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***The Use of Electronic Metadata: Panel Discussion***

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**ABSTRACT**

This panel discussion will focus on using electronic metadata in the areas of dataset creation, production of displays (tables, figures, listings), data transformations (such as converting operational data to the CDISC SDTM standard), and using metadata effectively to manage the entire life cycle of a project. Topics to be discussed will include:

1. The rationale for developing a metadata based system. What business goals/problems did your system address? What were you hoping to improve?
2. How did you decide on the initial version?
3. What solution/system did you decide on?
4. What other solutions did you consider?
5. Rationale for choosing a particular solution?
6. Have you implemented DEFINE.XML or PDF with your data?
7. How do you generate your DEFINE.XML or PDF?
8. Do you use DEFINE.XML other than for electronic submission?
9. What tools or method do you use to verify the validity of your DEFINE.XML?
10. Implementation
11. Results
  - a. Efficiencies gained
  - b. Metrics demonstrating improvement
  - c. What got worse
  - d. Problems/snags
  - e. Implementation issues
12. Change management
  - a. Has the scope changed over time?
  - b. How has the system changed over time?
  - c. How was change managed?
13. Future plans—given where you are now, where do you want to end up?

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