

Launching SPIRIT-Path; Developing international guidelines for the inclusion of pathology in clinical trials

Why do we need SPIRIT-Path?



High quality histopathology is essential for the success of clinical trials



Histopathologist input is essential for concept, study design, analysis and dissemination of results



There is evidence that many protocols do not fully address important study pathology elements



There is a lack of consensus, agreed practical and comprehensive guidance about what should be included in a clinical trial protocol

SPIRIT-Path aims to:

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Ensure more comprehensive clinical trial protocols

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Enhance clinical trial design and drug development through early pathology input

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Raise the profile of pathology in clinical trials

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Increase the number of trial active pathologists



What is SPIRIT?

The SPIRIT 2013 Statement is a checklist to help improve the completeness and quality of trial protocols
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