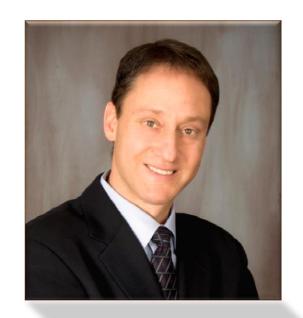
# Outsourcing Relationships and their Evolving Impact on Clinical Trial Performance

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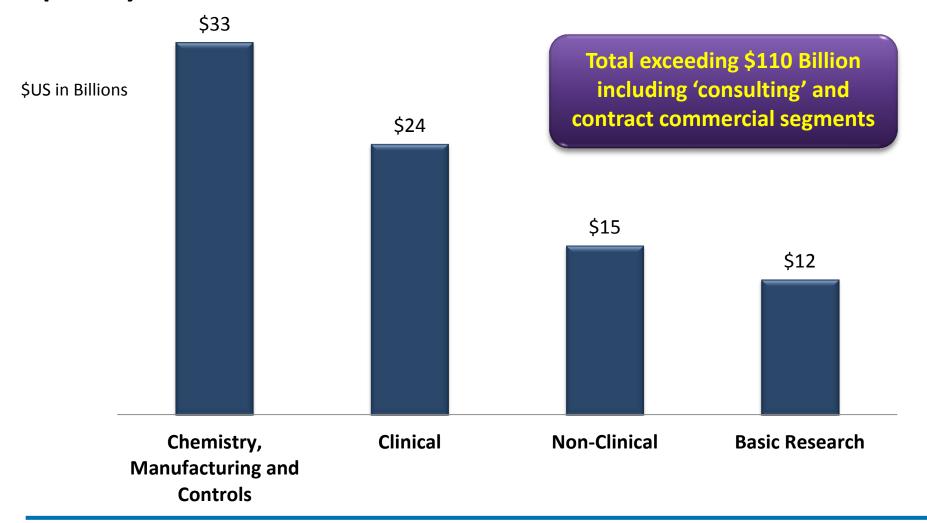
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#### Agenda

- Overview of the current outsourcing landscape
- Relationship improvement opportunities
- Anticipating the impact of new directions in outsourcing

# Global Spending on Contract R&D Services (2012)



Source: Tufts CSDD

Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development

#### **Demand for Contract Clinical Services**

(Billions USD)	2003	2005	2007	2009	2011	2013e	Annualized Growth
Total Global Development Spending	\$33.6	\$41.5	\$49.6	\$54.8	\$63.2	\$69.7	7.6%
Total Spending on Contract Clinical Services*	\$4.9	\$6.4	\$8.5	\$10.1	\$12.9	\$13.7	14.1%

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<sup>\*</sup>Note: Represents 'NET' CRO revenue -- Does not include pass-through clinical services (e.g., central lab fees, investigator grants)

# Impact of Transactional Outsourcing on 'Development Speed'

Tufts CSDD Analysis of sponsor data on 83 NDAs and BLAs (2005)

- 'High' CRO usage projects were submitted more than 30 days closer to the projected submission date;
- 'High' usage projects offered a development speed advantage across all measures, most notably during the close-out phase;

	Impact of CRO Usage
<b>Protocol Ready to FPFV*</b>	20% Faster
Protocol Ready to Study Drug Availability	15% Faster
Protocol Ready to LPLV	5% Faster
LPLV to Data Lock*	25% Faster

# Impact of Transactional Outsourcing on Performance 'Quality'

**Tufts CSDD Analysis of sponsor data on 83 NDAs and BLAs (2005)** 

- No statistically significant differences on measures of performance quality with one exception.
- At the conclusion of a project, databases tend to be unlocked more times on projects involving 'high' usage.
  - Median time to <u>final</u> database lock, however, remains significantly faster than for projects in which the majority of work is performed in-house.
- No evidence to suggest differences in investigative site compliance with GCP

#### 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

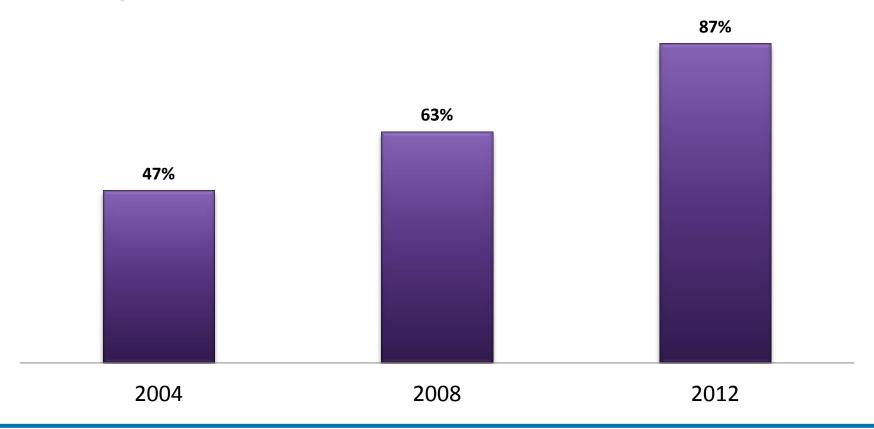
#### **Integrated Clinical Research Alliances**

