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Clinical Trial Dashboard & Patient Matching – Demo Design and Requirements

This document outlines the proposed user requirements, features, data structures, and UI/UX layout for an **imaginary cancer clinical trial dashboard and patient matching web demo**. The demo will be built in React for the Southern Cross AI Showroom (TechLauncher), using **simulated real-time interactions** with fictional oncology trial data. It aims to be as functional as possible, showcasing patient eligibility matching and an interactive trial dashboard while adhering to SouthernCross.ai's visual style.

1. Likely Users

The demo is designed for several end-user profiles in the clinical trial domain. Each user type has distinct goals, common frustrations, and considerations about sensitive data:

Clinical Researchers (Principal Investigators / Scientists)

- **Primary Goals:** Oversee trial progress and outcomes, ensure the study protocol is followed, and analyze interim data for efficacy/safety signals. They want quick insight into recruitment status and patient responses, aiming to publish findings and improve patient care.
- **Key Frustrations:** Cumbersome data aggregation and monitoring tools can slow down their research. They often juggle multiple systems (e.g. EDC, spreadsheets) to get a complete picture. Complex protocols and strict criteria can make enrollment slow, which researchers find frustrating. Additionally, poor UI in some systems leads to repetitive manual work and time-consuming navigation.
- **Data Sensitivity:** Researchers require fairly detailed patient data but in coded form. They are conscious of patient privacy and trial blinding – **identities must remain anonymized**. Data access is typically restricted to what their role permits (e.g. de-identified clinical metrics rather than personal identifiers). They must ensure any data sharing (e.g. exporting for analysis) complies with ethics and privacy regulations.

Trial Coordinators (Study Nurses / Site Coordinators)

- **Primary Goals:** Manage day-to-day trial operations – screening and enrolling patients, scheduling visits, ensuring data collection and regulatory compliance. Coordinators use the dashboard to track enrollment numbers, monitor dropouts, and verify that each patient meets inclusion/exclusion criteria.

- **Key Frustrations:** They face high administrative burdens: following complex protocol requirements, handling paperwork, and communicating between patients and investigators. Common obstacles include overly strict eligibility criteria and extensive protocol procedures, which coordinators must constantly check. Existing trial software often isn't user-friendly, leading to **repetitive data entry, difficulty finding specific fields, and workaround tactics** to get things done efficiently. These inefficiencies can hinder recruitment and data quality.
- **Data Sensitivity:** Coordinators handle identifiable patient information (contact info, medical records) during screening and enrollment, so they are extremely cautious with data privacy. They ensure that only authorized personnel can see sensitive patient details. Within the system, coordinators might have the broadest access (to link patients to records), but they must follow GDPR/HIPAA guidelines—e.g. using **anonymized IDs** on the dashboard and securing any exports of patient data.

Oncologists / Specialist Doctors

- **Primary Goals:** Identify suitable trials for their patients and monitor those enrolled. An oncologist using the system wants to quickly filter trials or patients by medical criteria to find matches for treatment options. If they are a trial investigator, they'll also review patient outcomes (tumor response, side effects) to inform care decisions.
- **Key Frustrations: Finding the right trial for the right patient is often complex and time-consuming.** In fact, ~72% of physicians report that searching for relevant trials takes too long and can delay patient treatment. Oncologists are busy; they dislike clunky search interfaces that make it hard to filter by specific cancer type or biomarker. Many find existing trial matching tools too limited – 53% of physicians surveyed wanted **more precise search filters** in matching systems. They are also frustrated by complicated eligibility criteria (e.g. nuanced biomarker requirements or comorbidity exclusions), which 58% described as a major challenge in trial referral. All these factors contribute to low trial enrollment rates and physician frustration.
- **Data Sensitivity:** Doctors require access to clinical details (diagnoses, lab results) to determine trial fit, but they are careful to protect patient identity especially when exploring trial options. Any patient matching results must be presented in a privacy-preserving way (e.g. using unique IDs, not names). Oncologists also need confidence that sharing a patient's data for trial screening is secure and compliant. They appreciate clear indications in the system that data is handled under proper consent and regulatory compliance (for instance, a note if data is simulated or de-identified).

Regulatory Reviewers / Ethics Board Members

- **Primary Goals:** Oversee that the trial is conducted ethically and in compliance with protocols and regulations. They use the dashboard to spot any *red flags* – for example, if ineligible patients were enrolled, if adverse events are properly reported, or if dropouts are above expected rates. They may review summary statistics rather than individual patient data.

- **Key Frustrations:** Regulators often have to sift through lengthy reports or disparate data sources to find compliance information. They may be frustrated by lack of transparency or difficulty verifying that **inclusion/exclusion criteria were adhered to** for each patient. A cumbersome UI that obscures protocol deviations or makes it hard to find audit trails is a major pain point. They also need tools to easily export records of compliance (e.g. for audits).
- **Data Sensitivity:** These users should only see data necessary for oversight. They are concerned with *aggregate and coded* data – e.g. they might see that “Patient X had a Grade 3 adverse event,” but not the patient’s identity. The system must enforce role-based access so that regulators see **summaries and anonymized records** only. Maintaining a clear separation between patient identifiers and the data shown to ethics boards is crucial. Any compliance report or export must be scrubbed of direct identifiers.

