To assure site readiness, sponsors must often supply non-drug, ancillary supplies, equipment, and study-related documents. Product and equipment sourcing and distribution must be carefully coordinated and stock control closely managed. In most clinical trials, the amount of these essential ancillary supplies is often underestimated and few sponsors have centralized the sourcing and distribution of such supplies.

YOUR ANCILLARY SUPPLY STRATEGY STARTS AT PLANNING AND FEASIBILITY

Providing ancillary supplies for a worldwide study requires in-depth knowledge of the regulations regarding those supplies around the globe. It also requires a global awareness of manufacturer’s products and materials and their availability. Not all supplies can be shipped or imported to certain countries and must be locally sourced. Many times specific materials (such as IV bags, lines and pumps) are not available in certain countries and alternative, acceptable substitutes must be identified and purchased. Meeting study milestones and timelines is a high priority when formulating a strategy for clinical supplies.

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PAREXEL offers global expertise to plan your ancillary supply sourcing and distribution strategy the moment you begin your program. We encourage sponsors to engage us at protocol development or earlier to properly plan timelines and mitigate risk. We take pride in our proactive approach to ensure strategic planning and execution is integrated into the entire trial process. Our supply team can purchase supplies on a global or local basis as required for each study. For program level strategies with projects that share supplies, countries and supplies, we can help design a pooled supply inventory strategy that drives efficiencies and cost savings. This enables you to balance the cost of your ancillary supplies, delivery logistics and storage, to ensure your project runs lean while guaranteeing treatment and supply continuity.

Whether you are a large, global pharmaceutical company with decades of experience, or an emerging biotechnology company with no in-house supply chain expertise, PAREXEL’s Ancillary Supplies experts can help you plan and execute your entire clinical trials supplies process to make it more efficient and cost-effective.

**SOURCING, MANUFACTURING AND PACKAGING STRATEGICALLY—STUDY IN A BOX**

Depending on the types of ancillary supplies, the location of trial sites, and the patients being recruited, PAREXEL will help you determine your ancillary supply strategy and whether sourcing locally or globally makes sense for your trial. We provide both local and global sourcing and procurement support and can manage suppliers, contracts, rate cards, scorecards and benchmark performance.

PAREXEL consolidates ancillary and lab supplies into a “Study in a Box” at its strategically located global depots. Each “Study in a Box” can contain complete investigator and patient kits with all IMPs and ancillary supplies needed to conduct your study. By centralizing manufacturing and sourcing, we reduce the risk of misplaced materials, significantly reduce shipping costs and increase inventory transparency.
SOLVING INDUSTRY DISTRIBUTION AND STORAGE CHALLENGES AROUND THE WORLD

PAREXEL has 55+ strategically located depots designed specifically for clinical research and operates facilities to store and distribute clinical trial materials. Audited by both our clients and our internal quality assurance teams, these depots are located throughout North America, Latin America, Europe, Africa and the Asia Pacific Region.

In many regions, PAREXEL’s Ancillary Supplies staff serve as importer of record. We enable the import of medical equipment, prototype systems and devices from non-European Union regions. PAREXEL’s global footprint and expertise enables us to manage your project no matter where your clinical sites and patients are located.

These depots use PAREXEL’s proprietary eLogistics solutions to manage the flow of ancillary supplies across your entire supply chain and to monitor and manage, in real-time, inventory stocks and expiration dates.

ACCELERATING SITE READINESS THROUGH STORAGE AND INVENTORY CONTROL

With the increasing pressure to deliver clinical studies faster and more efficiently it is essential that your study team have access to ancillary supply inventory information, whether they are conducting smaller regional studies or complex global trials.

PAREXEL’s regional depots, along with our intelligent, fully customizable web-based eLogistics tools provide full clinical supply chain transparency, inventory management, and ancillary supply traceability for end-to-end sample management across the entire life cycle of your trial.
ASSET MANAGEMENT

Too often the return and destruction of laboratory samples or return of expensive equipment is an afterthought. In the rush to get sites up and running and achieve First Patient In (FPI), ancillary supply destruction or equipment return can seem unimportant. PAREXEL’s Ancillary Supplies experts proactively plan these activities to deliver significant efficiencies and cost savings. We take an end-to-end approach to the design of your entire ancillary supply chain to ensure your project is delivered on time and within budget with no surprises at study closure.

CLINICAL SUPPLY CHAIN ANALYTICAL INSIGHTS: ONLY BY PAREXEL

PAREXEL’s Clinical Trial Supplies & Logistics analytics gives you unparalleled visibility and control over your ancillary supply logistics. Our state-of-the-art eLogistics solutions track all ancillary supplies from vendor and sponsor to depot and clinical site through return and destruction during the course of your study and provide insight into operational supply chain performance.

Combined with PAREXEL’s Clinical Trial Supplies & Logistics expertise, our analytic solutions allow you to build supply chain intelligence that can be used to anticipate issues, develop solutions and implement actions to optimize supply levels, reduce costs and enhance future trials.

To learn how PAREXEL’s Ancillary Supplies experts can help you optimize your clinical trial supply chain, visit: www.PAREXEL.com/solutions/clinical-research/clinical-trial-supplies-&-logistics/ancillary-supplies or contact:

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