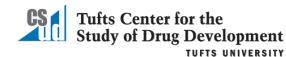
Formalized
Virtual/Competency-based
Planned, portfolio outsourcing
Lean operation, integrated/coordinated
Multi-level shared governance & SOPs
Few Partner-Providers
Shared operating risk/Fixed pricing

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

#### **Tracking the Transition**

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

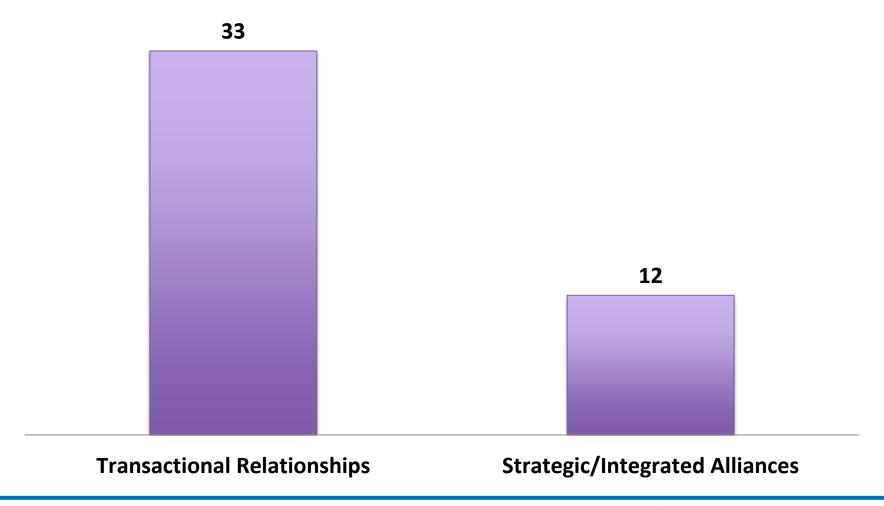




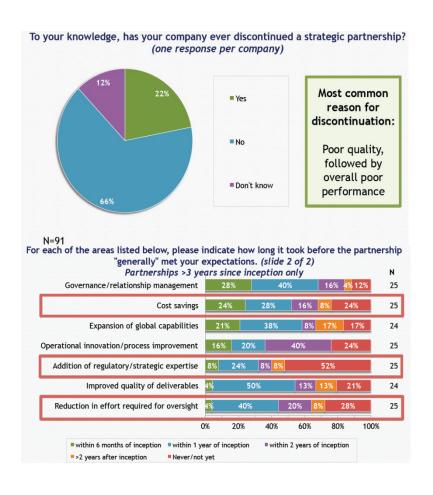
#### **Early Measures of Integrated Alliance Impact**

- Tufts CSDD 2009 study (N=116 Full Service vs. N=89 FSP/Alliance)
  - Significant start-up cycle time reduction
  - Significantly lower CRO staff turnover rates
- Pfizer (2010)
  - \$20 million net annual savings from consolidating management of 150 to 17 preferred vendors
  - 18-20% cost savings compared to prior outsourcing strategy
  - 26% enrollment cycle time improvements
  - 80% reduction in number of contracts delayed >120 days
- Lilly (2011) on DM and Monitoring FSP Relationships
  - 20% cost savings
  - 50% improvement in probability of site success
  - 38% cycle time improvements
  - 93% improvement in monthly patient enrollment volume

# Early Measures: Average Number of Sponsor FTEs Assigned per Project



#### A More Complete and Mixed Picture Emerging...



#### **2012 Avoca Group Study**

- 22% of sponsors have terminated integrated alliances
- 16% report no cost savings realized
- 17% report no cycle time reductions

#### **2012 Booz & Company Study based on interviews with senior executives:**

- Misalignment between outsourcing strategies and the design and structure of relationships
- Suggest tying more explicit performance measures to objectives

