

# Electronic Submissions - The Requirement for Standardized Study Data

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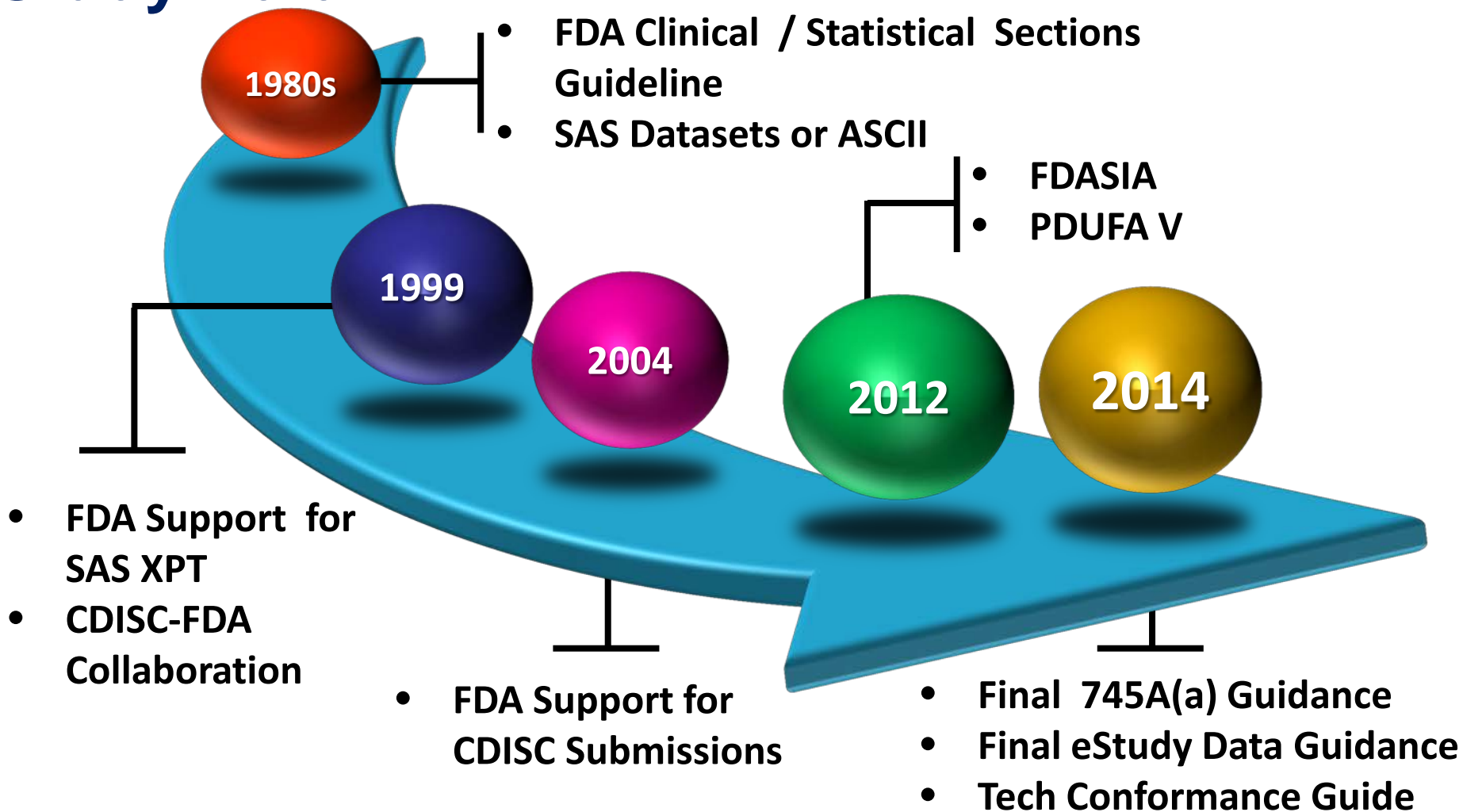
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# Path to Electronic Standardized Study Data



# Value Proposition for Study Data Standards



## FY2013, FY2014, FY2015(Q1)

### Number (%) of NDAs with Study Data Submissions in CDISC SDTM\*

Fiscal Year	# of Submissions	% with CDISC SDTM
2013	223	<b>55 %</b>
2014	233	<b>64 %</b>
2015 (Q1)	66	<b>69 %</b>

\*Source: Office of Business Informatics, CDER - **One or more** explicitly stated SDTM studies (or study data structure that resembled SDTM).