Data Analysts (Bio-statisticians / Data Managers)

- **Primary Goals:** Analyze trial data for patterns and outcomes – e.g. efficacy signals, safety trends, and data quality. In the demo, an analyst would want to filter and export data (CSV/PDF) to perform analysis, and use the built-in charts to quickly assess metrics like biomarker distributions or response rates. They also focus on data completeness and integrity (to ensure statistical validity).
- **Key Frustrations:** Analysts often deal with **scattered data sources** and manual cleanup. They are frustrated when they cannot easily get the data out of a dashboard or when real-time exploration is limited. If the dashboard doesn’t update dynamically, they might resort to manual queries, which is time-consuming. They also worry about missing data or inconsistent metrics across patients. In general, an overly rigid or non-interactive dashboard impedes their ability to derive insights.
- **Data Sensitivity:** Data analysts usually work with fully de-identified datasets. They care that the system enforces the “minimum necessary” principle – only data relevant to the analysis is accessible. For example, they might see a patient’s lab values and outcomes but not name or exact birthdate. They also need **data accuracy and security**: any exports should maintain anonymization, and the platform should log data access for compliance. Analysts are mindful that even aggregate data can be sensitive (e.g. if a rare adverse event could potentially identify a patient), so the UI should include warnings or safeguards if attempting to drill down to a potentially identifying level.

2. Core Functional Requirements

The demo comprises two main modules: a **Patient Matching Module** for screening patients by trial criteria, and a **Trial Dashboard Module** for monitoring the trial’s progress and data. Both modules should feature **real-time interactivity**, meaning user inputs instantly update outputs (simulating a live system). Key functional requirements are detailed below:

Patient Matching Module

This module allows users to search and filter a pool of mock patients to identify those eligible for the imaginary cancer trial. It mimics how a trial coordinator or doctor might find candidates. Core features include:

- **Search & Multi-Filter Capabilities:** Users can refine the patient list by applying filters for **cancer type, stage, biomarkers, location, and other eligibility factors**. For example, one could filter for “*Lung Cancer*” AND “*Stage III*” AND “*EGFR mutation positive*” AND “*Location: ACT*” to narrow down patients. Each filter should be easily selectable (dropdowns, checkboxes, or sliders for ranges) and can be used in combination. *Precise filtering is crucial:* 53% of physicians in a recent survey said they want more precise search filters for trial matching. The UI should make filter options clear and allow stacking multiple criteria without becoming confusing.
- **Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria Checks:** The module will visualize the trial’s **eligibility criteria** and show how each potential patient measures up. This could be presented as a checklist or highlight system for a selected patient. For instance, when a patient is selected from the list, a sidebar could display all key inclusion criteria (e.g. “*EGFR mutation = Required*”, “*No prior chemotherapy = Required*”) with a or indicating if that patient meets each. Exclusion criteria (e.g. “*No severe cardiac conditions*”) would similarly be flagged. This visualization helps users quickly understand why a patient is or isn’t a match. Because many physicians find eligibility rules complicated, the UI should simplify them—e.g. grouping criteria by categories and possibly providing tooltips defining any medical jargon.
- **Integration with Mock Patient Data:** The matching logic will run on a **fictional patient dataset** (see **Data Simulation** in Section 4). This dataset will include attributes needed for filtering (diagnosis, stage, biomarker status, etc.). When filters are applied, the system dynamically queries this in-memory dataset to show how many patients meet the criteria and list their anonymized IDs. Users should be able to click on a patient entry to view a brief profile (with non-sensitive details like age, key lab values, etc., but no real personal identifiers). *Example:* A coordinator filters for “*EGFR-positive Stage IV lung cancer patients*” – the module might return 3 matching patient IDs with summary info. Selecting one shows that this patient fails an exclusion criterion (perhaps a lab value out of range), which is highlighted in red in the criteria list. This kind of immediate feedback guides the user in either adjusting filters or focusing on the most promising candidates.
- **User Interaction & Feedback:** The module should respond in real-time to filter changes. As the user adjusts a slider or adds a filter pill, the patient list updates instantly (no manual “search” button needed). A result counter can show “*X patients found*” updating on-the-fly. If no patients meet the current filters, the UI can show a friendly message like “No matches. Try broadening criteria.” For each filter category, there may also be an auto-suggest or autocomplete (e.g. typing a biomarker name will suggest valid options). **Tooltips** should provide context for filters – e.g., hovering over “*Biomarker*” might show “*Filter by known genetic or protein markers (e.g. EGFR, PD-L1) relevant to trial eligibility.*” This ensures even new users understand each filter’s purpose. (See also **UX Writing** in Section 6 for microcopy.)

Trial Dashboard Module

Once patients are enrolled, the trial dashboard provides an overview of trial progress and detailed visualizations of trial data. This module is organized into an overview panel and several **visualization tabs** for different data aspects:

