

Accelerated Site Activation to Maintain Recruitment Targets in a Phase IIa Alopecia Areata Study

How Stiris accelerated site activation and rapid execution to maintain recruitment targets and study timelines.

Situation

An ongoing Phase IIa alopecia areata trial needed extra recruitment capacity to meet enrollment targets. Canada was added mid-study, requiring expedited feasibility, selection, and activation. All five Canadian sites were activated within eight weeks, ahead of schedule, supporting on-time enrollment.

- Therapeutic area: [Dermatology](#)
- Indication: [Alopecia Areata](#)
- Phase: [II](#)
- Location: [Canada](#)

Challenge

Adding Canada mid-study placed significant pressure on timelines for a North American sponsor's Phase IIa alopecia areata trial, requiring fast site activation to avoid delays. Meeting this challenge required:

- Rapid identification and activation of high-potential sites
- Compressed feasibility and start-up timelines
- Accelerated execution without compromising site quality
- Recruitment-ready sites, rigorously selected

Stiris' Solution

Building on its existing relationship with the sponsor, Stiris led the Canadian expansion, starting work immediately with an accelerated site activation strategy to meet compressed timelines.

Relationship-Driven Sites

Stiris' network enabled quick identification and pre-qualification of high-performing centers with a proven recruitment track record.

Streamlined Feasibility

Same-day turnaround on key milestones, like site selection decisions, ensured no time was lost between identification and formal engagement.

Fast Site Qualification

Five SQVs completed in six business days, without compromising rigor.

Integrated PM & Monitoring

Close coordination kept start-up activities running in parallel, with Stiris functioning as a true extension of the sponsor's team.

Results

Ahead-of-Schedule Site Activation

Five Canadian sites activated in eight weeks, recruitment began on time.

Enrollment Targets Met

Canadian sites met enrollment targets, closing global recruitment on schedule.

Seamless Country Expansion

Canada joined seamlessly, with zero impact on global timelines.

Sponsor Impact

Stiris helped a North American sponsor maintain momentum on an ongoing Phase IIa Alopecia Areata study under significant time pressure. Through accelerated site activation and streamlined execution, **Stiris protected enrollment timelines and enabled Canada's seamless integration, allowing the sponsor to close global recruitment on schedule.**

Key Takeaways

Accelerated site activation without compromising quality.

Established site network with a proven performance track record.

Highly efficient feasibility and selection processes.

Effective coordination between Project Management and Clinical Monitoring

Operational flexibility and a solutions-oriented approach

Seamless integration with the sponsor's team, functioning as an extension of their operations

Need support to accelerate your clinical study?

Stiris combines operational expertise, strong site relationships, and agile execution to help sponsors meet demanding timelines. Contact us to learn how we can support your next study.

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