# Binding Guidances Standards Catalog & Tech Guide

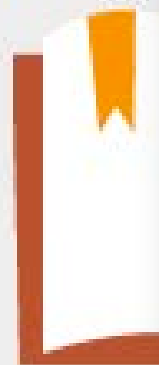
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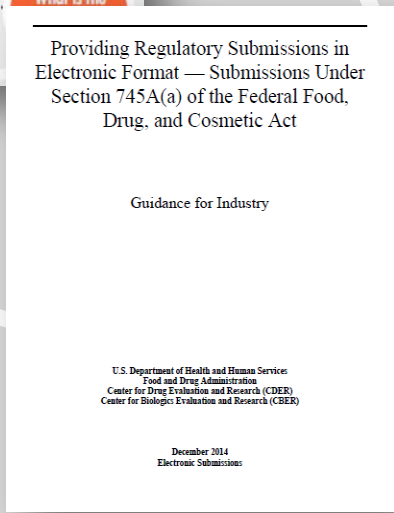
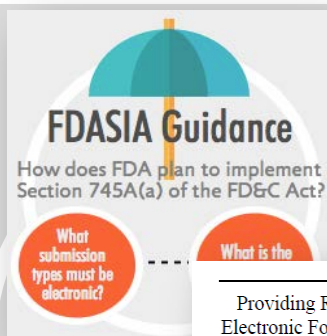


## Tech Conformance Guide

How to submit  
standardized  
study data



# How will eSubmissions be Implemented?



No earlier than 24 Months

Individual Guidances

Framework for Submissions in Electronic Format

- NDA, ANDA, BLA, INDs
- Timetable
  - Content
  - Format

Final Published December, 2014

# When will Study Data Standards be Required?

**eStudy Guidance**  
Binding Guidance— Requires that studies are compliant with the standards outlined in the FDA Data Standards Catalog



Providing Regulatory Submissions In Electronic Format — Standardized Study Data

Guidance for Industry

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Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (CDER)  
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**24 Months\***

**December 2016**

**Compliance**



**Studies starting\*\* after MUST use the standards in the Data Catalog (NDAs, ANDAs, BLAs)**

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## Data Standards Catalog

**Study Data...SDTM, ADaM, SEND, Define.XML**

**Data Standards Catalog**

Lists supported and/or required standards.



FDA Data Standards Catalog v4.0 (12-10-2014) - Supported and Required Standards

This table contains a listing of the data exchange, the format and terminology standards supported at FDA. These standards have gone through all the steps necessary to make this part of the regulatory review process, including posting of regulatory guidance documents and associated implementation guidelines and technical specifications. The submission of standardized data using any standard not listed, or to an FDA Center not listed, should be discussed with the agency in advance. This catalog is incorporated by reference in the guidance to industry, advisory regulatory submissions in electronic format, Standardized Study Data (SD) (see the guidance at [www.fda.gov/oc/ohrt/submitting-standardized-study-data](http://www.fda.gov/oc/ohrt/submitting-standardized-study-data)). A separate catalog will be published in the future that will contain a listing of standards that are in the development, testing, adoption or research & development (R&D) phases.

Use	Data Exchange Standard	Exchange Format	Elements Development Organization	Supported version	Implementation date version	FDA Center(s)	Data Support Status	Data Requirement Status	Regulatory Reference and Information Sources
Clinical and non-clinical study data sets - Transport	SAS Transport (SPDART)	XPT	SAS	8	SAS Technical Support TS-142	CDER, CBER	Ongoing		<a href="#">See CDER and CBER Regulatory Guidance Documents</a>
Clinical and non-clinical study data sets - Transport	SAS XPORT	XPT	SAS	8	SAS Technical Support TS-142	CDER, CBER, CFSAH, CIVM	Ongoing		<a href="#">See CDER and CBER Regulatory Guidance Documents</a>
			W3C	1.0		CDER, CBER, CDEH	Ongoing		<a href="#">XML, XSL, TeXtML</a>
	AND Clinical Data Interchange Standards Consortium					CDER, CBER, CDEH	Ongoing		<a href="#">www.fda.gov</a>
XPT	CDISC	1.2	3.1.2	CDER, CBER	12/10/12			<a href="#">CDISC.org-SDTM</a>	
XPT	CDISC	1.2	3.1.2	CDER, CBER	8/12/13			<a href="#">CDISC.org-ADaM</a>	
XPT	CDISC	1.2	3.1.2	CDER, CBER	10/10/2014			<a href="#">CDISC.org-SEND</a>	
XPT	CDISC	1.1	3.1.1	CDER, CBER	Ongoing	12/20/10		<a href="#">CDISC.org-Define</a>	
XPT	CDISC	2.1	1.0	CDER, CBER	Ongoing			<a href="#">CDISC.org-ADaM</a>	
XPT	CDISC	1.2	3.1.2	CDER	6/13/2011			<a href="#">CDISC.org-SEND</a>	



