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Deciding on the right ELN – Not as simple as it looks!

Searching for the right Electronic Laboratory Notebook (ELN) has many organizations turned upside down. Because the Paper Laboratory Notebook (PLN) is at the heart of most research activities it is often treated as sacred space for the research community. Replacing the PLN with an ELN is often considered to be a one-for-one replacement project – simply automate the paper notebook process. As anyone who has been through a PLN replacement will admit, it's not so simple..... [Selecting an ELN](#).

Are We Playing Dice With Informatics Projects?

In response to Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle, Einstein responded "God does not play dice with the universe." Quite often we launch informatics projects with significant costs and a great deal of uncertainty. Pharma and Biotech management in essence are playing dice with investments in informatics projects by selecting and implementing systems before understanding the underlying business processes. They continue to play dice by paying limited attention to informatics projects until very late in the project when it is often too late to do something about it.

New informatics initiatives often start without the planning and support necessary to ensure success. Projects teams are hastily assembled with lofty but ill-conceived goals. Requirements for large projects defined in 2-3 pages of bullets become the target for the project, but these do not begin to convey the changes in workflow that researchers will need to undergo.

When informatics projects are successful, it is because management and project teams make the right investment. Requirements are carefully defined. Current processes are clearly documented. Future process changes are carefully understood and planned. Researchers and management are involved at all steps along the way to ensure that the organization is ready to integrate new informatics systems into the fabric of the research process....[Playing Dice Article](#).

Business Process Analysis Highlights Workflow Issues

Poster presented at the Drug Discovery and Therapeutics (DDT) Conference in August, 2007

From Drug Discovery through Development, many assumptions are made about how work actually gets done in the organization. Invariably, one group organizes their processes to streamline work activities within their organization often resulting in nightmares for a downstream group.

A much better approach is to view the overall business process from a broader organizational perspective looking not only within each group but across the linkages among groups. This poster offers examples and tools to analyze discovery and development business processes and work flows to better optimize the business for all stakeholder groups....[Workflow](#).

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Sample of current client initiatives:

- ◆ R&D Process Assessment
- ◆ Knowledge Inventory Assessment from Discovery Through Early Development
- ◆ Electronic Laboratory Notebook Implementation

Recent appearances:

- ◆ Dan Reasoner, Business Development Manager, presented a poster entitled "Business Process Analysis Highlights Workflow Issues" at the Drug Discovery and Therapeutics (DDT) Conference in August, 2007.... [Workflow](#). 
- ◆ Compound Management & Integrity Conference – September 24-26, 2007 in Philadelphia
- ◆ Bob O'Hara, Managing Partner, co-presented with Centocor entitled "Are We Playing Dice with Informatics Projects?" at the Bridging Pharma and IT Conference in Boston on October 1-2, 2007....[Bridging Pharma Presentation](#). 

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