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Misconception #5 on eCOA barriers: Regulatory bodies are reluctant to accept eCOA data

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There seems to be a lot of uncertainty here as people tend to think that electronic data acceptance by regulatory authorities will be a hurdle.

Technology evolves faster than regulatory bodies, whose pace to adapt to the digital era is sometimes slow.

The initial lack of communication from regulatory authorities as to their position towards eCOA data may partially explain the uncertainty of clinical trials stakeholders as to how regulatory bodies will accept eCOA data. **However, these authorities have now made their stance clear and recommend the use of electronic solutions to collect clinical data endpoints.** In recent years, the FDA has confirmed that the electronic capture of clinical source information is preferred to the paper-based collection¹. These recommendations come with many other patient-centered approaches that get full support from the FDA².

Discover more about misconceptions on eCOA barriers:





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