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## Data Standards Catalog

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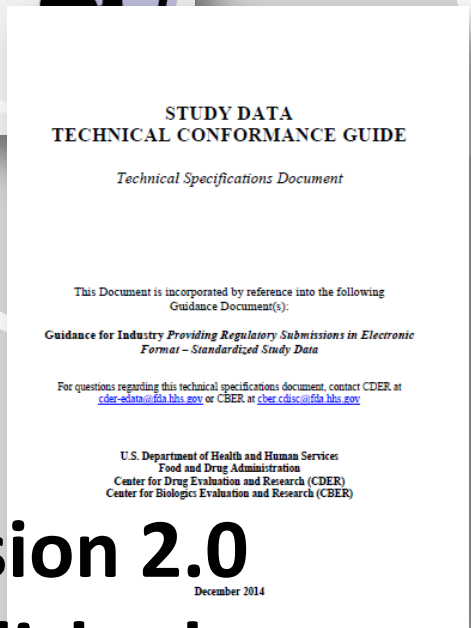
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Clinical and Non-Clinical study data sets - Transport	SAS XPORT	XPT	SAS	5	SAS Technical Support TS-140	CDRH, CFSAN, CVM	Ongoing				<a href="#">For CDRH only: eCopy Program for Medical Device Submissions</a>
SDTM, SEND, and ADaM define.xml file	XML		W3C	1.0		CBER, CDER, CDRH	Ongoing				<a href="#">W3C - XML Technology</a>
Analysis program files	ASCII		ANSI			CBER, CDER, CDRH	Ongoing				<a href="http://www.ansi.org">www.ansi.org</a>
Clinical study datasets	Study Data Tabulation Model (SDTM)	XPT	Clinical Data Interchange Standards Consortium (CDISC)	1.3	3.1.3	CDER, CBER	12/1/2012				<a href="#">CDISC.org - SDTM</a>
Clinical study datasets	SDTM	XPT	CDISC	1.2	Version 3.1.2 Amendment 1	CDER, CBER	8/7/2013				<a href="#">CDISC.org - SDTM</a>
Clinical study datasets	SDTM	XPT	CDISC	1.2	3.1.2	CDER, CBER	10/30/2009				<a href="#">CDISC.org - SDTM</a>
Clinical study datasets	SDTM	XPT	CDISC	1.1	3.1.1	CDER, CBER	Ongoing	1/28/2015			<a href="#">CDISC.org - SDTM</a>
Clinical study datasets	Analysis Data Model (ADaM)	XPT	CDISC	2.1	1.0	CDER, CBER	Ongoing				<a href="#">CDISC.org - ADaM</a>
Animal study datasets	Standard for Exchange of Nonclinical Data (SEND)	XPT	CDISC	1.2	3.1.2	CDER	6/13/2011				<a href="#">CDISC.org - SEND</a>

