



## Updates on Metrics Champion Consortium Activities: Measuring Effectiveness of Core Labs & Sites for Better Overall Quality

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# Agenda

- MCC Mission & Goals
- MCC Performance Metrics, Quality Tools & Other New Program Features
- MCC ECG Performance Metrics v 2.0
- Q&A



## MCC Mission (Updated)

The Metrics Champion Consortium (MCC) is an open, multidisciplinary, non-profit organization comprised of biotechnology, pharmaceutical, medical device and service provider organizations.

**Our mission** is to help sponsor and service provider organizations involved in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries improve their overall clinical trial development processes through the utilization of MCC standardized clinical trial performance metrics (time, cost & quality) by:

- ❖ Supporting the ongoing collaborative development of standardized performance metrics and process improvement tools
- ❖ Encouraging the continuous implementation of the metrics and tools among MCC members
- ❖ Providing a collaborative learning environment for members to share best practices, discuss challenges and industry trends
- ❖ Offering live and online educational opportunities to support the use of performance metrics and tools in member organizations



# MCC Members

Abbott Laboratories  
Actelion Pharma  
Acorda Therapeutics  
AG Mednet  
AstraZeneca\*  
BARC Global Central Lab  
Bayer Healthcare  
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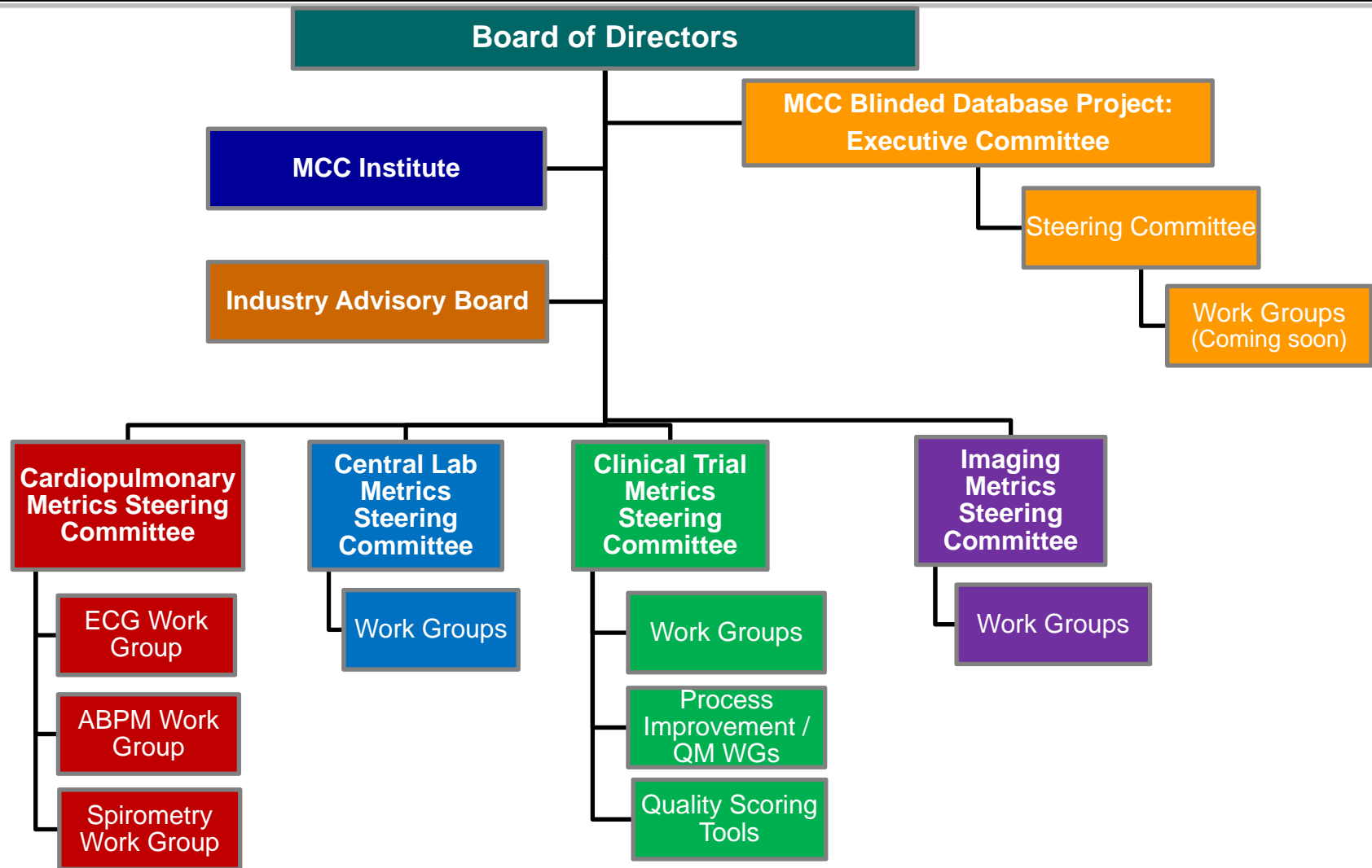
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ERT\*  
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Eurofins Medinet  
ExecuPharm  
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Quest Diagnostics  
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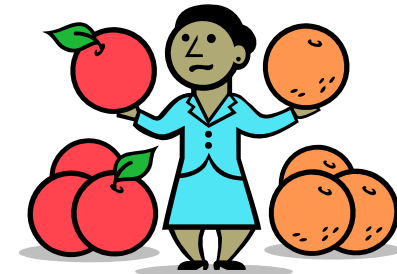
**70+ members  
and growing!**



