



Global Research Services (GRS) Increases Electronic Data Capture (EDC) Capabilities through the Medidata AS*Pire* to Win Program

Now Enabled on the Medidata Rave Platform to Offer Expanded Data Management Services

Rockville, MD -- January 22, 2009 -- Global Research Services (GRS) announced the completion of preliminary staff training on the Medidata Rave[®] electronic data capture (EDC) system, the first step through Medidata's AS*Pire* to Win[®] program for contract research organizations (CROs) and other service providers. With this training, GRS increases its current clinical data management capabilities and offers clients expanded options for EDC-related services designed to bring improved efficiencies in data capture and reporting to global clinical development programs.

Expanded Options for Data Management

President and CEO of GRS, Dr. Bruce Garrett, commented, "We remain a flexible, customer-centric service provider and continue to increase our offerings to meet client and industry needs. By training our Data Management staff on multiple EDC platforms, we offer options to our clients in managing their data for worldwide clinical trials." Dr. Garrett added, "This additional EDC platform complements our current Oracle clinical data management services."

Trained and Certified

The AS*Pire* to Win program is a non-exclusive accreditation and enablement program that trains and supports service providers on the Medidata Rave platform. Having attained the program's Rave Aware accreditation, GRS is positioned to manage data collected in Medidata Rave for its clients.

Enhanced Service Portfolio

Backed by highly trained staff and 20 years of clinical research experience, GRS has successfully integrated Medidata Rave into the GRS service portfolio – expanding GRS' strong data management capabilities while maintaining other core capabilities – from study start up and site selection to project management, global monitoring, safety surveillance, regulatory support and medical writing.

Global Research Services (GRS) is an international contract research organization (CRO) supplying a full range of clinical trial services to the pharmaceutical, biotech, and medical device communities. With a focus on cardiovascular, renal and metabolic research, GRS partners with sponsors to provide fully integrated services, high performance clinical teams, therapeutic expertise for on-target patient enrollment, quality trial management and innovative strategies for new compound and device development. Headquartered in Rockville, Maryland, GRS reaches clients worldwide with offices in North America, Europe and China. www.grs-cro.com.

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