborty BS (2013)



### HOW TO CREATE A SUCCESSFUL CRO-PHARMA PARTNERSHIP MODEL Kinapse (2016)



# SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP MODEL: PARTNER SELECTION PROCESS

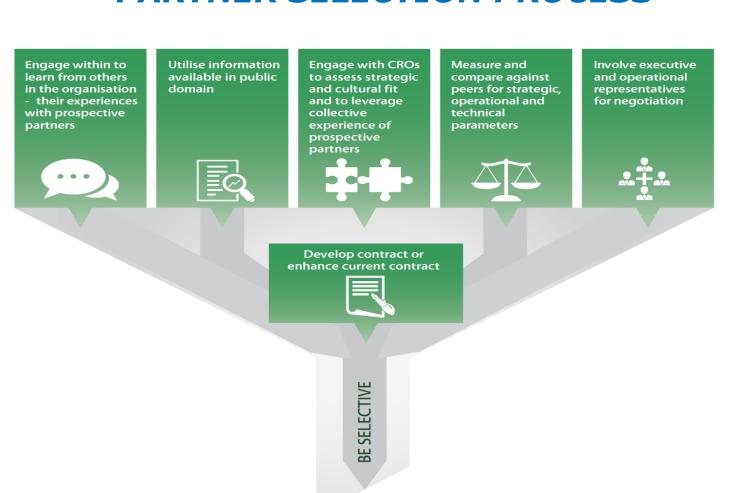


Figure 1: Steps for partner selection



# SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP MODEL: PREPARING THE CONTRACT

Key principle of the financial contract should be to create a win-win situation for both parties and to ensure clarity

The contract should therefore clearly define the operational framework

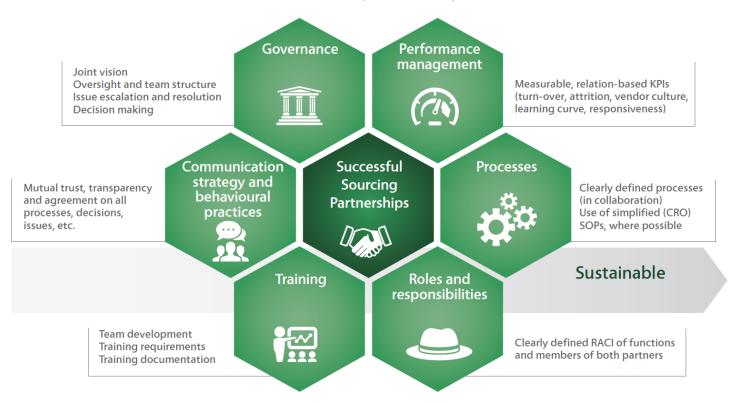


Figure 2: Operational enablers of the sourcing partnership should be defined in the contract

# SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIP MODEL: OPPORTUNITIES FOR CRO TO ADD VALUE

#### Potential areas where inputs from CROs could add value Outsourcing strategy Feasible and realistic External perspective Data to quantify outsourcing drivers on core competencies outsourcing benefits 2 **Portfolio** operations Use of vendor External perspective Shaping technology validated processes landscape on oversight approach Programs/ studies Program strategy Clinical Development Operational feasibility of studies plans design

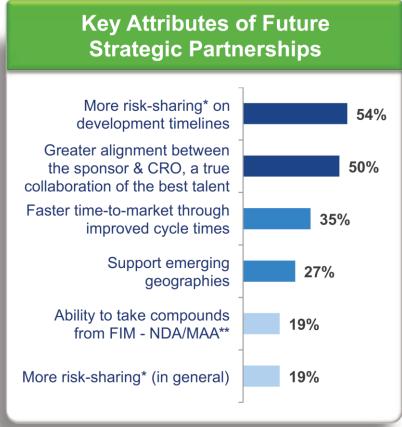
Figure 3: Potential areas where inputs from CROs could add value



# **WHAT'S NEXT:**

# FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN CRO-PHARMA PARTNERSHIPS









12%

**Overall quality** 

FIGURE 9

65%

Cycle time

improvements

38%

**Professional fees** 

19%

Service provider

throughout life cycle

#### FIGURE 8

Q. What would strategic partnering 2.0 look like to you? In which of the followi will it differ from strategic partnerships today? Please tell me your top three Some respondents provided less than or more than three choices.

Q. Please tell me which two of the following will define the value of Strategic Partnerships with CROs in the next three to five years?

Source: Parexel (2013)



get medicines to market faster, more cost effectively, with **CROs Today** 

**CROs Tomorrow** 

high quality?"

"I want CROs saying. 'How do I enable a

pharma company to

- To Share
- To Align
- To Collaborate
- To Improve
- To Expand
- To Minimize
- To Reduce

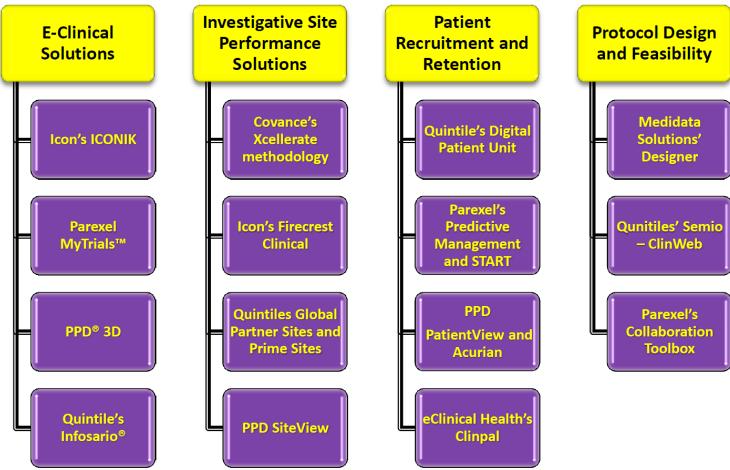
**PROMISE** 

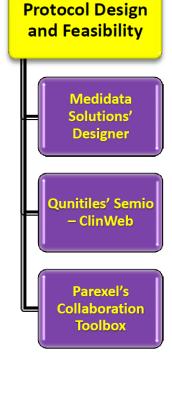
- Shared risk\* on development timelines
- Achieved greater alignment
- Became a true collaborator
- Improved cycle times
- Expanded into emerging markets
- Minimized level of sponsor oversight
- Reduced professional fees per unit

**DELIVERY** 

Source: Parexel (2013)

# Innovate to Add Value and Advantage





Source: Getz K (2013)



# **HOW CAN WE HELP**

# We can help you to:

- Create a Partnering Culture based on Openness, Creativity, Agility and Resiliency
- Increase your people's Partnership skills
- Enhance your Mindfulness Communication skills
- Increase your comfort with change, your ability to trust, your comfort with interdependence, and your comfort with self-disclosure and feedback
- Increase your win/win orientation, conflict management and problem-solving skills
- Strengthen the leadership skills of your key people



# WHAT IS PC2 FIT® PROGRAM

- PARTNERSHIP SKILLS FIT
- COMMUNICATION SKILLS FIT
- CORPORATE CULTURE FIT



# STAGES OF PC2 FIT® PROGRAM

- Evaluation
- Training
- Monitoring
- Reporting
- Follow-Up



# DELIVERY FORMATS OF PC<sup>2</sup> FIT® PROGRAM

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