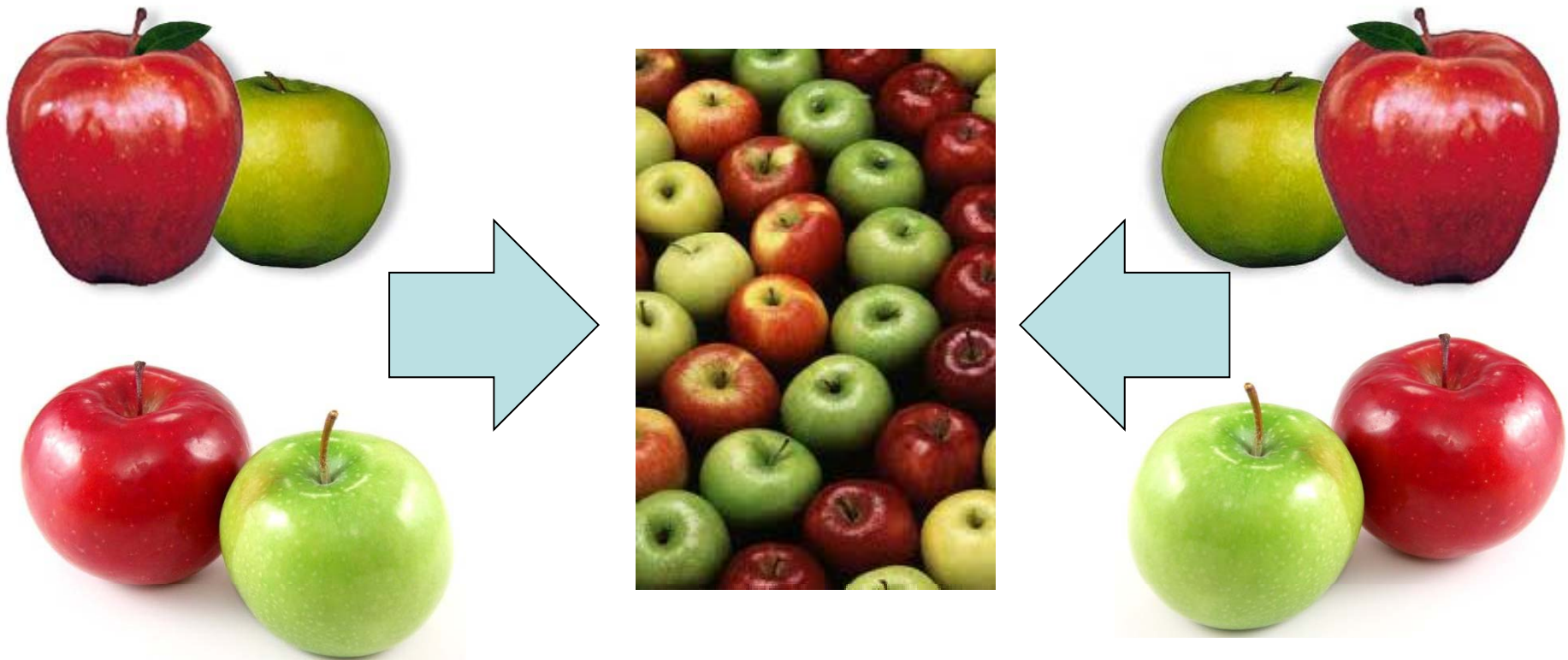


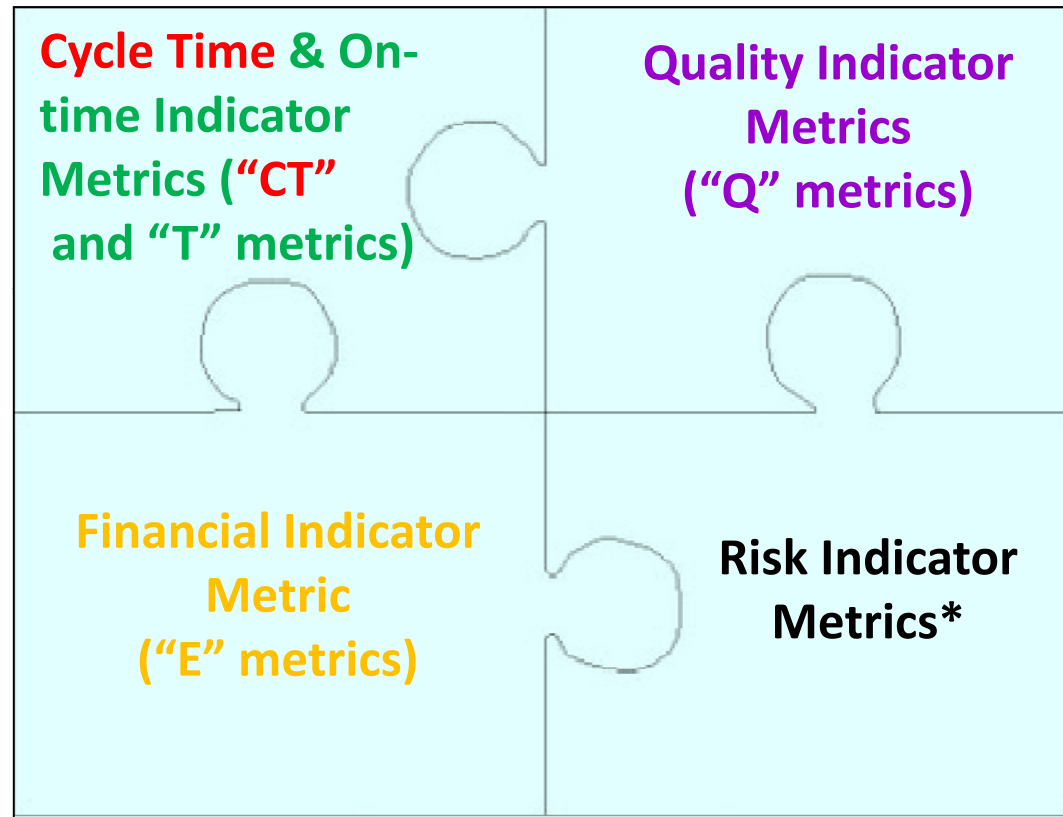
- Sponsors use different service providers
  - Managing metrics across portfolios across service providers is a challenge

- Service providers are faced with managing varying performance based metrics from Sponsors



Mutually beneficial standardized performance metrics can be achieved and fruitful for all parties





\* Some MCC metrics can be used as Risk Indicator Metrics – this designation is determined by an organization.