# Vantage Partners 2012 Sponsor Survey (81 Companies)

- 65% of companies report using fewer than 5 CROs; up from 30% in 2007
- 60% of sponsors in established alliances report that their outsourcing relationships are a more effective way to manage costs vs. competitive bidding

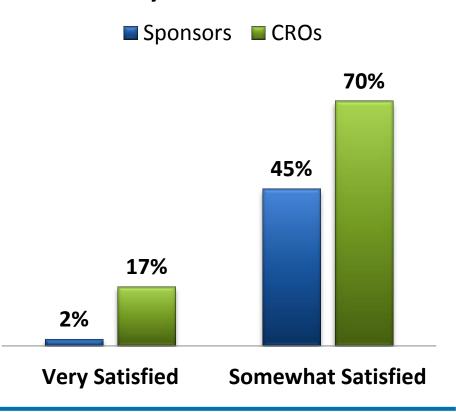
#### But...

- 30% report that alliances are failing to deliver expected cost and time savings; 56% report that CROs are not delivering innovative solutions
- 48% report that CROs are unable to work collaboratively
  - (57% of CROs (N=88) said the same thing about their sponsor partners)

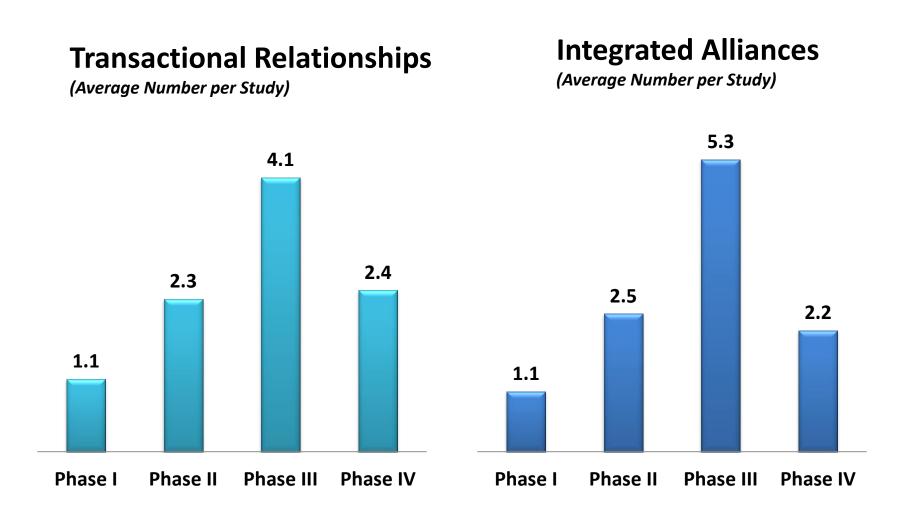
#### **Avoca Quality Consortium 2013**

- Areas of high relationship dissatisfaction
  - Oversight of third party vendors
  - Poor communication of requirements and expectations
  - Poor communication and inefficient conflict resolution

# Satisfaction with Relationship **Quality and Effectiveness**



### **Tufts CSDD 2012 Study on Change Orders**





#### **Lessons Learned**

**Cultural Baggage** 

- Lack of trust and willingness to transfer responsibility
- Unchanged mindset of CRO as commodity service provider

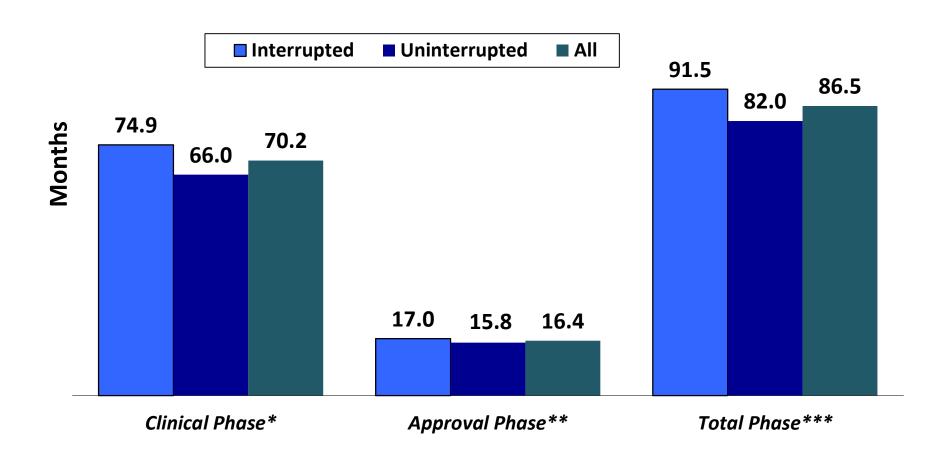
Poorly Structured Relationship

- Unclear and unrealistic expectations
- Poor alignment of policies and operating procedures
- Poorly defined and delineated roles and responsibilities

