

Survey on start-up and fixed fee budget items

This survey was conducted in September and October 2020. US clinical trial sites were invited by email to participate in a web based survey. Seventy sites responded on the invitation. The average number of industry-sponsored trials conducted by the sites during the past three years was 30.5 trials. The results of the survey are provided in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1. Characteristics of the study sites responded on the survey.

Site Type	N	%
Stand Alone	59	84.3
SMO	6	8.6
Trial Network	2	2.9
Other	3	4.3
Total	70	100.0

Clinic Type	N	%
Private Clinic	33	47.1
Dedicated Research Clinic	30	42.9
Academic	4	5.7
Other	2	2.9
Hospital	1	1.4
Total	70	100.0

Budget Responsible Person	N	%
Business Person	27	38.6
Nurse / Coordinator	20	28.6
Investigator	14	20.0
Other	9	12.9
Total	70	100.0

Table 2. Summary results for the cost items included in the survey.

Cost Item	N	Mean	Percentiles		
			25%	50%	75%
Indirect Fee (%)	70	26	25	30	31
Investigator Hourly Fee (\$US)	70	222	150	200	275
Nurse Hourly Fee (\$US)	70	108	70	120	150
Initial Research Administrative Fee (\$US)	70	3,975	2,000	4,000	5,000
Initial Research Pharmacy Fee (\$US)	70	1,297	1,000	1,225	1,750
Annual Archiving Fee (\$US)	70	1,107	500	1,000	1,500
Close Out Visit Fee (\$US)	70	1,759	1,000	1,500	2,250