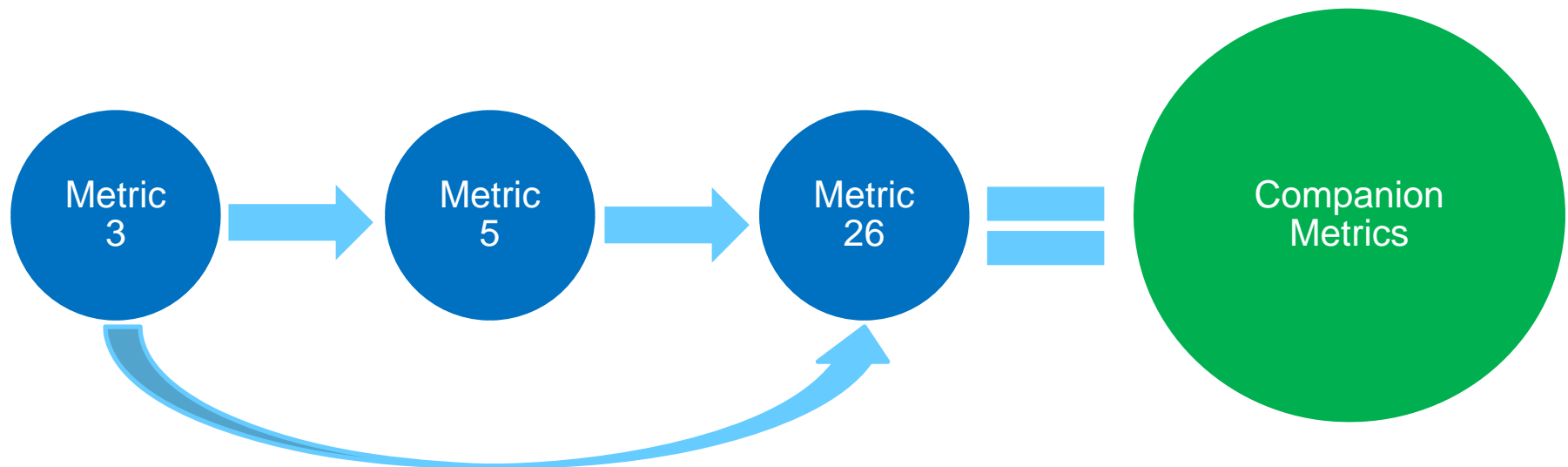
## MCC Metrics Include Sub-Metrics

Each set of MCC performance metrics provides a metrics hierarchy:

- MCC metrics are performance indicators
- Most metrics include sub-metrics that should be reviewed when performance does not meet target expectations

Thus reducing the number of metrics that need to be reviewed on a quarterly/monthly basis

Provide guidance on which MCC metrics should be reviewed together to understand the combined performance of related tasks.....





# MCC Standardized Performance Metrics

- Central Lab Performance Metrics (2006, *2011\**)
- Cardiopulmonary Performance Metrics
  - ECG Performance Metrics (2007, 2011)
  - Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring Performance Metrics (*2011\**)
  - Spirometry Performance Metrics (*2011\**)
- Imaging Performance Metrics (2009, *new metric 2011*)
  - New Metric #20: % Images Acquired within Protocol Window
- Clinical Trial Performance Metrics (2010)



# New Programs to Support MCC Mission

## Quality

### MCC Quality Tools

- Protocol Quality Evaluation Tool
- Site Selection Quality Tool
- Site Study Conduct Evaluation Tool

## Benchmarking

### MCC Metrics Database

- MCC Members only
- Blinded Comparisons
- Hosted by IBM Clinical Cloud
- **COMING SOON**