Poorly Executed Relationship

- CROs granted limited visibility and access to sponsor's development plans, timelines, and cross-functional resources
- Failure to engage headquarters and affiliate staff
- Failure to secure and maintain senior management participation
- Micromanaged or undermanaged collaborate activity
- Delay in addressing and resolving conflicts and issues

#### **Risk-Sharing Collaboration Inefficiencies**



\* p=0.0131; \*\* p=0.4147; \*\*\*p=0.0116



Source: Tufts CSDD 2013

#### **Customization and the Margin Squeeze**

Functional Area	Activities/ Tasks	Proportion Keeping In-house	Proportion Outsourcing	Primary Relationship Models Used
Design & Planning		80%	20%	Niche
Site Operations	Selection	30%	70%	Full, FSP, Alliance
	Contracts & Budgets	40%	60%	Full, FSP, Alliance
	Start-Up	20%	80%	Full, FSP Alliance
	Enrollment	25%	75%	All
Data Management		25%	75%	FSP, Alliance
Statistical Analysis		30%	70%	All
Medical Writing		40%	60%	All
Regulatory	Strategy	85%	15%	Niche
	Support	45%	55%	All



### A Lopsided Landscape

Type of Relationship	15 Largest CROs	Midsize/Niche CROs
Transactional (full, niche) services	29%	59%
Functional service provider (FSP)/Multi-FSP services	33%	19%
Integrated alliance services	39%	22%

Source: CenterWatch (N= 40 CRO companies); December 2011

#### **Anticipating Landscape Change**

#### **Small CROs**

- Focus on small sponsors relying on transactional outsourcing
- Traditional role as specialty providers within fragmented collection of CROs
- Reliance on subcontracted relationships

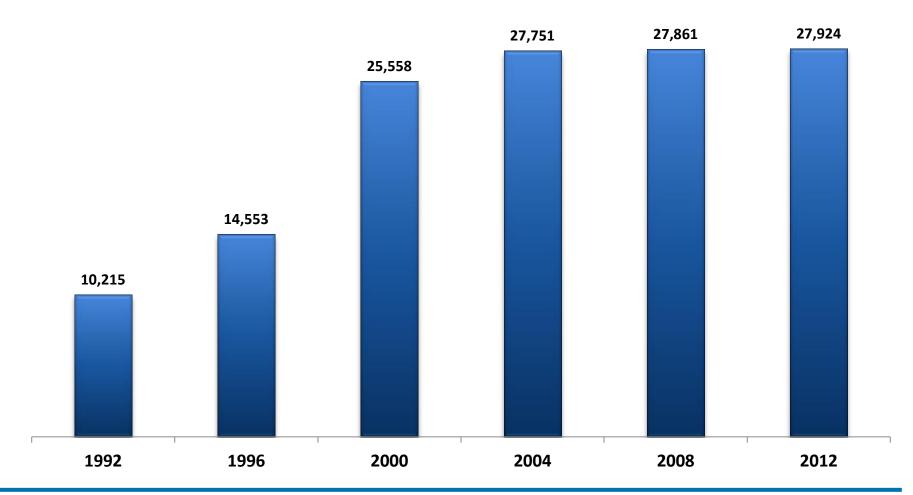
#### **Mid-Sized CROs**

- Mixed strategies: focus on transactional market or enter integrated relationship market
- Consolidation (M&A)
- Partnering with specialty and niche service providers

#### **Major CROs**

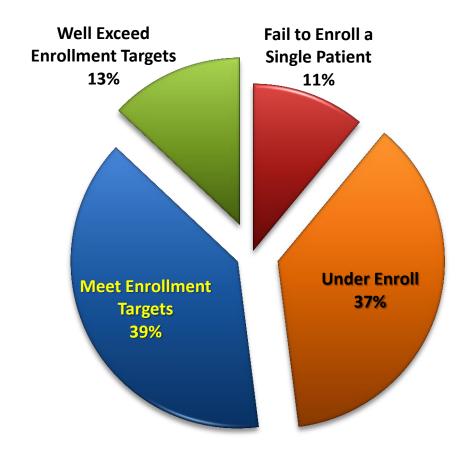
- Aggressive pursuit of market share
- Declining margins; higher fixed costs
- Divestiture and/or expansion into higher margin service areas
- Consolidation
- Focus on more control over performance and efficiency
- Differentiation through novel partnerships

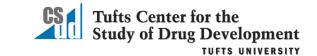
# Active Unique Investigators Filing Form 1572s World Wide