# How Study Data Standards will Be Required?

## Technical Conformance Guide (non-binding)

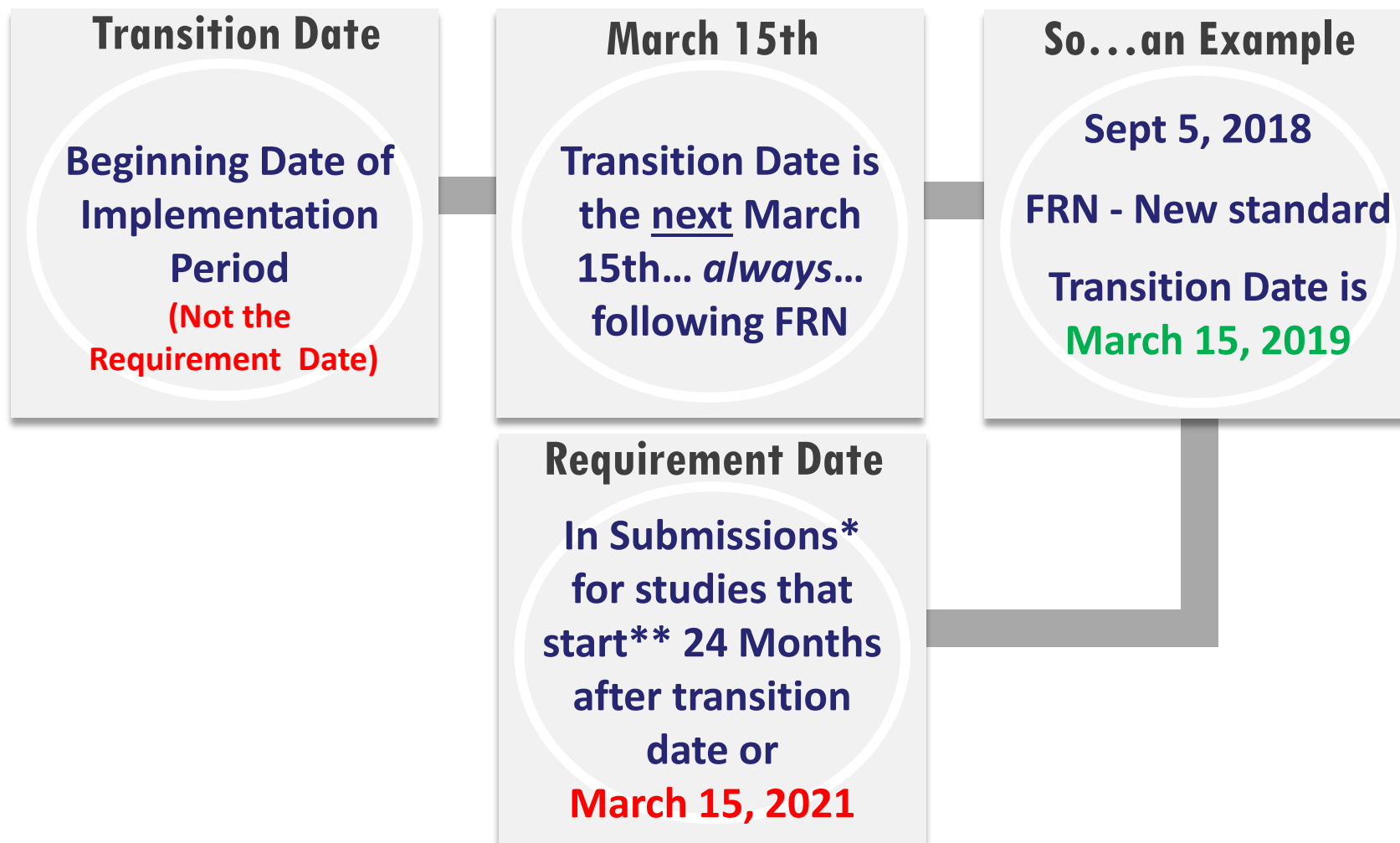
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**Version 2.0**  
December 2014  
**Published**

- Study Data Standardization Plan
- Analysis Data Reviewer's Guide
- Study Data Reviewer's Guide
- Exchange Formats
- File Transport
- SDTM Domain Specs
- SDTM General Considerations
- Efficacy, Safety, Timing Variables
- SEND Domain Specs
- ADaM Domain Specs
- Controlled Terminologies
- Therapeutic Area Standards
- Data Validation & Traceability
- Elect Sub Format

# Timetable for New Study Data Standards



# Timetable for Version Updates to Study Data Standards

## Example



SDO Releases Version Update	Date Released by SDO (yyyy-mm-dd)	FR Notice of FDA Support (yyyy-mm-dd)	Update Data Standards Catalog (yyyy-mm-dd)	Transition Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	Date Requirement Begins (yyyy-mm-dd)
SDTM 4.1	2016-02-15	2016-05-06	2016-05-06	2017-03-15	2018-03-15
SEND 2.1.1	2016-09-18	2016-10-03	2016-10-03	2017-03-15	2018-03-15
PDF 2.0	2018-01-15	2018-06-28	2018-06-28	2019-03-15	2020-03-15

In Submissions for studies that start 12 Months after transition date or **March 15, 2018**

### eStudy Guidance

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# Waivers and Exemptions

Are there Waivers from the Requirement?