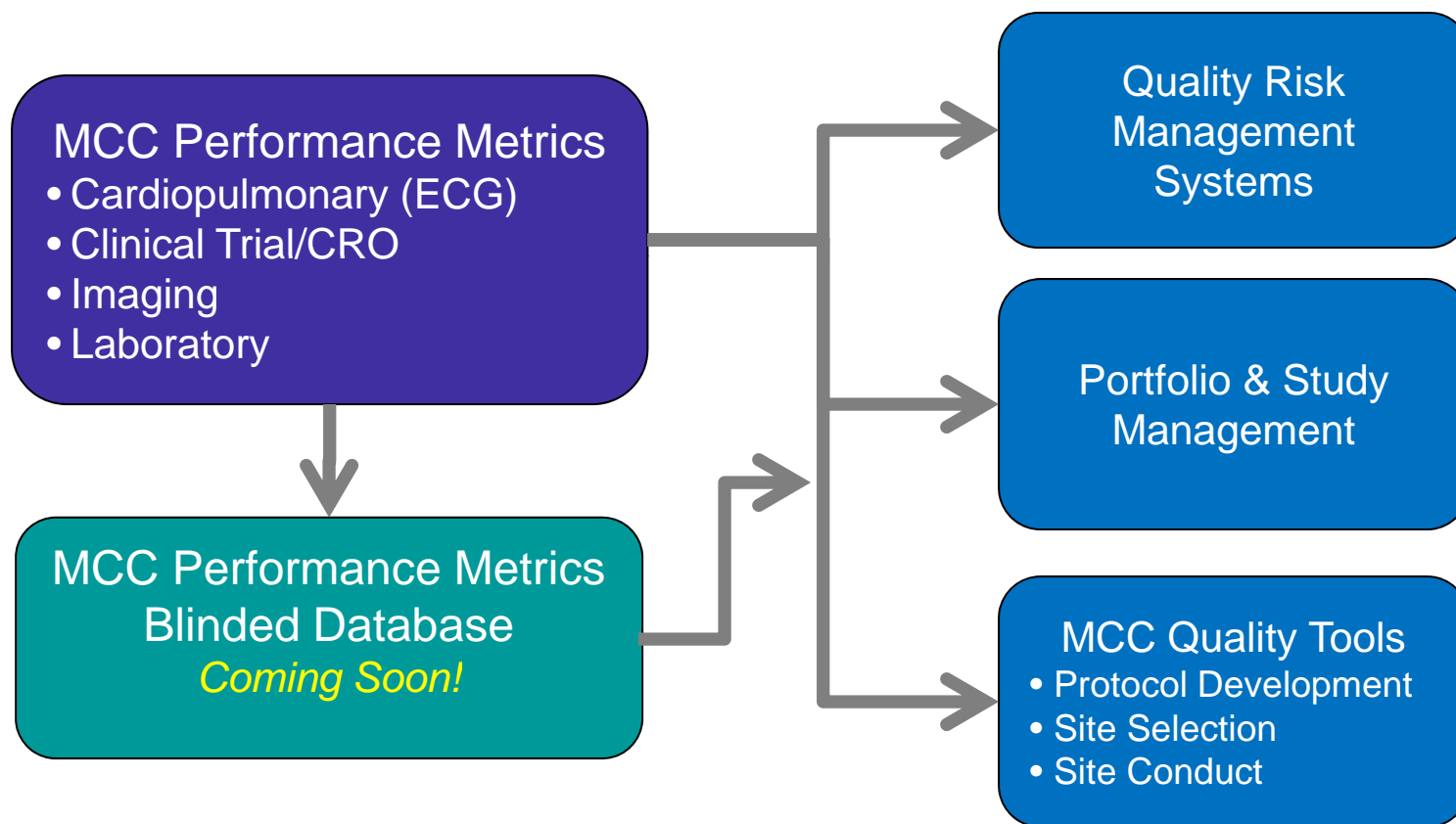
## Training

### MCC Institute

- Member Only Program
- Experienced Faculty
- Live Workshops
- Online Learning Modules
- 100-400 level courses
- **COMING SOON**

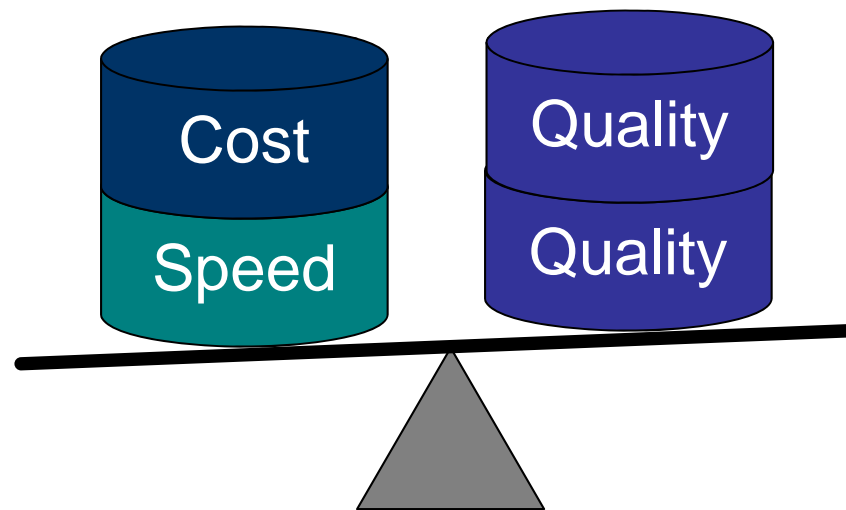


# Standardized Performance Metrics Provide Foundation for Management Approaches



MCC Institute – Training Modules *Coming Soon!*

Reducing the time and cost of a task should be balanced with maintaining / improving quality



