OPERATIONAL PROJECTS IN REDCAP

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Operational Databases at UF

 While most of our REDCap projects are developed for clinical trials, we have several that were designed to track operational processes:

Scheduling:

- Complicated lab draw schedules are managed in REDCap
- No data is collected, just scheduling information
- Provides comprehensive schedule for both patient and staff use

Health Science Library:

- Tracks library searches to identify trends in search requests and populations served
- Eliminates need to repeat frequently requested searches
- Provides productivity metrics to management
- **REDCap Tracker**: Developed to manage the status of REDCap projects across the University

Background: UF REDCap Support Model

Project Build





Client Team Build No Cost

- Attend training/ review videos
- Build/validate
- Limited consultations
- REDCap Support provides QA prior to moving to Production

REDCap Configuration Service Fee-based

- REDCap team will build, validate and test
- UAT conducted by project team

All end users have access to REDCap Support for training, help desk questions and consults.

Background: UF Support Model

Project Review

- All projects are reviewed before move to Production
- Review forms for consistency, validation and potential analysis "deal breakers"
- Ensure that User Rights are appropriate
- Check Event Schedules

We needed a mechanism to track project status, manage the review process and generate metrics for management

Solution: The REDCap Tracker

- Use REDCap to track REDCap projects
 - Individual records for each REDCap project
 - For "real" projects (not including practice/just for fun) we track:
 - Client information: Contact information and Department
 - Project information
 - Project review information
 - Consults
 - Metrics
 - Real time updates to project information so the maintenance of the information is not a huge burden (currently 31 projects in Production, 64 in Development)
 - Provides feedback on our support model, training needs, productivity metrics for management

The REDCap Tracker: Project Info

- Project Information:
 - Project type: clinical trial, registry, operational, other
 - Dates: initial requests, reviews, move to production
 - Current status: Production, Development, Archive
 - Build: REDCap team or Project Team
 - Primary REDCap contact and comments
- Costing Information(if applicable):
 - Cost estimate
 - Date provided
 - Comments regarding any negotiation
- Pre-Production Information:
 - Upload copy of the IRB approval (if applicable)
 - Upload copy of final data dictionary

The REDCap Tracker: Project Review

- Review all projects before they are approved for move into Production
- Forms Review:
 - Consistency of variable names and numbering (1=Yes across a project),
 - Appropriate validation (numeric fields validated as "number")
 - Calculations are accurate
 - Branching logic makes sense

The REDCap Tracker: Project Review

Event Schedule

- Longitudinal studies have an event schedule established
- We do not review every protocol to substantiate every event schedule

User Rights

- Provide guidance on limiting privileges to users who really need specific permissions (eg. database design, user rights)
- Provides feedback on common mistakes that we can highlight in future training sessions

REDCap Tracker: Consults

- Tracks the majority of individual client meetings and demos, extended phone calls
- Attendees and major topics discussed
- Provides annual metrics on which departments we have provided assistance to and how frequently
- Provides feedback on aspects of the support model that may not have been effectively communicated to the end users
- Documents interactions and agreements with clients

REDCap Tracker: Metrics

- Provides concrete metrics to management regarding our productivity, groups we support and cycle times
 - Project Request to Production: Cycle time for REDCap team build vs. project team build
 - Draft project to Production: Cycle time for feedback from a particular client
 - Configuration time: Estimated time to build a project based on the number of fields
 - Final cost vs original estimate: How close was the final project cost to the original cost estimate

REDCap Tracker: Metrics Form





Ø Editing existing Project ID "2"		
Project ID	2	
REDCap Team Build Metrics		
Time from first contact to draft project	21	view equation
	days	
Time from information provided to draft project	14	view equation
	days	
Time from draft project to feedback	8	view equation
	days	
Time from draft project to production	17	view equation
	days	
Time from first contact to production	38	view equation
	days	
Final Total Number of Fields	102	view equation

REDCap Tracker: Metrics

- Reporting
 - Total number of Consults
 - Consults by department
 - Project Status Summary (Production vs Development)
 - IRB status (outstanding IRB approvals)
 - REDCap Team Build (status of projects we were contracted to build)

Operational Databases at UF

- Operational databases have provided a mechanism to effectively manage routine processes
- They facilitate management reporting regarding productivity, cycle times and populations served
- They can evolve over time to meet the needs of both the end users and management requests for information

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