**No.**

Are there Exemptions from the Requirement?



**Yes.**

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# Can FDA Refuse to File / Receive?



**Yes.**

**But,**





- **When does all this start?**
  - *The Clock has started. Clinical and nonclinical studies that start after December 17, 2016 must use the standards in the Data Catalog.*
- **Can sponsors use the standards in the Data Catalog now?**
  - *Yes, we strongly encourage you to do so.*
- **How often will FDA update the Data Catalog?**
  - *New versions or new standards will be posted to the Data Catalog. A Federal Register Notice will accompany all updates. Identified errata will be corrected, as needed.*





- **What is a Transition Date?**
  - *Always March 15<sup>th</sup> and Always the March 15<sup>th</sup> following the Federal Register Notice. It is used to determine the requirement date.*
- **What is a Requirement Date?**
  - *24 months after the Transition Date for a new standard.*
  - *12 months after the Transition Date for a version update.*
- **How does the FDA determine that a version update or new standard can be supported?**
  - *We have a process that is executed to evaluate if we can process, review and archive a new update or standard.*



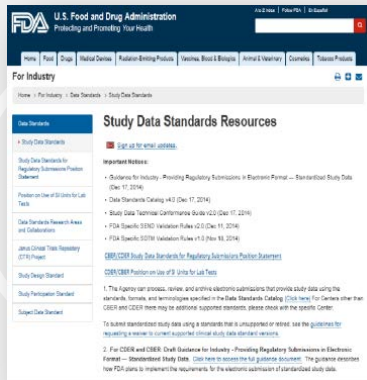
- **Is there a limit to what can be required under FDASIA 745A(a)?**
  - *Any the data / information that is determined to be part of a submission under subsection (b), (i), or (j) of section 505 of the FD&C Act may be within scope.*
- **Are the recommendations in the Conformance Guide required?**
  - *No. But we encourage sponsors to submit using the recommendations in the Guide.*
- **How often will there be updates to the Conformance Guide?**
  - *Generally, we will provide updates on an annual basis (or more frequently for hot topics).*



- **Does FDASIA 745A(a) only apply to study data ?**
  - *No. There will be additional binding guidance issued, for example, the eCTD guidance will be issued as a binding guidance.*
- **Are there validation rules for SDTM and SEND datasets?**
  - *Yes. The FDA Study Data Standards Web page provides access to the rules.*

# SUPPORT

## FDA Webpage



## eDataTeam



[eData@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:eData@fda.hhs.gov)

## eSub Team



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Data Standards  
Program

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eData Team



# SUPPORT

The screenshot shows the FDA website interface. At the top is the FDA logo and the text 'U.S. Food and Drug Administration Protecting and Promoting Your Health'. Below this is a search bar and a navigation menu with categories: Home, Food, Drugs, Medical Devices, Radiation-Emitting Products, Vaccines, Blood & Biologics, Animal & Veterinary, Cosmetics, and Tobacco Products. The 'Drugs' section is active, showing a breadcrumb trail: Home > Drugs > Development & Approval Process (Drugs) > Forms & Submission Requirements > Electronic Submissions to CDER. A sidebar on the left lists: Development & Approval Process (Drugs), Forms & Submission Requirements, Electronic Submissions to CDER, and CDER Data Standards Program. The main content area features the title 'Submit a Sample eCTD or Standardized Data Sample to the FDA' and a sub-section 'Sample Submission Process'. The text under this section reads: 'FDA would like to work closely with people who plan to provide a submission using the eCTD specifications and offer the following steps to help smooth the process. The agency also offers a process for submitting sample standardized datasets for validation. Sample submissions are tests only and not considered official submissions. They are not reviewed by FDA reviewers at any time. Follow the steps below to submit a sample:'

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/FormsSubmissionRequirements/ElectronicSubmissions/ucm174459.htm>

## Key References

- Guidance for Industry - Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format — Standardized Study Data
- Guidance for Industry – Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format – Submissions Under 745A(a) of the FD&C Act
- Data Standards Catalog v. 4.0
- Study Data Technical Conformance Guide v. 2.0

<http://www.fda.gov/forindustry/datastandards/studydatastandards/default.htm>