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Upcoming Events:

- ◆ International Clinical Cytometry Society Meeting, October 16—18, Portland, OR
- ◆ Webinar Series:
 - November 7th, Introduction to Flow Cytometry
 - December 5th, Flow Cytometry Validation for Drug development



Communication Between CROs and Sponsors, a Recipe for Success in Producing High Quality Data

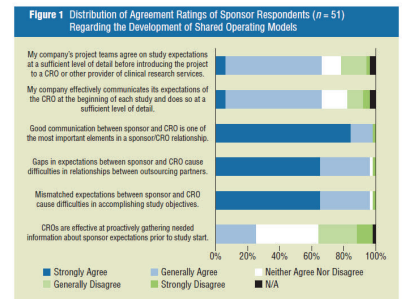
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Communication has always been the recipe for success when two parties work together. In our experience, the more we know about a project and what the expectations from the sponsor are beforehand, the smoother the project will go. Although there may be bumps in the road when the project is ongoing that were not anticipated at the project start, we as the CRO take a proactive approach to let our clients know of the potential issues quickly to allow for timely resolution.

Flow cytometry has been described by some as “an art”. Procedures sometimes that should be routine can evolve into complex acquisition and gating strategies. The more communication up front between the CRO and sponsor, the better chance that things will be resolved. The expertise of the CRO and the Sponsor often go hand in

hand to provide high quality data. The CROs are experts in their respective fields but cannot be expected to know everything when it comes to a client’s specific product or procedures. Both can learn from each other. This combination of knowledge is instrumental in producing the highest quality possible.

The figure here represents a survey performed by Denise Calaprice-Whitty, PhD. Her article “Mismatched Expectations Between Sponsors and Service Providers” discusses the importance of the relationship between the CRO and Sponsor ([click here for the full article](#)).



FCS Laboratory Third Quarter 2011 Updates

- * Please visit Lynette at the ICCS meeting in Portland, OR October 16-18. She will be presenting a poster, “A Novel Flow Cytometry Stimulation Assay using Cyto-Chex® BCT Tubes for use in Clinical Trials.”
- * Registration will be open soon for the AAPS PharmaFlow webinar series: <http://mediaserver.aaps.org/meetings/webinars/list.pdf>
- * Congratulations to Jennifer J Stewart on becoming of full member of the Society of Toxicology (SOT).
- * We have been invited to participate on the planning committee for the 2012 NW Regional Cytometry Meeting. Stay tuned for more details.

Fall Fun in Juanita/Kirkland (www.explorekirkland.com)

- * The Juanita Beach Park is now open after a year long renovation.
- * The Kirkland Performance Center presents “The Music Man.” See events calendar for dates.
- * Husky Football Game Day cruises.
- * Annual Turkey Trot: 5K race, Nov 20th



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