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Fact Sheet

A Science-Led CRO Partner for Complex Cardiometabolic Clinical Trials

Integrated Expertise for Cardiometabolic Development

Cardiometabolic diseases rarely exist in isolation. Obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, chronic kidney disease, and MASH share interconnected biology, patient populations, and clinical-development challenges. AKEURA combines scientific expertise, integrated patient access, and global execution to help sponsors design and deliver studies across this continuum.

Selected Cardiometabolic & Renal Experience

	Indication	Phase/Study Type	Location	Sites	Participants
ONGOING	Observational MASLD/MASH diagnostic study in high-risk populations	Observational	Europe	12	10,000
	RWE study of myocarditis natural history, outcomes, and risk factors	RWE	Europe	4	Database of more than 39 million+
	Pragmatic trial of high-dose hemodiafiltration in end-stage kidney disease	Pragmatic	Europe	61	1,638
ONGOING	Phase III pivotal study in paediatric subjects with a lipid disorder	Phase III	Europe, America, Asia-Pacific	160	170
ONGOING	Effects of drug combo on plaque regression and stabilization of coronary atherosclerosis	Phase IIIb	Europe	12	97
ONGOING	An Open Label, Multi-Center, Pivotal Efficacy and Safety Study Evaluating a device for Glycemic Improvement in Inadequately Controlled Type 2 Diabetic Obese Subjects on Oral Anti-Diabetes Agents	Phase II	America	20	67

Scientific Leadership at the Center of Every Program

Our In-House Cardiometabolic Experts



Manuel Castro Cabezas, MD, PhD

Scientific Officer at AKEURA

An internist-endocrinologist, vascular medicine specialist, and Associate Professor of Endocrinology at Erasmus MC, Dr. Castro Cabezas brings expertise across diabetes, obesity, lipid disorders, vascular medicine, and steatotic liver disease. He is the founder a Thyroid Network and leads the GRIPonMASH™ initiative, supporting earlier identification and referral of people at risk for metabolic liver disease.



Diederick “Rick” Grobbee, MD, PhD

Chief Scientific Officer at AKEURA

A Professor of Clinical Epidemiology at University Medical Center Utrecht, Prof. Grobbee has extensive experience designing and leading large-scale global trials in cardiovascular and cardiometabolic disease. He is Honorary President of the European Association of Preventive Cardiology and an internationally recognized leader in cardiovascular epidemiology and clinical research.

Proven Global Delivery

CLEAR Outcomes CVOT

The Need: Accelerate an active trial

The Challenge

Increase recruitment and site productivity after study launch by another CRO, while protecting retention and data quality.

Our Role

We supported 224 sites across Europe and the Americas, using targeted site communications, KOL engagement, CRA outreach, and performance analytics.

Results

- Recruited as many participants in the first year as the incumbent CRO, using approximately half the sites
- 1,667 participants across 224 sites
- 35% screen-failure rate, compared with 41% overall
- 0% lost to follow-up

SPIRE CVOT

The Need: Rescue global recruitment

The Challenge

Restore recruitment momentum across a large site network spanning 26 countries in Europe, the Americas, and Asia-Pacific.

Our Role

Working alongside another CRO, we provided full-service study support within the sponsor's and partner CRO's systems, driving site activation and enrollment across multiple therapeutic specialties.

Results

- Average 56 days from site initiation to first randomization
- 6,729 participants enrolled
- 757 sites successfully randomized participants, averaging 1.1 participants per site per month versus 0.7 across overall study

Broader access. Better-informed studies. Faster execution.

By connecting scientific expertise, investigator relationships, and care networks, we help sponsors improve feasibility, accelerate recruitment, and activate high-performing sites.

Capability	Benefit
Integrated cardiometabolic expertise	**More informed feasibility, protocol design, and endpoint strategy**
Primary-care and specialist referral networks	**Broader patient access and earlier participant identification**
Global cardiometabolic investigator relationships	**Faster site identification, startup, and enrollment**
Longitudinal and real-world data capabilities	**Deeper insight into disease progression and treatment patterns**
Dedicated scientific leadership	**Strategic guidance and trusted peer-to-peer relationships throughout development**
Global operational delivery	**Exceptional execution across countries, sites, and partners**

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