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Title Template for Clinical Trial Protocol

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Description Contains an R Markdown template for a clinical trial protocol adhering to the SPIRIT statement. The SPIRIT (Standard Protocol Items for Interventional Trials) statement outlines recommendations for a minimum set of elements to be addressed in a clinical trial protocol. Also contains functions to create a xml document from the template and upload it to clinicaltrials.gov https://www.clinicaltrials.gov/ for trial registration.
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add_functions	Add arms, interventions and outcomes to an existing xml document for upload to clinicaltrials.gov

Description

These functions add arms, interventions, primary and secondary outcomes as well as conditions and keywords to an xml document created using the create_ctxml() function. Calls to these functions should not be assigned to an object.

Usage

```
add_arm(ctxml, arm_label, arm_type, arm_desc)
add_intervention(ctxml, int_name, int_type, int_desc, arm_label)
add_pr_outcome(ctxml, name, time, description)
add_sec_outcome(ctxml, name, time, description)
add_condition(ctxml, condition)
add_keyword(ctxml, keyword)
```

Arguments

ctxml	A xml document generated from the create_ctxml() function
arm_label	Label assigned to arm of clinical trial. Arm means a pre-specified group or subgroup of participant(s) in a clinical trial assigned to receive specific intervention(s) (or no intervention).
arm_type	Either Experimental, Active comparator, Placebo Comparator, Sham Comparator, No Intervention, or Other.
arm_desc	Description of the arm.
int_name	Name of the intervention. For a drug, it is the generic name.
int_type	Drug, Device, Biological/Vaccine, Procedure/Surgery, Radiation, Behavioural, Genetic, Dietary Supplement, Combination Product, Diagnostic Test, or Other.
int_desc	Other details about the intervention not included in name.
name	Name of outome measure.
time	Time point(s) at which the measurement is assessed.
description	Other details about the outcome measure not included in the name
condition	MeSH term for condition being studied in the trial, or Focus of the Study
keyword	Words or phrases that best describe the protocol. Keywords help users find studies in the database.

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Details

• add_arm(): Adds an xml nodespace containing information about the arm name, type and description to the xml document.

- add_intervention(): Adds an xml nodespace containing information about the intervention name, type, description and arm it is associated with to the xml document.
- add_pr_outcome(): Adds an xml nodespace containing information about the outcome name, time frame for measurement and additional descriptive details to the xml document.
- add_sec_outcome(): Adds an xml nodespace containing information about the outcome name, time frame for measurement and additional descriptive details to the xml document.
- add_condition(): Adds an xml nodespace containing a MeSH term for the condition being studied in the trial, or Focus of the Study to the xml document.
- add_keyword(): Adds an xml nodespace containing a Words or phrases that best describe the protocol. Keywords help users find studies in the database to the xml document.

Value

A xml document

```
args_ctxml <- list(</pre>
org_name = "UHNToronto",
org_study_id = "Foo trial 20190806",
brief_title = "Foo trial to test auto upload 20190806",
study_acronym = "N/A",
official_title = "Foo trial to test auto upload: A randomized trial new 20190806",
agency = "Aaron Conway",
resp_party_type = "Sponsor-Investigator",
investigator_username = "aconway",
investigator_title ="Assistant Professor",
brief_summary = "Lay summary here",
start_date = "2019-10",
primary\_compl = "2020-12",
study\_compl = "2020-12",
int_subtype = "Health Services Research",
phase = "N/A",
assignment = "Parallel",
allocation = "Randomized",
no_masking = "False",
masked_subject = "True"
masked_caregiver = "True"
masked_investigator = "True",
masked_assessor = "True",
number_arms = 2,
sample_size = "40",
eligibility_criteria = "Inclusion Criteria
- Adults
Exclusion Criteria
```

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```
- Children",
healthy_volunteers = "No",
genders_included = "Both",
gender_based = "No",
min_age = "1 years",
max_age = "N/A",
#Central contact
contact_first_name = "Aaron",
contact_last_name = "Conway",
contact_degrees = "PhD",
contact_phone = "649-728-8499",
contact_email = "aaron.conway@utoronto.ca",
#Overall official
official_first_name = "Aaron",
official_last_name ="Conway",
official_degrees = "PhD",
official_affiliation = "UHN",
official_role = "Study Principal Investigator",
#Sharing statements
ipd_sharing = "Yes",
ipd_description = "details",
ipd_protocol = "True",
ipd_sap = "True",
ipd_icf = "True",
ipd_csr = "True"
ipd_code = "True",
ipd_time = "details",
ipd_criteria = "details",
ipd_url = "http://www.aaronconway.info"
)
ctxml <- do.call(create_ctxml, args_ctxml)</pre>
 add_arm(ctxml = ctxml,
         arm_label = "Standard",
         arm_type = "Active Comparator",
         arm_desc = "Manual upload to registry")
add_intervention(ctxml = ctxml,
                 int_type = "Device",
                 int_name = "Registry entry",
                 int_desc = "The usual way to enter to the registry",
                 arm_label = "Standard")
add_pr_outcome(ctxml = ctxml,
               name = "correct upload",
               time = "As measured",
               description = "Insert description about the measure.")
add_sec_outcome(ctxml = ctxml,
                name = "time to upload",
                time = "As measured",
```

create_ctxml

Creates xml document for upload to clinicaltrials.gov

Description

This function will create an xml document conforming to clinicaltrials.gov requirements for automatic upload to the registry

Usage

