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ANALYSIS AND INSIGHT INTO CRITICAL DRUG DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

Study monitor workload high & varied with wide disparity by global region

Assessment sets global benchmark for CRA workload and utilization

- Clinical research associates (CRAs) worldwide devote 41% of their time at clinical trial sites, with those based in Europe spending 30% fewer hours on-site than CRAs in North America.
- Sponsor CRAs spend more time than their counterparts at contract research organizations (CROs) conducting on-site monitoring visits, monitoring trials off-site, and handling administrative tasks.
- Half (53%) of CRAs overall rate their work life as good or excellent; those based in Latin America gave the lowest ratings.
- For Phase I studies, CRAs on average conduct 3.8 investigative site visits each month.
- For Phase II-III studies, CRAs on average conduct 7.9 investigative site visits each month.
- CRAs overall have an average of 6.3 years on the job and expect to remain in their position for another 3 years, with both metrics varying widely by region.