***MCC Performance Metrics and Quality Tools provide sponsors and service providers with the ability to achieve the right balance***

# MCC ECG Performance Metrics v2.0

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IIR Central Labs Conference  
September 20, 2011

MCC ECG Performance Metrics (v1.0) were introduced in 2007. The standardized performance metrics, defined by MCC members (sponsors and ECG core labs), were implemented to be utilized by sponsors and ECG core labs to:

- identify areas where we could improve clinical trials collecting centralized ECGs;
- create better processes at the sponsors, investigative sites and core labs;
- understand how decisions made and processes implemented by the sponsors impact core labs' processes;
- allow common understanding of core lab processes; and
- develop a common understanding of processes between the core labs and sponsors.

## MCC ECG Performance Metrics v2.0 launched June 2011

- Metrics were revised/added to allow a more consistent approach to metric creation
- Metrics were added/removed to address gaps in the process
- Metrics have been broken into two parts:
  - Core Metrics (metrics1-15)
  - ECG-Specific Metrics (metrics16-17)



Metric	Metric Type	Metric Title
1	Cycle Time	Average number of days from study award to contract signature
2	Cycle Time	Average number of days from signed technical specifications document (TSD) to core lab ready to receive samples
3	Timeliness	Percentage of on-time equipment shipments to sites
4	Cycle Time	Average and median time from collection of sample at the site to receipt at core lab
5	Tracking	Number of Samples Processed within Reporting Period
6	Cycle Time	Average and median time for queries to be raised by the core lab
7	Quality	Percentage of data queries from core lab to site
8	Cycle Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Turnaround time on resolution of site queries from core lab (resolved queries)</li> <li>b. Outlier Analysis of query resolution time (resolved queries)</li> <li>c. Listing of queries outstanding &gt;2 weeks (unresolved queries)</li> </ul>
9	Cycle Time	Average and median time for core labs to enter query resolution provided by the site into system
10	Timeliness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Percentage of final reports issued to sites within agreed turnaround time</li> <li>b. Percentage of alerts successfully communicated to sites within defined turnaround time</li> </ul>

Metric	Metric Type	Metric Title
11	Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Percentage of equipment failure as determined by site</li> <li>b. Percentage of equipment failure as determined by site that is a true failure of equipment</li> </ul>
12	Cycle Time	Average turnaround time for replacing faulty equipment
13	Timeliness	Percentage of on-time, accepted file transfers
	Quality	
14	Efficiency / Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Percent spend with current budget</li> <li>b. Change from initial budgeted amount to current/final budgeted amount</li> </ul>
15	Efficiency / Cost	Percentage of invoice payments received by the core lab within the agreed upon turnaround time
16 ECG 1	Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Percentage of ECGs that have suspect quality as determined by the core lab</li> <li>b. Percentage of ECGs in which no parameters could be assessed</li> <li>c. Percentage of ECGs in which only the interval duration measurements could not be assessed</li> </ul>
17 ECG 2	Quality	Percentage of manual adjustments of automated annotations for all intervals

Anatomy of a MCC ECG Performance Metric				
Metric #	Metric Type	Metric Title	Definition (see Wiki for detailed definitions)	Formula / Example
	CT, T, Q, E, TR			Formula:  Specific Example:
Additional Analysis on a "for cause" basis			Who's Being Measured?	Business Driver(s) / Benefit Statement
List of "drill down" metrics that should be reviewed when the metric is not within established target			CORE LAB, SITE, SPONSOR	Statement about why this metric is important /the reason for utilizing metric.
Unit of Measure	Target	Reporting Frequency	Companion Metrics	
Calendar days, % etc.	Threshold target or acceptable range.  Exceeding target triggers additional analysis on a "for cause" basis	Monthly, Quarterly, etc.	The term "companion metrics" refers to the concept that many MCC metrics should be examined in combination with other MCC metrics ... together they give you a more complete picture of performance	

***Note to MCC Members: The detailed descriptions of the metrics are posted on the MCC website's Member Homepage .***

- Many of the metrics now include both the mean value for a metric as well as the median value for the metric.
  - mean value could be misleading as only one or a few results could greatly skew the data reported.
  - median values provide users the ability to ascertain if the result is skewed by a few disparate data points.