```
create_ctxml(org_name, org_study_id, brief_title, study_acronym,
  official_title, agency, resp_party_type, investigator_username,
  investigator_title, brief_summary, start_date, study_compl,
  primary_compl, int_subtype, phase, assignment, allocation, no_masking,
  masked_subject, masked_caregiver, masked_investigator, masked_assessor,
  number_arms, sample_size, eligibility_criteria, healthy_volunteers,
  genders_included, gender_based, min_age, max_age, official_first_name,
  official_last_name, official_degrees, official_role,
  official_affiliation, contact_first_name, contact_last_name,
  contact_degrees, contact_phone, contact_email, ipd_sharing,
  ipd_description, ipd_protocol, ipd_sap, ipd_icf, ipd_csr, ipd_code,
  ipd_time, ipd_criteria, ipd_url)
```

Arguments

org_name	The code for the organisation name associated with your PRS clinicaltrials.gov log-in details.	
org_study_id	Must be a unique study number from the organization. Sometimes it is the number associated with the funding received or submission for institutional approval.	
brief_title	Brief title for the study with a limit of 300 characters	
study_acronym	limit to 14 characters or enter n/a	
official_title	Study title limited to 600 characters	
agency	Name of the lead sponsor. This would be the name of the principal investigator if it is a Sponsor-Investigator trial.	
resp_party_type		
	Either: Sponsor; Principal Investigator (responsible party designated by spon-	

sor) or Sponsor-Investigator (individual who initiates and conducts study).

investigator_username

The username associated with your clinicaltrials.gov log-in

investigator_title

Offical title e.g. Assistant Professor

brief_summary A short description of the clinical study, including a brief statement of the clini-

cal study's hypothesis, written in language intended for the lay public. Limit is

5000 characters.

start_date Anticipated start date written in yyyy-mm format

study_compl The anticipated date (written in yyyy-mm) that the final participant was exam-

ined or received an intervention for purposes of final collection of data

primary_compl Anticipated date written in yyyy-mm-dd format. The date that the final partici-

pant was examined or received an intervention for the purposes of final collec-

tion of data for the primary outcome.

int_subtype Either: Treatment; Prevention; Diagnostic; Supportive Care; Screening; Health

Services Research; Basic Science; Device Feasibility; or Other.

phase Either: N/A (for trials that do not involve drug or biologic products); Early Phase

1; Phase 1/Phase 2; Phase 2; Phase 2; Phase 3; Phase 3; or Phase 4.

assignment Either: Single group; Parallel; Crossover; Factorial; or Sequential.

allocation Either: Randomized; or Non-randomized.

no_masking True/False masked_subject True/False

masked_caregiver

True/False

masked_investigator

True/False

masked_assessor

True/False

pant(s) in a clinical trial assigned to receive specific intervention(s) (or no inter-

vention) according to a protocol.

sample_size Planned sample size

eligibility_criteria

Textbox containing both inclusion and exclusion criteria

healthy_volunteers

Trial is recruiting healthy volunteers for participation. Answer is either: Yes; or

No.

genders_included

Either: Female; Male; or Both.

gender_based If applicable, indicate if eligibility is based on self-representation of gender iden-

titiy. Answer is either: Yes; or No.

min_age Numeric with years - e.g. 16 years or 'N/A (No Limit)'

max_age Numeric with years - e.g. 80 years or 'N/A (No Limit)'

official_first_name

Overall official first name

official_last_name

Overall official last name

official_degrees

Overall official degrees/qualifications

official_role Either: Study Chair; Study Director or Study Principal Investigator.

official_affiliation

Full name of the official's organization. If none, specify Unaffiliated.

contact_first_name

Central contact first name

contact_last_name

Central contact last name

contact_degrees

Central contact's degrees/qualifications

contact_phone Central contact phone number

contact_email Central contact email

ipd_sharing Indicate whether there is a plan to make individual participant data (IPD) col-

lected in this study, including data dictionaries, available to other researchers

(typically after the end of the study). Either: Yes; No; Undecided.

ipd_description

If yes, describe the IPD sharing plan, including what IPD are to be shared with

other researchers.

ipd_protocol Study protocol to be shared: True/False

ipd_sap Statistical analysis plan to be shared: True/False

ipd_icf Information consent form to be shared: True/False

ipd_csr Clinical study report to be shared: True/False

ipd_code Analytic code to be shared: True/False

ipd_time A description of when the IPD and any additional supporting information will

become available and for how long, including the start and end dates or period

of availability. Limit 1000 characters.

ipd_criteria Describe by what access criteria IPD and any additional supporting information

will be shared, including with whom, for what types of analyses, and by what

mechanism. Limit 1000 characters.

ipd_url The web address, if any, used to find additional information about the plan to

share IPD.

Value

A xml document

