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pvnet
pvconnect

Benchmarking
Best practice
Prioritising
improvements
Influencing regulators
Identifying and resolving
emerging issues

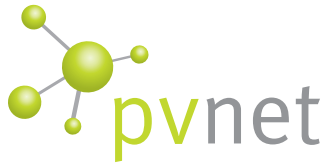
shaping the future of pharmacovigilance

why



**“we have
defined the
future of
drug safety
and how to
get there”**

“we have experience in Adverse Events, Periodic Reporting, Signal Detection and Risk Management”



The purpose of pvnet and pvconnect

While drug safety can be a source of competitive advantage, there is a greater mutual benefit in sharing experience and common challenges. Drug safety people have many opportunities to network at a personal level and in an industry where there are numerous regulations and requirements that broaden and deepen on a daily basis, opportunities for debate with colleagues facing similar issues are vital. There are national and regulatory working groups that enable people to meet and discuss the changing regulations.

The conference circuit is another networking channel, however, although these avenues have proved invaluable for debating and creating a personal network, there is still a need to share actual data and compare detailed levels of activity. With a further need to share ideas on how to tackle the hot issues – rising costs, signal detection and risk management, discuss trends and benchmark performance. If you thought that you had a good process in a certain area, how could you be sure? A more proactive approach was needed. In response in 2001 WCI founded pvnet, a neutral drug safety forum, and now has fourteen leading life science member companies. Members are Global PV Heads from leading pharmaceutical companies responsible for deploying the drug safety strategy within their organisations.

“we balance performance and compliance, enabling our clients to be more effective and efficient in drug safety”

The philosophy behind the forum is to:

- provide a platform for companies to learn and share from one another in an open environment
- provide information to measure operational and organisational performance in a comparable manner
- create a forum for sharing information and to derive best practices to develop the future of PV
- discuss key issues facing drug safety organisations with ‘hot’ topics addressed by action teams
- offer a self assessment of operational performance and organisational health

pvnet is about networking, with the objective of future success for the participating companies; in part this is based on applying what they have learned from the forum to their own organisation. It has proved that networking can successfully improve the quality of pharmacovigilance data which, in turn, can be integrated profitably into the business to improve practice and boost performance.

To complement pvnet, in 2006 pvconnect was launched by WCI. pvconnect is an industry forum focusing on drug safety in mid sized life science companies.



“we facilitated PV forums attended by over 40 life science companies in 2005”

The decision was made in response to feedback from both clients and contacts who wanted a place to meet and an opportunity to discuss advances in their safety.

Membership Benefits

Membership to pvnet/pvconnect provides organisations with an annual Benchmark Assessment, an Interim Forum and an Annual Forum. WCI ensure that confidentiality is maintained through facilitation and validation of pvnet/pvconnect data and enforce a strict Code of Conduct that protects data and forum integrity. Membership offers a number of benefits including;

- the building of company profile and PV function
- the facilitation of strategic thinking
- a quantitative and qualitative performance benchmark
- the bringing to life of best practices
- defines and prioritises improvement initiatives
- independent validation and facilitation

Proof of Solution

“As membership of ‘pvnet’ has grown, so too has the richness of input on established and to-be designed pharmacovigilance processes. The pvnet will remain a tremendous asset to GSK for some years to come.”

Trevor Gibbs, Head of Global Safety, GlaxoSmithKline

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“very informative with excellent opportunities to share experience with colleagues from companies of similar size.”

Paul Branagan, Senior Director of Medical and Scientific Services, Allergan

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