**Metric #4** - Average and Median Time from Collection of the Sample at the Site to Receipt at the Core Lab

**Metric #5** - Number of Samples Processed with Reporting Period (Tracking Metric)

**Metric #6** - Average and Median Time for Queries to be Raised by the Core Lab

**Metric #8b** - Outlier Analysis of Query Resolution Time

**Metric #8c** - Listing of Queries Outstanding >2 Weeks

**Metric #9** - Average and Median Time for Core Lab to Enter Query Resolution Provided by Site into System

**Metric #11b** - Percentage of Equipment Failure as Determined by Site that is True Failure of Equipment

**Metric #14b** - Percent Spend within Current Budget

**Metric #15** - Percentage of Invoice Payments Received by the Core Lab Within the Agreed Upon Turnaround Time

**Metric #16b** - Percentage of ECGs in which No Parameters (Morphology or Intervals) Could be Assessed

**Metric #16c** - Percentage of ECGs in which *Only the Morphology* Could be Assessed

9	na	Average and Median Time for Core Lab to Enter Query Resolution Provided by Site into System	Hours	Monthly	<8	Total Hours	96	783	85	4832	3		One of the query resolutions in study 1 took 32 hours to enter due to it being misplaced w ithin the core lab.	
						# Samples with Queries	5	638	15	1576	2			
						Metric Value: Average	19	1	6	3	2	6		2
						Comparison to Last Period	↑	↓	↔	↔	↓	↔		
						Metric Value: Median	3	1	5	3	2	3		2
						Comparison to Last Period	↔	↓	↔	↔	↓	↔		



# Resources on the MCC website - Initiative Collaborative Workspace

Home - Cardiopulmonary Initiative

Metrics Champion Consortium

Welcome MCC Administrator

This Site: Cardiopulmonary Init

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Cardiopulmonary Initiative

MCC Home | Members | Clinical Trial Initiative | **Cardiopulmonary Initiative** | Imaging Initiative | Lab Initiative | Board of Directors | MCC Member Database Project | Admin

Site Actions

View All Site Content

**Documents**

- Ambulatory Blood Pressure Performance Metrics
- ECG PM v2.0 Metric Review
- MCC ECG Performance Metrics Wiki**
- Echocardiography Performance Metrics
- Spirometry Performance Metrics
- ECG Implementation WG
- ECG Steering Committee
- Shared Documents

**Lists**

- ECG Implementation WG Calendar
- Tasks

**Discussions**

- Ambulatory Blood Pressure Monitoring PM Feedback
- ECG Metrics v 2.0 Feedback**

Metrics Champion Consortium > Cardiopulmonary Initiative

Cardiopulmonary Initiative

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**MCC ECG Performance Metrics v2.0 Launched on June 27 11 am (edt) [Link to launch session Recording & Presentation \(Information packet\) \(spreadsheet\) \(process map\) \(metrics reporting template\)](#)**

**MCC Cardiopulmonary Performance Metrics Steering Committee**

Steve Asbury (Chair)	Eli Lilly and Company
David Carter, MD	Abbott Laboratories
Corina Dota, MD	AstraZeneca International
Amy Furlong	ERT
Jeff Heilbraun	CoreLab Partners
Pierre Jordaen, MD	Novartis Institute for Biomedical Research
Adel Nada, MD	Abbott Laboratories
Katherine Luca Nicholson	BioMedical Systems
Debbie Walton	Merck

**Upcoming Work Group sessions**

ABPM WG  
TBD

Spirometry WG  
TBD

Please contact the [Linda Sullivan](#) if you are interested in participating in the ABPM or Spirometry WG

**2011**

June 27, 2011  
ECG Version 2.0 Launch Session  
[Click here to view archive recording](#)