- **Summary Overview Panel:** At the top of the dashboard (or as a default “Overview” tab) there will be a summary of key trial info:
 - **Trial Title & Phase:** Clearly display the trial name (e.g. “SCAI-001: Immunotherapy in Advanced Lung Cancer”) and the Phase (I, II, III, etc.). The phase could be color-coded or stylized (Phase II might be shown in a pill or badge).
 - **Timeline/Duration:** Show the trial start date, current date (or days since start), and expected end date. Could be a small timeline graphic or simply text like “Ongoing – 8 months elapsed of 24-month trial”.
 - **Enrollment Stats:** e.g. “Enrolled: 45/50 patients” with a small progress bar or indicator. If applicable, show number of **dropouts** (patients who left the study) and number of patients **screened but not enrolled**. These stats give a quick health check of recruitment.
 - **Site Information (if multi-center):** If the imaginary trial has multiple sites, list the sites or show enrollment per site (maybe as a mini bar chart). Otherwise, omit.
 - **Status & Alerts:** A status field might say “Active – Recruiting” (with a green dot) or “Completed” etc. Any critical alerts (e.g. a safety hold or protocol amendment) could be indicated here. For example, if an interim analysis triggered a pause, the status might turn red with a label “On Hold”.
 - This summary panel gives at-a-glance information a clinical researcher or coordinator would check daily.
- **Visualization Tabs:** The dashboard will include a **tabbed navigation bar** (likely below the summary) allowing the user to switch between different data views. Each tab focuses on a specific aspect of trial data:
 - **Biomarkers:** A view dedicated to biomarker data of participants. For example, a chart could display the distribution of a key biomarker level in the patient cohort. If the trial’s therapy is targeted to a mutation or protein, this tab might show how many participants are positive vs negative for that marker, or a bar chart of various biomarker frequencies. It could also show correlations (e.g. an interactive scatter plot of biomarker level vs. tumor size change). The interface might use a DNA or lab icon to represent this tab. *Tooltip example:* Hovering over a bar for “PD-L1 >50%” could show “Number of patients with high PD-L1 expression who are enrolled (eligibility for immunotherapy)”.
 - **Tumor Metrics:** This tab presents efficacy data, typically tumor response measurements. A suitable visualization might be a **waterfall chart** showing each

patient's percentage change in tumor size from baseline (each bar representing a patient, above/below zero). Alternatively, it could offer a time-series view of tumor size over time or a summary of best overall responses (CR/PR/SD/PD counts). This helps oncologists and researchers see how well patients are responding to the treatment. Interactive elements: hovering a bar could show that patient's exact tumor shrinkage percentage and ID. Filters might allow selecting a subset (e.g. see tumor response for a particular biomarker subgroup).

- **Patient-Reported Outcomes (PROs):** A tab for quality-of-life or symptom scores reported by patients. This could display a line chart of an average QOL score over time across all patients, or a before-and-after comparison. Another approach: a distribution of a PRO measure (like pain level or mobility score) at baseline vs after treatment. The UI should clarify the scale (e.g. 0-100 questionnaire score). A toggle might let the user switch between different PRO metrics if multiple are tracked. Tooltips might explain, for example, "Higher scores indicate better quality of life" when hovering a help icon.
- **Adverse Events:** Safety data is crucial. This tab can show the incidence of adverse events (AEs) among participants. A common visualization is a bar graph for each category of AE (e.g. fatigue, nausea, neutropenia), with bars showing how many patients experienced each and color-coding by severity grade. Alternatively, a timeline of adverse events occurrence could be shown (though for simplicity, a static summary might suffice). The interface could allow filtering by grade (e.g. view all Grade 3-4 events). If a particular serious adverse event occurred, it might be highlighted in red. The tab provides an "at a glance" safety profile of the trial.
- **Secondary Infections:** Since immunocompromised patients (like those on cancer treatment) might get infections, the demo includes this as a separate data view. It could show, for example, a pie chart of how many patients had any secondary infection vs. not, or list the types of infections (perhaps COVID-19, pneumonia, etc.) and their frequencies. The presence of this tab signals comprehensive monitoring. This section might be small, but it demonstrates that the dashboard can incorporate specific clinical concerns. A visual could be an icon of a bacteria/virus with a count next to it.
- **Compliance (Protocol Deviations):** (*Could be a tab or a side panel*) A compliance-focused view will list any **protocol deviations or regulatory metrics**. This might include an itemized list of events like "Patient 16 continued treatment despite low lab values (deviation flagged)" or "Delayed data entry for visit 3 on 2 patients". It can also display whether all patients have signed consent, if all required audits have been passed, etc. For simplicity, this might be a textual panel with checklists: ✓ "100% consent forms on file", ⚠ "1 patient enrolled outside age range (flagged)", ✓ "Adverse events reported within 24h on average". The goal is to reassure (or alert) stakeholders about compliance status at a glance.

