

What Am I Missing Here?

Thought-Provoking Questions for the Clinical Research Industry

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Based on anecdotal evidence, there appears to be an epidemic of inexperienced, poorly trained site monitors. Given recent industry growth, it might be that study sponsors and CROs are anxious to start new studies, causing them to hire site monitors with inadequate training or questionable track records. Or, continuing pressure to reduce costs might be driving unfortunate economizing. Whatever the reason, there are consequences. How do we find the time to fix problems but not to prevent them in the first place? What am I missing here?

Do you know a better way? Is something getting under your skin? Please send your ideas for future columns to ngoldfarb@firstclinical.com.

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