March 24, 2011  
ECG metrics v 2.0 review

April 28, 2011  
Spirometry & ABPM Metrics

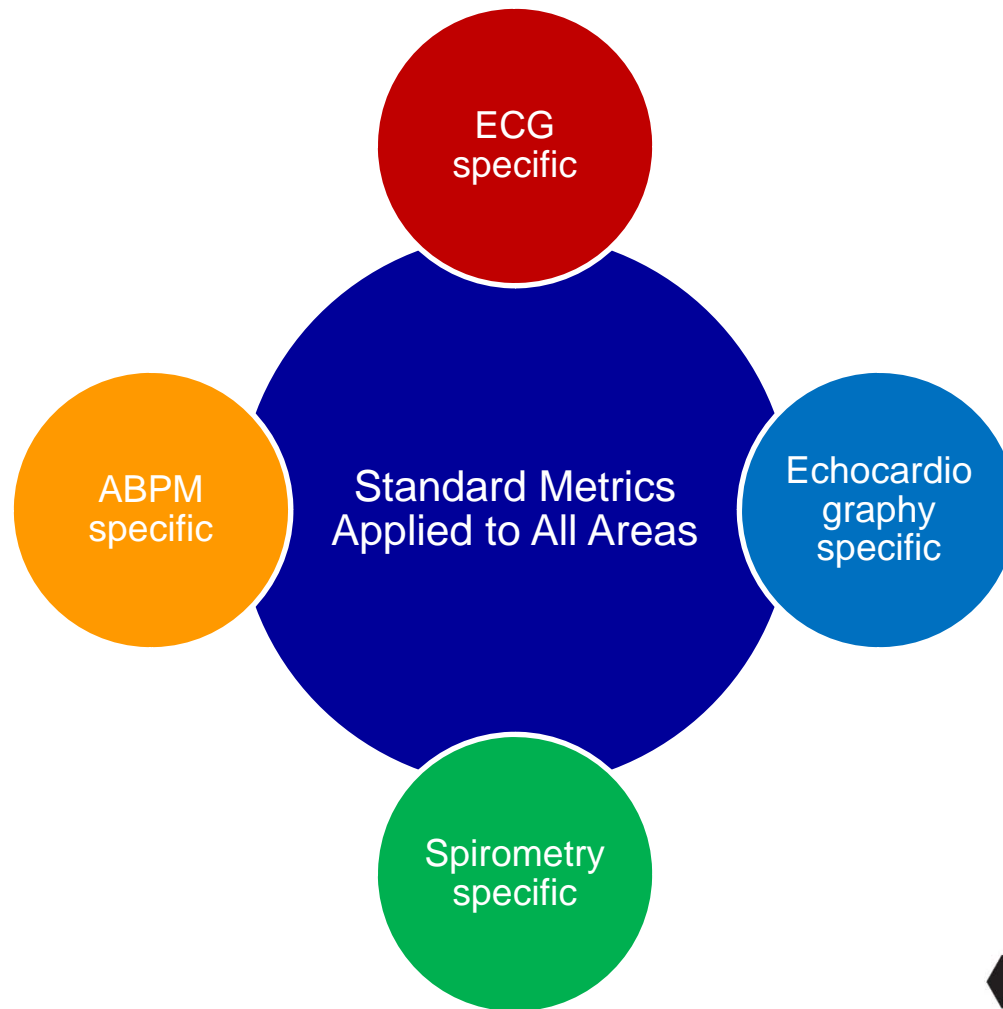
**2010**

ECG metrics 2.0 feedback

Wiki



# Expand Use of “ECG” Metrics To Related Service Areas





# MCC Plans to Expand Use of Metrics To Other Services Areas – Coming Soon!

Core Metrics	ECG Metrics	ABPM Metrics	Spirometry Metrics
Metric 1	X	??	??
Metric 2	X		
Metric 3	X		
Metric 4	X		
Metric 5	X		
Metric 6	X		
Metric 7	X		
Metric 8	X		
Metric 9	X		
Metric 10	X		
Metric 11	X		
Metric 12	X		
Metric 13	X		
Metric 14	X		
Metric 15	X		
	ECG – specific metrics Metrics 16 & 17	ABPM – specific metrics	Spirometry – specific metrics



## Need More Information?

- MCC Roundtable discussion in the Exhibit Hall (4pm)
- MCC Members can participate in the next online meetings:
  - Lab WG: Sept 26, 2011
  - ECG WG: Sept 28, 2011
  - ABPM WG: Oct 11, 2011
  - Imaging WG: Oct 12, 2011
  - Spirometry WG: TBD
- Visit <http://www.metricschampion.org> for additional information about the MCC.