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Clinical Trial Simulation

Pharsight Trial Simulator

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History of Pharsight

- Pharsoft founded by Camilla Olsen in early 1996
 - Name still used by Pharsight (Jan 2012)

Pharsoft Corporation

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<http://www.pharsight.com>

- Idea proposed by Carl Peck to Camilla Olsen when attempts to commercialize NONMEM with Beal & Sheiner fell through
- Pharsight "Trial Designer" was originally based on a simulation engine licensed from the Right Dose First Time (RIDO) project which was developed at the University of Auckland (Nick Holford)

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Trial Design

Pharsight Trial Designer, requirements: pentium 90, 33 MB, SVGA monitor with 800 × 600 pixels and 256 colors, CD-ROM drive (required for installation), 32-bit Windows operating systems (Windows 95, 98, NT 3.51, or 4.0), 16 MB RAM for 95, 20 MB for NT 3.51, and 32 for NT 4.0, Microsoft Visual C++ (4.2 for NT 3.51 or 5.0 for NT 4.0 or 95) to create user-defined model components and to link to SAS, PC SAS version 6.12 or later installed as an OLE automation server; \$7500, special educational pricing available; Mountain View, Calif, Pharsight Corp, 888-708-7444, info@pharsight.com.

INTRODUCTION: DRUG DEVELOPMENT IS BIGGER and bigger business. The average cost of a compound is now \$300 million, and the clinical trials to get the drug ap-

Discussion: This is not a program to open nonchalantly. It requires a change of mindset and a commitment to learn. Are two days worth the investment in planning a better study? For small studies, perhaps not, but for large studies, and, perhaps more importantly, for a sequence of studies, this sort of structured thinking can only improve the quality of studies. It does not replace the need for a statistician to help decide which design is appropriate. There is no intelligent help to aid you in deciding which design is needed for which phase of the research program.

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A Key Insight from Lewis Sheiner More than One Model!

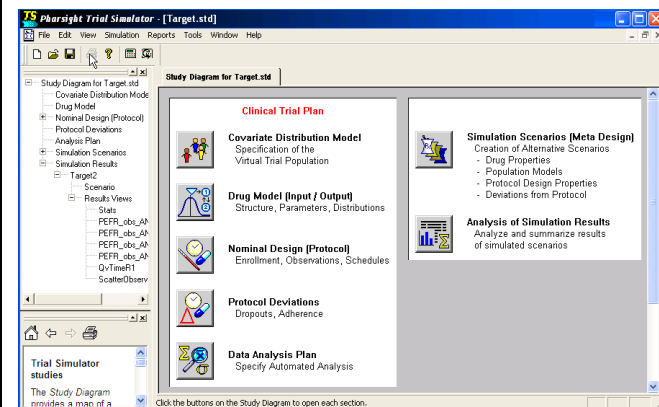
- Covariate Distribution Model
 - Distribution of age, sex, renal function, etc.
 - Create simulated “individuals”
- Input-Output (‘Drug Model’)
 - Mechanistic (PKPD) preferred
 - Individual and Observation stochastic elements
- Nominal Protocol Model
 - The ideal world
 - Patients, treatments, observations
- Trial Execution Model
 - Compliance, dropouts, missing samples
 - Costs

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What is the Trial Simulator?



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The Covariate Model

The screenshot shows the 'Covariate Distribution Model' configuration window in Pharsight Trial Simulator. The window has tabs for 'Covariates', 'Distributions', and 'Continuous'. Under 'Specify Covariates', there are two entries: 'Age' with a discrete unit of 'yr' and 'BodyWeight' with a discrete unit of 'kg'. Below this, there is a section for 'Define Sub-Populations' with a 'Default1' dropdown and 'Add' and 'Remove' buttons. A 'Covariates' panel on the left indicates that the covariate distribution model defines a set of 'Ready'.

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The Drug Model

The screenshot displays the 'Drug Model' block diagram in Pharsight Trial Simulator. The diagram shows a flow from 'Theo12' and 'Theo24' (Formulation) through 'Abs. Cpt.' to 'Resins'. From 'Resins', the flow goes to 'Volume' and 'Elim. Cpt.'. There are also inputs for 'V_wthin' and 'Cl_wthin'. The diagram includes various mathematical symbols and parameters like 'K12_between', 'K24_between', 'V_wthin', 'Cl_wthin', 'meanCL', 'population', and 'Elim. Cpt.'. A 'Response' block is shown at the end of the flow, with an 'error CCostr' input.

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The Nominal Design Model

The screenshot shows the 'Nominal Design Model' configuration window in Pharsight Trial Simulator. The window has tabs for 'Drug Model', 'Covariate Distributions', 'Protocol Summary', 'Observations', 'Assignment', and 'Study Timeline'. The 'Study Timeline' tab is active, showing a 'Timeline of dosing and sampling events for the scenario'. Below this, there is a table for 'Period 1 (2Wk 5Dy)' with columns for 'Phase', 'Sequence #', 'Treatments / Observations', and 'Weeks'. The table shows two sequences: 'Active Sequence 1' and 'Sequence 2', with treatments 'Theo12 BID, Theo24 QD' and 'Theo24 400 mg' respectively. A note at the bottom states: 'Note: A phase starts immediately after the preceding phase ends. To change start time of a phase, adjust preceding phase's length.'