- **Export/Download Options:** Users (especially analysts or investigators preparing reports) should be able to export data easily. The dashboard will have options to **export the displayed data** in common formats:
 - A **CSV export** for raw data (e.g. a full patient dataset or filtered subset). For instance, after filtering in the Patient Matching module or when viewing the Biomarkers tab, a user can click “Export CSV” to download the underlying data points.
 - A **PDF export** or print-friendly report of the current dashboard view. This might compile the summary panel and key charts into a PDF for a meeting report or regulatory submission.
 - Possibly an “Export Graph” option to download an image of a chart. However, given this is a demo, focusing on CSV/PDF should suffice.
 - The UI for export could be a button group (with icons: e.g. a file-sheet icon for CSV, a file-pdf icon for PDF). On click, it might simulate a download (in the demo, perhaps just trigger a dummy download or show a toast “**Report downloaded**”).
- **Real-time Interaction Elements:** Both modules should demonstrate interactivity typical of a live dashboard:
 - **Instant Updates:** Any user action (applying a filter, switching a tab, selecting a subset of data) should immediately reflect in the content. Charts should animate or update to new data without page reload. For example, if the user filters patients by “Stage II only”, all charts (enrollment count, biomarker distribution, etc.) could update to show metrics for Stage II patients only. This gives a sense of a responsive, **real-time analytics** system.
 - **Tooltips & Contextual Help:** Throughout the UI, contextual tooltips guide the user. Hovering over an **icon** or chart element reveals microcopy explaining it (see Section 6 for examples). For instance, hovering over the *Phase II* label might show “Phase II: Early efficacy and safety trial, typically 50-100 patients”. Hovering a data point might show that patient’s ID and value (“ID005 – 45% tumor reduction”). These tooltips ensure that users can interpret data correctly, reducing cognitive load. In fact, using dashboards with such visual aids is known to improve user efficiency and reduce errors.
 - **“Live” Indicators:** To emphasize that this is a dynamic system, the UI can include a **“Live” status indicator** – for example, a small green pulsating dot with the label “Live” in the header. This suggests that data is updating in real time (even if, in the demo, data changes are simulated). It gives the impression of an active system. If appropriate, a timestamp like “Last updated 5 seconds ago” could be shown to reinforce this.
 - **Interactive Charts:** The visualizations should have some interactive elements. Examples: clicking a legend item could hide/show a data series (e.g. toggle a line for

“All patients” vs “Biomarker-positive only”). Brushing over a timeline could zoom into that range. In a bar chart, clicking a bar might highlight that patient across other charts (if cross-filtering is implemented). Even if these interactions are limited in the demo, the design should account for them to mimic a modern analytics dashboard experience.

- **Responsive Feedback:** The interface should clearly indicate when filters are applied or when data is being updated. If a filter yields no results, the system should display a clear message rather than empty space. If an action might take time (in a real system), the demo can show a brief loading spinner (for realism). For instance, upon hitting “Start Demo”, a loading state with a spinner and “Initializing Demo...” message can briefly appear to simulate system load, then fade into the active dashboard. This real-time feedback loop keeps users confident that the system is working on their input.

In summary, the Patient Matching module focuses on **identifying eligible patients** through robust filtering and criteria checking, whereas the Trial Dashboard module focuses on **visualizing trial data** across multiple dimensions. Both are tied together by real-time, interactive behavior and a consistent UI design.

3. UI/UX Layout Guidance

The layout of the demo interface will follow SouthernCross AI’s established visual language for consistency. It will be organized into functional sections (header, main content with tabs, side panels, footer) with a responsive grid-based design. Below is the proposed structure:

- **Header Bar:** A fixed top header spanning the width of the app, using a **gradient background** in line with SouthernCross branding (for example, a dark navy to cyan gradient with slight transparency). The header includes the demo title and key info. On the left, it might show the SouthernCross.ai logo or shield icon, and the title “*Clinical Trial Dashboard Demo*” alongside the trial phase. On the right, important status indicators and user actions reside – e.g. the **“Live” badge** (green pulsing dot with “Live” text) indicating real-time data, and perhaps a user menu or an “Exit Demo” button. The header text will likely be in a bright gradient style or cyan accent to stand out (a technique used in the portal’s headers). It will also have a slight **backdrop blur** effect and a subtle bottom border glow (cyan 50% opacity) to distinguish it. The header provides context at all times as users navigate the demo.
- **Main Content Layout:** The screen below the header is divided into a main section for interactive content and a side section for additional info, following a similar approach to other SouthernCross demo expansions. On desktop, a **grid layout** will be used (e.g. a 3-column grid where the main content spans 2 columns and the side panel spans 1). On smaller screens, these would stack or turn into tabs for space. The main section contains the **overview summary** and the **tabbed content area**. The side section can host an overview panel or key metrics (as seen in other demos where “Key Features” or “Performance Metrics” are shown in cards on the side). In this trial demo, the side panel could serve as an **Eligibility Overview** or **Instructions** area when on the Patient Matching tab (e.g. listing the trial’s main criteria, or showing key features of the demo). When on the

data tabs, the side panel might show “Key Trial Metrics” (like enrollment, version, last update time, uptime – similar to existing demo metrics cards). This consistent side panel usage ensures the layout feels familiar within the SouthernCross AI portal.

- **Tabbed Navigation Bar:** Just below the main header or summary, a horizontal tab bar will allow switching between views. Each **tab** is a text label with an accompanying Lucide icon for quick recognition. For example:
 - “**Overview**” (with a FileText or LayoutDashboard icon) for the summary view.
 - “**Matching**” (with a Users or Search icon) for the patient matching module screen.
 - “**Biomarkers**” (with a Activity or DNA helix icon) for the biomarker data view.
 - “**Tumor Metrics**” (with a BarChart3 icon) for efficacy charts.
 - “**Outcomes**” (with an Activity or Heart icon) for patient-reported outcomes.
 - “**Safety**” (with a Shield or AlertTriangle icon) for adverse events.
 - (Tabs can be adjusted/grouped if too many; e.g. combine some into one tab with sub-tabs.)

The tab bar styling will use the SouthernCross gradient or accent lines to indicate the active tab. The active tab text might be highlighted in cyan/blue and underlined with a small gradient border. Inactive tabs are in muted gray/white. Hovering a tab will brighten it (e.g. text transitions from gray to white) to indicate clickability. This tab system ensures users can easily navigate between the patient matching view and various dashboard charts without losing context. It also mirrors the design of existing demo interfaces in the portal, which use tab-like navigation for different feature views.

