Plain Language Clinical Trial Result Summaries: Are Participants Getting It?

**Question 1**
Are plain language clinical trial result summaries from corporate sponsors available online for clinical trial participants and members of the public?

**Methods**
- ClinicalTrials.gov

**Findings**
- 53.4% PLCTRS Available
- 46.6% PLCTRS Not Available

While some industry sponsors are developing and disseminating plain language clinical trial result summaries, many still are not.

**Conclusions**
To support patient engagement, clinical trial recruitment, and clinical trial perceptions and attitudes, more corporate sponsors and clinical researchers should work towards developing plain language clinical trial result summaries. Templates and SOPs could ameliorate gaps in plain language accessibility.

**Question 2**
To what extent is plain language used within an academic setting by clinical research professionals?

**Methods**
- Administered in-person survey to clinical research professionals – clinical research coordinators, data managers, sponsors, auditors, monitors, Institutional Review Board reviewers, investigators, and students.

**Survey Questions**
- Does your clinical research team have dedicated personnel that develop plain language of study results?
- Does your clinical research team have dedicated personnel that disseminate plain language of study results?
- Would guidance through SOPs/templates help your clinical research team develop plain language study results?
- Would guidance through SOPs/templates help your clinical research team disseminate plain language study results?

**Findings**
- 31.7% Do Not Have Personnel
- 28.8% Have Personnel
- 39.4% Do Not Know
- 63.5% Would Benefit From Templates/SOPs
- 34.6% Do Not Know

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