#### **Key Cost and Cycle Time Driver: Site Performance**

(N= 15,965 sites participating in 153 global phase II and III clinical trials)





### **Doubling the Time to Complete Enrollment**

	2012 Screen to Completion Rates	Increase in Planned Study Duration to Reach Target Enrollment
Overall	56%	94%
Cardiovascular	59%	99%
CNS	61%	116%
Endocrine/Metabolic	41%	113%
Oncology	78%	71%
Respiratory	59%	95%

Source: Tufts CSDD, 2012

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#### **Clinical Trial Process Inefficiencies**

Phase II/III Programs	Coefficient of Cycle Time Variances
Study Design and Approval	.8
Site Identification	.9
Pre-Visit to Contract/Budget Sent to Site	1.1
Contract/Budget Sent to Site to Contract Execution	1.0
Contract Execution to Site Initiation	1.2
Site Initiation to FPI	1.4
LPLV to Data Lock	.8

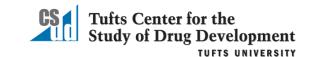


### **Major CRO Strategies - Short-Term**

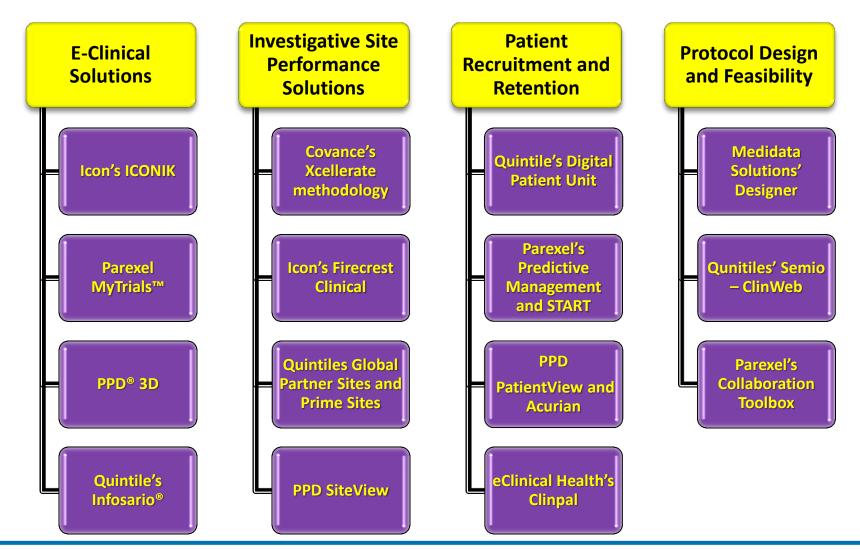
- More rapid adoption of technology solutions and practices
  - Drive higher levels of coordination and operating control
  - Improve access to investigative sites and study volunteers
- Reduction in operating complexity
  - Fewer countries
  - Smaller and concentrated numbers of 'preferred' investigative sites
  - Improvements in protocol design feasibility

### **Assistance Reducing Protocol Complexity**

Typical Phase III Protocol		2012
Total Number of Endpoints	7	13
Total Number of Procedures	106	167
Total Number of Eligibility Criteria	31	50
Total Number of Countries	11	34
Total Number of Investigative sites	124	196
<b>Total Number of Patients Randomized</b>	729	597
Proportion of data collected that is 'Non-Core'	N/A	25%
Total Number of Data Points Collected*	N/A	929,203



#### Innovate to Add Value and Advantage



#### **Integrating Real-World Data Elements**

- Electronic Health Records
- Claims-data
- Payer data
- Patient reported outcomes and perceptions data
- Socioeconomic, Psychographic and demographic data
- Environmental data
- Digital and Social Media data
- Mobile Health applications data
- Operating data

### **Longer-Term Landscape Changes**

- Changing CRO-Site relationships
  - Acquisitions
  - End-run to major health care provider settings
- New entrants from major life sciences solutions and services companies serving massive health systems (e.g., Cerner, Siemens, Philips)
- New relationships with patient advocacy groups
- Backward and forward integration throughout R&D continuum (e.g., Wuxi Pharmatech; Jubilant)

#### **Open Innovation-Driving Drug Development**

## InBound

# Outbound

Areas of Focus	Target Identification and Validation Lead Identification and Optimization Preclinical Testing	Clinical project management and operations Study Conduct Data collection, management and analysis Post-approval project management and operations Learning health system informed development
Partners	Universities Small biotech Niche/specialty providers	CROs Investigative Sites Patients Health Systems

#### **Q&A** and Thank You!

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