



Nextrials Partners with Raining Data to Deliver Patient Recruitment and Randomization Tool for Clinical Trials

Nextrials' Prism® PRT module eliminates clinical trial patient recruitment and enrollment delays through industry's first standards-based electronic data interface

San Ramon, CA – April 30, 2007 – Nextrials, Inc., a leader in clinical research software and services, today unveiled the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries' first comprehensive, standards-based electronic data interface for clinical trial patient recruitment and randomization. In partnership with Raining Data® Corporation (Nasdaq: RDTA), Nextrials has developed the PRT module for its award-winning, e-clinical trial management and electronic data capture platform, Prism®, to enable sponsors to tap disparate sources such as a hospital's electronic health records (EHR) or patient records in other clinical trials to match subjects to study protocol criteria.

Due to Prism's tight integration with Raining Data's TigerLogic® Clinical Trials Data Services (CTDS), the PRT module eliminates the significant cost and inefficiencies associated with patient enrollment at study initiation. It is built on a native XML (eXtensible Markup Language) platform that accepts clinical data in any format and transforms it into the new industry standard, the Clinical Data Interchange Standards Consortium's (CDISC) Operational Data Model (ODM). Once data resides in ODM format, it can then be pushed to patient randomization systems and other data warehousing solutions.

"It's been estimated that 80 percent of all clinical trials experience recruitment delays," said Anthony Costello, co-founder and Vice President of Product Development and Data Services of Nextrials. "This can translate to site and sponsor frustration as well as add millions of dollars in the cost of developing a new drug in the pipeline. By replacing the more traditional patient recruiting tools such as radio ads and direct mail pieces with Prism's PRT, sponsors can more quickly and efficiently identify and screen appropriate subjects -- and then stream them directly into a randomization system."

The Prism PRT module is the first in a suite of standards-based products now under development by Nextrials and Raining Data that are designed to expedite the clinical trial process. It features a user-friendly dashboard that delivers a desktop-like experience for tracking patient recruitment activity. Perhaps more importantly, the PRT module eliminates the need for an interactive voice response system (IVRS) for phone enrollment and duplicate data entry at multiple sites.

“The wider adoption of new industry standards for clinical data is creating unprecedented opportunities for standards-based clinical trials tools development,” said Bob Albo, Vice President, XML-Centric Business Solutions for Raining Data. “By integrating our TigerLogic CTDS feature set with Nextrials’ Prism, we can finally offer sponsors a more efficient solution for identifying and enrolling patients in new trials. For example, with the new PRT module, standard case report forms (CRFs) can be auto-populated with data coming directly from existing electronic records at diverse sites. This enables sponsors to test hypothetical enrollment trends and spot recruitment problems even before the study protocol is finalized – saving time and money.”

Beginning today, the PRT module is being demonstrated through May 2 at the Bio-IT World Conference & Expo in Boston. Attendees can learn more about Prism and the new PRT module by visiting Nextrials’ booth (#308).

About Raining Data

Raining Data Corporation (Nasdaq: RDTA) has been providing reliable data management solutions for more than three decades. Product offerings include the high performance TigerLogic® XML Data Management Server, Pick® Universal Data Model based data management systems and .NET integration solutions. In addition, Raining Data provides an integrated XML Workflow Management Server for data governance solutions such as Clinical Trials Data Services. Raining Data’s customers represent more than 500,000 active users across 20,000 customer sites worldwide in a diverse set of vertical applications. More information about Raining Data Corporation and its products can be found at www.rainingdata.com.

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 700 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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