- **Content Cards and Sections:** Within each tab, content is arranged in **rounded “card” containers** on a responsive grid. The design uses a lot of card-style panels with rounded corners and semi-transparent backgrounds (e.g. bg-gray-800/50 backdrop-blur-sm rounded-lg style). Each card often has a header with a Lucide icon and a title text in it. For example, the summary panel might be one card, each chart might be inside its own card with a title (the chart itself possibly using a dark background). This modular approach makes the dashboard easy to scan – each card is a distinct piece of information. We will also maintain consistent **spacing and alignment** – using a standard padding (like p-6 utility as seen in other components) inside cards and a grid gap of maybe 1.5rem (gap-6 or gap-8) between cards to avoid clutter. All cards will share a similar aesthetic: dark translucent background, subtle border that on hover glows cyan, and a slight **drop shadow** for depth.
- **Footer:** At the very bottom, a small footer can be included (if required by the portal’s layout). It might simply contain the SouthernCross.ai branding or a short disclaimer (“*Demo for illustrative purposes. Not real patient data.*”). The footer background can be a continuation of the header gradient or a simple dark strip. It will be kept minimal so as not to distract – just providing closure to the page. In an interactive demo setting, the footer might also include links to documentation or an “About this demo” modal.

- **Overall Visual Consistency:** The UI will use the **SouthernCross color palette** – predominantly dark background (#1e1e2f-like grays) with vibrant **cyan** (#22d3ee), **blue**, **purple**, and **green** accents. Gradient effects are employed in headers, icons, and primary buttons (e.g. a cyan-to-blue gradient on the main action buttons). Typography is clean and modern (likely a sans-serif font already used in the portal), with headings in a larger size and often given a gradient or neon effect for emphasis. Body text is in shades of gray (text-gray-400 for secondary text, text-white or text-gray-300 for primary text) for proper contrast on the dark background. The use of **Lucide icons** is consistent for labeling sections and actions – e.g. a BarChart3  icon for metrics sections, a Users  icon for patient lists, an Activity/EKG  icon for live metrics, etc. These icons are styled with the theme color (often cyan for active elements) to create a unified look and feel.
- **Interactive Styling and Transitions:** The layout isn't just static – it will incorporate interactive styling cues:
 - Buttons and clickable elements (tabs, filter controls) will have **hover and active states**. For instance, a button might have a base class bg-gradient-to-r from-cyan-500 to-blue-600 and on hover shift to a lighter cyan/blue. A subtle scaling or glow on hover can provide a modern, responsive feel (e.g. the “**Start Demo**” button in the portal grows slightly and the icon scales up on hover).
 - Focus and active states should be visible too (for accessibility, using outline or shadow).
 - Card hover: if cards themselves are clickable (maybe not in this dashboard, except possibly the patient list items), they can raise slightly with a brighter border (the code snippet shows hover:shadow-lg hover:shadow-cyan-500/20 hover:bg-gray-700/50 transform hover:scale-105 for interactive cards).
 - Animations: Subtle animations, like the pulsing effect for live indicators or loading spinners, reinforce the sense of an active, cutting-edge interface. The gradient backgrounds might also animate or rotate if desired, but likely we'll keep it simple to avoid distraction.

In essence, the layout will look and feel like an extension of the SouthernCross.ai demo portal: **gradient-accented headers, a dark translucent background, neon-like highlights, rounded cards, Lucide icons next to all key labels, and a clean grid-based organization**. By reusing classes and patterns from the existing DemoMenu (e.g. the same card container styles and icon styling), we ensure the new demo fits seamlessly among the others in the Showroom.

4. Data Simulation Parameters

To make the demo feel realistic, we will create a **synthetic dataset** representing patients and trial outcomes. All data will be fictional and anonymized, designed to cover a range of scenarios (including edge cases) for demonstration. Below we define the structure and characteristics of this data:

Fictional Patient Data Structure: Each patient will be represented by a record with fields covering demographics, disease specifics, biomarker status, and trial-related outcomes. Table 1 outlines the key fields:

Data Variability and Anomalies: The dataset will be generated to cover normal ranges and include a handful of **anomalies**:

- We will introduce a couple of extreme values to test the dashboard's ability to flag and filter them. For instance, one patient might have a **tumor size change of +120%** (an extreme progression) which on the Tumor Metrics chart will stand out prominently (potentially highlighted in red). Another patient might have an unusually high PD-L1 expression (100%) or an extremely low QoL score post-treatment – these outliers can trigger visual cues (like bars in a different color or tooltips noting “outlier”).
- Some patients will intentionally **fail certain inclusion criteria**. E.g., one patient in the dataset might be 17 years old (while the trial requires 18+), another might have a comorbidity that violates exclusion criteria. These patients would be marked as “*Screen Fail*” or “*Excluded*” in the enrollment status, and the inclusion criteria visualization will show a for the problematic criterion. This demonstrates the system catching ineligible patients.
- **Randomness vs. Realism:** Values will be synthetic but follow plausible distributions (e.g., a roughly normal distribution of ages, a realistic proportion of biomarker positives). However, to simulate real-time changes, we might allow the demo to randomly “update” a data point (for example, simulate that a new adverse event occurred – incrementing a patient’s AE count and seeing the chart update). This could be done on a timer or triggered by user action (like a “Simulate new data” button for demo purposes).
- The **data relationships** will be kept coherent. For instance, patients with major tumor shrinkage are likely to have “PR” or “CR” as best response and possibly improved QoL, whereas those with growth have “PD” and possibly more adverse events – so that the charts make logical sense together. We will ensure the fictional data tells a consistent story (e.g., a cluster of patients might all be EGFR-positive and show better tumor response, demonstrating a biomarker efficacy signal).
- **Size of Dataset:** For performance in a demo, we don’t need thousands of records. ~100 patient entries (with ~50 enrolled) is sufficient to populate charts and demonstrate filtering. This number is large enough to show patterns but small enough for instant filtering in the browser. The data can be embedded as a JSON array or generated on the fly in JavaScript.

