

# New data management tool for clinical trials

*Founded in 1996 in Sweden by Mr. Daniel Spasic, TFS today is a leading global mid-size clinical Contract Research Organization (CRO) serving customers in the biotech industry on a global scale and through the entire clinical development process. The company forms close partnerships with these customers and if needed develops custom tools for clinical trial management purposes. It has recently made one of these custom tools available for future trials. TFS's Senior Director of Data Management, Emma Albacar and Sylwia Domagalska, Director Marketing and Communications explain how this data management tool, called TrialOnline ePRO, can support patient retention in clinical trials.*

TFS supports pharmaceutical companies through the entire clinical development process. It has particular strengths in Phase I/II and Late Phase RWE trials and a significant proportion of its business comes from biotechnology and small to mid-size pharmaceutical companies. The company focuses its scientific and medical competence across a broad therapeutic spectrum, with industry-leading capabilities in dermatology, oncology and haematology. TFS has two business Areas: Clinical Development Services (CDS), which offers clinical trials for small pharmaceutical companies during the

development process, and Strategic Resourcing Solutions (SRS), which offers resource solutions featuring clinical professionals and targeting major pharmaceutical companies.

Data management tool TrialOnline ePRO was also developed as a custom tool in a partnership with Replior, addressing the issue of patient retention, which represents an important challenge in some therapeutic areas. For chronic psoriasis, for example, some treatments have side effects that may lead patients to withdraw from the treatment, increasing the risk of suffering other concomitant conditions like psoriatic arthritis or cardiovascular diseases, and ultimately increasing the risk of an unsuccessful clinical trial. Addressing this issue, TrialOnline ePRO gives patients reminders and support tools while also communicating data about patient compliance and the medical condition of the patient to the medical professionals managing the trial. "We built this tool because existing tools on the market didn't meet all of the customer's requirements," says Ms. Albacar.

TFS has announced it is open to using TrialOnline ePRO for future studies,



with TFS overseeing the data management. "This expands our capabilities and opens up new opportunities in data management in our partnership model," Ms. Domagalska adds. "TFS takes pride in a high commitment towards customer satisfaction and the development the TrialOnline digital solution is yet another example of a tailored approach TFS provides."



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