

## MINI CASE STUDY:

# ARA Leverages *iMedNet EDC* to Automate Clients' Unique CEC Adjudication Processes

### Business Challenge

Advance Research Associates (ARA) was selected by two sponsor organizations to professionally manage key aspects of their upcoming research initiatives, including CEC adjudication. Both sponsors had previously handled adjudication manually using paper documents, but found this approach to be inefficient and prone to errors. Their traditional processes entailed significant copying, mailing and faxing, not to mention manual binder creation and document tracking in Excel. This labor-intensive method was very costly from a time and resource perspective, left significant opportunities for human error, and made it extremely difficult to meet study timelines.

Both organizations looked to ARA for a better approach. They knew they could rely on ARA's experienced management team to understand their requirements, provide suggestions for optimal execution, collaboratively work with them to develop a solution, communicate often and transparently, and respond quickly to any of their questions or requests.

### Solution

ARA selected *iMedNet™ EDC* as their preferred eClinical technology platform to address both sponsors' adjudication processes, even though each sponsor utilized different adjudication workflows (number of adjudicators, task sequence and timing, resolution of conflicting interpretations, etc.). *iMedNet* not only provided ARA with built in adjudication functionality at no additional cost, but offered ARA exceptional configuration flexibility to fully address each sponsor's unique needs. ARA also knew that MedNet's support team was fully available to step in to help them address any unexpected situation or roadblock that may arise.

Using *iMedNet EDC*, ARA was able to automate the entire adjudication process for each sponsor.

### Results and Benefits

The combination of ARA's proven clinical research expertise and MedNet Solutions' *iMedNet* eClinical technology platform is now delivering the following benefits to ARA's sponsor customers:

- ▶ Time savings of up to 50%
- ▶ Cost savings of up to 35%
- ▶ Source documents readily available within the system for all adjudicators
- ▶ Adjudicators' ability to independently adjudicate events...without the need for a specified meeting time
- ▶ Complete automation of processes, forms and progress tracking
- ▶ Client-specific requirements fully addressed through *iMedNet* system configuration
- ▶ Full security and compliance with full audit trails

### Satisfied Customers

"*iMedNet* simplifies the CEC process by allowing the sites to upload source documents directly into the database for the CEC management team to access during their meetings."

- ▶ Director of Quality, Safety & Regulatory  
Large Academic Research Institution

"The clinical event adjudication feature optimizes documentation collection, tracking, accessibility, event processing and storage. After simple uploads of essential documentation by site staff or monitor, and some internal processing, CEC meetings can be convened over the Internet, documentation reviewed and votes cast independently. Final event adjudication is a step rather than a hurdle in advance of analysis and reporting. All documentation is permanently maintained within [*iMedNet*] for reference at any time."

- ▶ Vice President, Clinical Affairs  
Mid-Size Medical Device Company

## About MedNet Solutions

MedNet Solutions is a leading healthcare technology company specializing in electronic data solutions designed for the global life sciences community. MedNet's proven, flexible and easy-to-use cloud-based eClinical systems dramatically improve the efficiency of clinical studies and registries of all types and sizes. Beyond simply electronic data capture (EDC), MedNet's solutions deliver the tools and dashboards required to expertly manage all aspects of clinical research. Since 2001, pharmaceutical, medical device, biotechnology and Contract Research Organizations (CROs) around the world have trusted MedNet to consistently deliver the technology innovation, experience and reliability they need for success.

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## About ARA

Founded in 1996, Advance Research Associates has been a trusted clinical research partner (CRO) to the pharmaceutical, biotech, and medical device industries for over eighteen years. In the years since its inception, ARA has provided a spectrum of innovative solutions and has lent its expertise in data management and biostatistics across a wide range of projects for all study phases. ARA works as an extension of the client team, ensuring that clinical study timelines, costs, and project requirements are met. As a CRO for over 150 companies and having supported over 350 studies, ARA prides itself on delivering a high-quality product that has led to 70% of their business coming from repeat clients.

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