The structure above allows the React frontend to easily slice and dice the data. For example, filtering by “Enrolled” patients means filtering the array where Enrollment Status == “Enrolled”; computing the average QoL change is a simple map-reduce over the QoL fields, etc. We will implement utility functions to calculate any aggregated metrics needed for the visuals (like overall response rate, total serious AEs, etc.) from this dataset.

By carefully designing the synthetic data with variety and a few anomalies, we ensure the demo can showcase features like filtering, highlighting out-of-range values, and demonstrating compliance

alerts (e.g., a protocol deviation entry). All data will remain **fictitious and anonymized**, as clearly indicated (likely with a note on the UI), aligning with ethical use of data even in a demo setting.

5. Style and Branding

The demo's look-and-feel will closely follow the SouthernCross AI Showroom's styling guidelines, ensuring visual consistency with existing demos. Key style and branding elements include:

- **Color Palette & Gradients:** The interface uses a dark theme background (charcoal/gray shades) with vibrant accent colors drawn from a cyan-blue-purple gradient spectrum. Headers and important highlights feature a **multi-color gradient** — for example, text might go from cyan to blue to purple, giving a futuristic sheen. The primary action buttons and interactive highlights use a cyan-to-blue gradient background, which on hover shifts to slightly lighter tones (providing a neon glow effect). This gradient branding is a signature of SouthernCross.ai, as seen in the portal's title text and buttons.
- **Typography:** Fonts are clean and modern. Titles are large, bold, and often rendered with gradient coloring or at least a **text-transparent gradient overlay** for a striking effect. Regular content text is smaller and in neutral gray tones (e.g., text-gray-300 for normal text, text-gray-400 for secondary info) to contrast against the dark background without harshness. We maintain high contrast for readability – where text is small, we use lighter gray; where text is large, even a subtle gradient fill is legible. Font sizing is responsive (e.g., text-sm, text-lg utility classes) to ensure readability on different screens.
- **Icons (Lucide-React):** The design heavily incorporates **Lucide icons** for an intuitive, visual language. Icons are placed next to section headers, buttons, and key labels:
 - Section cards use icons in their headers to reinforce meaning. For example, a card titled "Performance Metrics" begins with a BarChart3 icon  colored in cyan, and a card for "Key Features" uses a Code icon or similar. The icons are modest size (around 20px) and colored with theme accents (cyan or green) to stand out against the dark card background.
 - Interactive buttons also use icons. The "Start Demo" button includes a Play icon  as in other demos. Export buttons might use FileText (for CSV) and a PDF icon.
 - Tabs have icons for quick recognition (e.g., Users , Activity , Live data , Shield  for Safety).
 - Icons adopt the same color on hover as their text or context – for instance, in a group of features, a tiny cyan dot icon might turn to a lighter cyan when hovered, along with the text turning from gray to white. This subtle animation on icons (scaling up or pulsing) adds to the polished feel.
- **Cards and Surfaces:** The demo employs **rounded card components** for grouping content, matching the portal's style. Cards have a semi-transparent dark background (e.g., bg-gray-800/50) with a backdrop blur effect to give a frosted glass impression. Each card has a thin border with partial opacity – typically gray by default, which on hover or focus becomes a

brighter cyan/blue glow (hover:border-cyan-500/30). This interactive border effect cues users that the card (or its contents) is active or can be interacted with. Shadows are used to elevate cards slightly: a soft drop shadow (often tinted, e.g., shadow-cyan-500/50) gives the card a subtle neon backglow. This creates depth in the dark UI and aligns with the cyberpunk aesthetic of SouthernCross (glowing edges and shadows).

