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# Impact REPORT

ANALYSIS AND INSIGHT INTO CRITICAL DRUG DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

## Poor physician and nurse engagement driving low patient recruitment

*Less than 0.2% of patients seen annually are referred into clinical trials*

- Physicians and nurses have a high familiarity and comfort level with clinical trials.
- The majority of physicians refer patients into clinical trials, but the annual number they refer is very low.
- Physicians and nurses cite limited information and time as primary reasons for not referring patients.
- Physicians in community-based practices are more likely to make referrals than those in hospital-based settings.
- MSNs and nurse practitioners make referrals at higher rates than registered nurses.
- Frequency and communication between investigative site staff, physicians, and nurses during and after the clinical trial are lacking.