Shawna H. Evans
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Shawna has over twenty-seven years of Clinical Development experience, specializing in Global Program Oversight in all phases of Clinical Trial execution. Sharing a common goal with longstanding biopharma and device partners, she excels in optimizing the development pathway and bringing novel therapies to patients in need, while strategically collaborating with operational efficiency and quality.

Shawna and her business partners founded Elite BioPharma Consulting in 2019. At Elite, Shawna partners with clients to help drive excellence in their clinical development process from IND application through NDA filing. She provides superior Clinical Development and Program Management Services, offering professional expertise tailored to the client's needs based on the current life cycle of their program. For small biotech companies, she provides operational leadership and essential infrastructure building in the early phases of clinical development, allowing clients the opportunity to run their trials efficiently and in accordance with GCP/ICH guidelines.

Prior to founding Elite, Shawna held a series of strategic leadership roles, with a focus in Clinical Operations, Program Management, Safety, Compliance and Medical Writing, working as an extension of the client team, in lead roles or cross functionally throughout the product lifecycle, from trial initiation through completion. Shawna's expertise spans a wide array of therapeutic areas including, Cardiovascular, CNS, Endocrine/Metabolic, Gastroenterology, Genitourinary, Hematology, Immuno-Oncology, Musculoskeletal, Oncology, Psychiatry, Rare Disease, Respiratory, and Surgical Device.

Shawna held a position as Director of Clinical Operations for Checkmate Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge, MA, providing operational oversight for their melanoma and non-small cell lung cancer trials. Prior to that Shawna spent nearly 10 years as a Global Clinical Trial Leader for MannKind Corporation in Danbury, CT, overseeing eleven diabetes trials, successfully launching their Phase II program in Russia, and managing Phase I - III clinical trial activities, vendors and cross-functional teams in North America, Latin America, and Europe. Upon successful completion of the pivotal trials, Shawna stepped into a Medical Writing Leadership role, overseeing safety narrative workflow in support of a favorable NDA submission of Afrezza® (Astra Zeneca).

Shawna earned an Associates of Applied Science in Business Management from Newbury College in Brookline, MA and a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science from Castleton University in Castleton, VT. Shawna lives an active lifestyle in NH where she enjoys the great outdoors, boating on Lake Winnipesauke and hiking in the white mountains.