- **Hover and Transition Effects:** Smooth transitions are a hallmark of the design, making the interface feel responsive and modern:
 - **Buttons:** All buttons and clickable elements feature hover transitions – color changes, scale, and shadow. For example, primary buttons use Tailwind's transition-all duration-200 to animate the background gradient shift and an icon "bump" (the icon grows slightly on hover). This provides immediate feedback on interactivity.
 - **Links and list items:** Text that's hoverable (like filter options or navigation links) will change color on hover (gray to white, or cyan to white). A common pattern is using group-hover classes: e.g., list items in the Key Features list have a cyan dot that turns brighter and the text that turns white on hover.
 - **Pulsing highlights:** The design uses **pulse animations** for live indicators and loading states. The "Live" status dot gently pulses (via animate-pulse class) to draw attention. Similarly, background decorative orbs (blobs) in gradients have pulse animations and slow movements to make the background come alive (as seen on the main portal screen). These animations are subtle enough not to distract from data.
 - **Modal and overlay transitions:** If any modal (like an onboarding overlay or help popup) is used, it will fade in/out with a backdrop blur (backdrop-blur-sm) and opacity transition, consistent with the login modal style in the portal.
- **Gradients and Decorative Elements:** In addition to major gradients (headers, buttons), the background may include decorative **gradient particle effects** like glowing circles or a grid. The SouthernCross portal often has animated gradient circles in the background. We can incorporate a few faint, oversized gradient circles (cyan/blue/purple with low opacity) in the dashboard background to add visual interest. These should be subtle (opacity 5-10%, heavily blurred) and perhaps animated (slowly pulsing or moving) so the interface doesn't feel static. Moreover, key lines or separators might use gradient accents – e.g., a horizontal rule that is a gradient line fading out at edges.
- **Side Panel Styling:** Side panels (for overview, filters, or key metrics) will use the same card style but possibly with a slightly different accent to distinguish from the main charts. For instance, the **Key Metrics** card could have green accents for positive metrics (like "Uptime 99.8%" shown in green), whereas the main data charts use cyan/blue for neutrality. The side panel sections will be stacked with space-y-6 or similar, so each card is separated. Titles like "Key Features" and "Performance Metrics" in those cards use Lucide icons (Code and BarChart3 respectively) and are styled consistently with main cards.

- **Compliance with SouthernCross Theme:** We will reuse exact class patterns from the DemoMenu where possible. For example, the container classes bg-gray-800/50 backdrop-blur-sm border border-gray-600/50 rounded-lg p-6 hover:border-cyan-500/30 transition-colors are a base for many cards, ensuring our new components look the same. The **gradient header bars** (semi-transparent dark with blur and cyan border) we implement mimic the portal header. The **Lucide icon usage in headers** (icon + h3) matches the style in existing demos. By following these patterns, the demo will not look like an isolated prototype but rather an integrated part of the SouthernCross AI Solutions showroom.

In summary, the style ethos is **modern, sleek, and slightly futuristic**: dark UI with neon accents, smooth animations, and a coherent iconography. The result should be a dashboard that is not only informative but also visually impressive, aligning with SouthernCross.ai's branding of "Next-Generation Enterprise Solutions".

6. [Optional] UX Writing Guidance

Clear and concise microcopy will enhance the user experience, guiding users through the demo. Below are examples of UX writing for various elements:

- **Tooltips:** Provide helpful context without jargon. For instance:
 - On a **filter label** "Stage": Tooltip text could be "*Select cancer stage to filter eligible patients (I = early, IV = advanced)*".
 - On a **biomarker chart** title: "*Biomarker Distribution – Shows frequency of key genetic markers among trial participants.*"
 - Hovering over an adverse event bar might show "*5 patients experienced Nausea (Grade 1-2)*" for clarity.
 - A tooltip on the "Compliance" indicator could read "*All trial data shown here is fictional and compliant with privacy standards.*"

These tooltips should be brief (a short phrase or single sentence) and appear on hover or tap.
- **Tab Labels:** Use self-explanatory names (as outlined in the layout). For example:
 - **Overview:** (*default summary view*)
 - **Matching:** or **Patient Matching** – to indicate the patient search tool.
 - **Biomarkers:** – users familiar with trials know this term; others can hover for "Biological markers (e.g. mutations)".
 - **Tumor Metrics:** – clear to specialists; could alternatively say "Efficacy" or "Tumor Response" if more clarity needed.
 - **Outcomes:** – shorthand for patient-reported outcomes.

- **Safety:** – covers adverse events and infections.
The labels are Capitalized, matching the tone of other demos. If space is an issue, we can use one-word labels and rely on icons and tooltips for clarity.
- **Filters & Form Text:** Use instructive placeholders and labels:
 - Search bars might show placeholder text like “Search by Patient ID or criteria...” (if a free-text search exists).
 - Dropdown filters should have an initial option like “Select Cancer Type” instead of a blank. Multi-select chips could have a prefix label, e.g., **Filters:** [Lung Cancer][Stage III].
 - A date range filter (if any) might say “Choose Date Range”.
 - Ensure any units are mentioned in label: e.g., “PD-L1 \geq (%)” with a tooltip “Tumor proportion score”.
 - If no filters are applied, a small note can say “No filters applied – showing all patients” for transparency.
- **Buttons:** Action buttons should have clear verbs:
 - **Start Demo** – already in use for launching (with perhaps a tooltip “Initialize the interactive demo”).
 - **Export CSV / Export PDF** – explicitly state format. A tooltip on these could say “Download raw data (CSV)” or “Download summary report (PDF)”.
 - **Apply Filters** (if we use an explicit apply button on mobile, for example) or **Reset Filters** – to clear all filters (with a tooltip “Clear all selection criteria”).
 - **Next / Back** – in any onboarding wizard or multi-step form.
 - If there’s a button to simulate new data (for demo purposes), label it fun but clear: e.g., **“Simulate Update”** with subtext “Trigger a new fake patient update”.
- **Notifications & Alerts:** If the system flags something (compliance issue or error):
 - For a protocol deviation alert on the compliance panel: “⚠ Protocol Deviation: 1 patient did not meet eligibility age.” This message is concise and uses an emoji or icon to draw attention.
 - If an export is done: show a toast “📁 CSV exported successfully.” (It might auto-hide after a few seconds.)
 - On matching no patients: “No patients found matching all criteria.” Possibly followed by “Try broadening your filters.”
 - For data updates: “New adverse event recorded for Patient P045.” might scroll in a ticker or appear briefly, to illustrate real-time data flow (purely cosmetic in demo).

