



## **Nextrials Cofounder Anthony Costello to Chair National Conference on Evolving Standards for Electronic Data Capture Systems in Clinical Trials**

*Interactive "SOPs for EDC" Workshop to be held May 16-17 in Washington, DC*

**San Ramon, CA – May 12, 2005** – Nextrials, Inc., a leader in clinical research software and services, today announced that cofounder Anthony J. Costello, vice president of product development and data services, will chair a national conference on designing, writing and implementing standard operating procedures (SOP) for electronic data capture (EDC) systems. "SOPs for EDC," a two-day conference sponsored by Henry Stewart Conference Studies, will be held May 16-17, 2005 at the Wyndham Washington Hotel in Washington, DC.

The conference will present interactive workshops and case studies designed to provide delegates with insight into the workflow process changes that will be required as part of the transition from paper-based data entry to EDC systems for clinical trials in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries.

With more than 15 years of clinical research experience, Costello helped found Nextrials after serving as manager of oncology clinical data management at Genentech, Inc. He is a current member of the board of trustees for the Society for Clinical Data Management, is a member of the University of North Carolina's Data Quality Research Institute and a member of the Drug Information Association.

### **About Nextrials, Inc.**

Founded by pharmaceutical researchers in 1999, Nextrials offers today's most innovative 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 200 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](http://www.nextrials.com) or call 925-355-3000.

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