```
args_ctxml <- list(</pre>
org_name = "UHNToronto",
org_study_id = "Foo trial 20190806",
brief_title = "Foo trial to test auto upload 20190806",
study_acronym = "N/A",
official_title = "Foo trial to test auto upload: A randomized trial new 20190806",
agency = "Aaron Conway",
resp_party_type = "Sponsor-Investigator",
investigator_username = "aconway",
investigator_title ="Assistant Professor",
brief_summary = "Lay summary here",
start_date = "2019-10",
primary_compl = "2020-12",
study\_compl = "2020-12",
int_subtype = "Health Services Research",
phase = "N/A",
assignment = "Parallel",
allocation = "Randomized",
no_masking = "False",
masked_subject = "True"
masked_caregiver = "True"
masked_investigator = "True",
masked_assessor = "True",
number_arms = 2,
sample_size = "40",
eligibility_criteria = "Inclusion Criteria
Exclusion Criteria
- Children",
healthy_volunteers = "No",
genders_included = "Both",
gender_based = "No",
min_age = "1 years",
max_age = "N/A",
#Central contact
contact_first_name = "Aaron",
contact_last_name = "Conway",
contact_degrees = "PhD",
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official_first_name = "Aaron",
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official_affiliation = "UHN",
official_role = "Study Principal Investigator",
#Sharing statements
ipd_sharing = "Yes",
ipd_description = "details",
ipd_protocol = "True",
ipd_sap = "True",
```

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```
ipd_icf = "True",
ipd_csr = "True",
ipd_code = "True",
ipd_time = "details",
ipd_criteria = "details",
ipd_url = "http://www.aaronconway.info"
)
ctxml <- do.call(create_ctxml, args_ctxml)</pre>
```

print_ctxml

Print xml document created using spiritR

Description

This function allows you to easily view the structure of the xml document generated using the create_ctxml() function

Usage

```
print_ctxml(ctxml)
```

Arguments

ctxml

The xml document generated by a call to create ctxml()

```
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official_title = "Foo trial to test auto upload: A randomized trial new 20190806",
agency = "Aaron Conway",
resp_party_type = "Sponsor-Investigator",
investigator_username = "aconway",
investigator_title ="Assistant Professor",
brief_summary = "Lay summary here",
start_date = "2019-10",
primary_compl = "2020-12",
study\_compl = "2020-12",
int_subtype = "Health Services Research",
phase = "N/A"
assignment = "Parallel",
allocation = "Randomized",
no_masking = "False",
masked_subject = "True"
masked_caregiver = "True",
```

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```
masked_investigator = "True",
masked_assessor = "True",
number_arms = 2,
sample_size = "40",
eligibility_criteria = "Inclusion Criteria
- Adults
Exclusion Criteria
- Children",
healthy_volunteers = "No",
genders_included = "Both",
gender_based = "No",
min_age = "1 years",
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ipd_sap = "True",
ipd_icf = "True",
ipd_csr = "True",
ipd_code = "True",
ipd_time = "details",
ipd_criteria = "details",
ipd_url = "http://www.aaronconway.info"
ctxml <- do.call(create_ctxml, args_ctxml)</pre>
print_ctxml(ctxml)
```

upload_ctxml

Upload an xml object to the clinicaltrials.gov registry

Description

This function will make a http POST request to upload a XML document to the clinicaltrials.gov registry.

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Usage

```
upload_ctxml(ctxml, org_name, user_name, password)
```

Arguments

ctxml A xml document created using create_ctxml() and updated with any add_arms(),

add_interventions(), add_pr_outcomes() and add_sec_outcomes() that may be

required.

org_name The organisation name associated with a clinicaltrials.gov account

user_name Username for a clinicaltrials.gov account password Password for a clinicaltrials.gov account

Value

A message from a http post request to show that the upload was successful or unsuccesful

```
## Not run:
upload_ctxml(ctxml = ctxml, org_name ="UHNToronto", user_name = "aconway",
    password = "password")
## End(Not run)
```

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