- If there's a loading state: “*Loading data, please wait...*” or playful “*Crunching numbers...*” with an animated ellipsis.
- **Compliance and Data Privacy Notices:** Since this is a demo, we should include a short blurb in the UI about data privacy:
 - E.g., in the footer or an info icon: “*Demo data is fictitious. No real patient information is used.*”
 - When hovering the compliance panel title, a tooltip might add: “*All participant data is anonymized according to HIPAA/GDPR guidelines.*”
 - If the user attempts an action that in reality would require permission (like viewing sensitive info), we could pop up “*Access restricted in demo mode.*” but that might not be needed if we don't simulate restricted data.

Tone-wise, the microcopy should maintain a **professional, reassuring tone** (appropriate for clinical context) but also be approachable. For example, use plain language (“dropout” instead of “early termination”) unless the audience expects technical terms. Given the users are researchers/doctors, we can include technical terms but always with explanation available. Consistency is key: if we say “patients” in one place, don't call them “subjects” elsewhere, etc.

7. [Optional] Onboarding Flow Suggestions

For first-time users of the demo, a brief guided onboarding can help them understand the interface and features. We propose an **interactive walkthrough** that triggers when the demo is first launched (with the option to skip):

1. **Welcome Modal:** Upon clicking “Start Demo”, overlay the interface with a semi-transparent dark backdrop and a centered welcome card. This modal can say: “*Welcome to the Clinical Trial Dashboard Demo! This guided tour will highlight key features. Use the Next button to navigate, or Skip to explore on your own.*” Include a friendly icon (like a 🙌 or the SouthernCross logo) and a clear “**Start Tour**” button. The style should match the portal's modal (blurred background, rounded border). If skipped, just close and let them use the app freely.
2. **Step 1 – Overview Highlight:** The tour first highlights the top **Header and Summary panel**. For example, a tooltip or speech-bubble near the header might point and say: “*Here you can see the trial title, phase, and overall enrollment status at a glance.*” Another pointer might indicate the Live badge: “*The green ‘Live’ indicator shows the dashboard is updating in real-time.*” We can use a glowing outline or arrow to draw attention to these elements. The rest of the screen is dimmed to focus the user's eye.
3. **Step 2 – Patient Matching:** Next, the guide highlights the **Patient Matching module** (perhaps automatically switching to the Matching tab if not already open). It might circle the filter panel and explain: “*Use these filters to find patients who meet the trial criteria. Try filtering by cancer type or biomarker!*” Then point to the patient list: “*Matching results will appear here in real-time. Select a patient to view eligibility details.*” We can even prompt the user to interact: e.g., a pulsing highlight on the “Cancer Type” dropdown to encourage

clicking it. The tour could pause until the user performs the action or allow a Next click to proceed regardless.

4. **Step 3 – Data Tabs:** The tour then shifts to the data visualization. It could automatically switch to the “Tumor Metrics” tab (or another) and highlight a chart. For instance: “*This chart shows tumor size changes for each patient. Blue bars indicate tumor shrinkage, red bars indicate growth.*” An arrow might point to a specific bar and its tooltip: “*Hover over a bar to see details.*” Another highlight on the Biomarkers tab label: “*You can switch tabs to view different aspects like Biomarkers, Outcomes, and Safety data.*”
5. **Step 4 – Interaction and Export:** Emphasize interactive elements. Highlight a filter or legend and say: “*Charts update instantly when you apply filters. Try toggling this legend item to isolate data.*” Then indicate the Export buttons: “*Use these buttons to download the data or charts (CSV/PDF) for further analysis.*” If applicable, mention any compliance panel or special feature: “*This Compliance panel tracks protocol adherence and alerts.*”
6. **Step 5 – Conclusion:** Finally, the tour would highlight perhaps a help icon or just conclude with a message: “*That’s the basics! You can now explore the demo. If you need to restart this tour, click the ‘Help’ icon.*” Then a “**Finish**” button to end the tour. At this point, remove the overlay.

During the onboarding, we use concise instructions and highlight one concept at a time to avoid overwhelming the user. We also ensure the style of the tour popups matches the UI (dark theme with cyan accents, maybe white text, and small arrows or pointers). We might implement the tour using a React library or custom overlay divs that advance on click.

Additionally, we can incorporate some *delight*: for example, when the user successfully applies a filter during the tour, a small confirmation could appear (“Good job! 3 patients found.”). This keeps the tour engaging.

Onboarding triggers: The tour should launch automatically only the first time (we could simulate this by storing a flag in local state). Also provide a way to exit anytime (an “X” or “Skip Tour” visible link) so users don’t feel trapped.

By introducing the dashboard’s features step-by-step, first-time users (be it a demo viewer or a non-technical stakeholder) can quickly grasp how to use the patient matching and interpret the visualizations. This reduces the learning curve and showcases the value of the tool right away. Once familiar, users can navigate freely and experiment with the demo’s interactive features with confidence.

With these comprehensive requirements and design guidelines, the development team can proceed to implement the Clinical Trial Dashboard & Patient Matching demo. The end result will be a feature-rich, visually engaging web application that effectively demonstrates how AI-driven tools can facilitate clinical trial management and patient recruitment in a realistic, yet fictitious, scenario. All the while, it adheres to the SouthernCross.ai branding and provides an intuitive experience for all its likely users.

