



Nextrials Co-Founder Named Chairman of the Society for Clinical Data Management for 2007

Anthony J. Costello to steer non-profit industry organization dedicated to quality clinical data management

San Ramon, CA – January 22, 2007 – Anthony J. Costello, co-founder and vice president of product development and data services for clinical research software and services provider Nextrials, Inc., has been elected chairman of the Society for Clinical Data Management (SCDM) for 2007. Costello has been an active participant in the non-profit professional organization for 10 years and has served on its board for two years, most recently as vice chairman and trustee.

“It’s a great honor to be elected chairman of SCDM,” Costello said. “My fellow members have tremendous energy and commitment to the advancement of the life sciences industry, and I look forward to working with them to create a broader awareness of the value of clinical data management practices, products and standards.”

Costello has more than 15 years of experience in the development of software tools and data management techniques for the pharmaceutical industry. A recognized expert in the field, he is a frequent guest lecturer at industry events and is an active member of the Data Quality Research Institute (DQRI), the Drug Information Association (DIA), and the American Society for Quality (ASQ). As one of the architects of Nextrials’ Prism[®], the company’s flagship clinical trial management and electronic data capture product, Costello was recently designated one of the PharmaVOICE 100, an annual listing of life sciences and pharmaceutical industry innovators by PharmaVOICE magazine.

About SCDM

The Society for Clinical Data Management (SCDM) is a non-profit professional society founded to advance the discipline of Clinical Data Management. The binding interest of

all members is quality clinical data management practices. For more information, visit www.scdm.org.

About Nextrials, Inc.

Founded by pharmaceutical researchers in 1999, Nextrials *Innovates for Life*™ by offering today's most novel products and services for speeding the delivery of life-saving drugs and medical devices to market. Prism®, its award-winning Electronic Data Capture (EDC) solution, has been used at over 500 research sites to streamline the initiation and management of clinical trials. The company is headquartered in the San Francisco Bay area. For more information, visit www.nextrials.com or call 925-355-3000. A podcast by co-founder Anthony J. Costello on innovative technologies for clinical research is also available at <http://pharmavoices.com/podcasts>.

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