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BACKGROUND

Our client, a global pharmaceutical company undertook a strategic move to expand its portfolio by acquiring two companies. These acquisitions promised enhanced market reach and a diversified product line. However, integrating the pharmacovigilance systems of these entities into client existing framework posed significant challenges.

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

Data fragmentation: Each of the three companies had unique pharmacovigilance databases. A fragmented approach would lead to inefficiencies and potential compliance issues.

Diverse regulatory frameworks: Each acquired company, having operated in different markets, adhered to slightly different regulatory protocols. This diversity risked non-compliance during integration.

Operational challenges: Three systems meant three sets of procedures, reporting mechanisms, and data handling methods. There was significant potential for data loss and duplication of efforts.

Training and adaptation: With the merging of teams, there were anticipated challenges related to onboarding, training, and familiarizing staff with new or altered processes.

BUSINESS SOLUTION

Creation of a unified pharmacovigilance system: We embarked on a mission to amalgamate the databases. Data fields were mapped, discrepancies addressed, and the data migration was done successfully in Argus safety data base system which we host for our client.

Harmonized regulatory strategy: A team of experts was dedicated to understanding, reconciling, and unifying the different safety reporting practices of each entity. This ensured compliance across all jurisdictions.

Operational streamlining: Processes were examined, redundancies eliminated, and a clear, streamlined workflow was established. Automation tools were introduced to handle repetitive tasks.

Intensive training programs: Cross-company training sessions ensured that all staff were comfortable and proficient with the new system. Collaboration tools were introduced to foster teamwork and communication among the formerly separate teams.

RESULTS

Efficient integration: In just 3 months, we successfully integrated the pharmacovigilance systems of all the two other companies without any data loss.

Robust compliance: Post-integration, 100% regulatory compliance was met.

Operational excellence: The unified system led to a 50% increase in operational efficiency, reducing overheads and increasing data accuracy.

Employee satisfaction: Post-training feedback highlighted the effectiveness of the integration process. Employees felt empowered, confident, and valued the seamless communication channels established.







CONCLUSION

The world of pharmaceutical M&A is filled with complexity, particularly when it comes to integrating vital functions like pharmacovigilance. This case exemplifies how strategic planning, collaboration, and expert implementation can navigate these complexities, leading to enhanced efficiency, compliance, and team harmony.

WHO WE ARE

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Intricate and deep-rooted knowledge of the subject and the international regulations will ensure that you are delivered services of the highest order within the stringent timelines.



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