

Case Study

Acorda Therapeutics uses CompuCal in the cloud to manage calibrations in a central location



Acorda Therapeutics, Inc. is a biotechnology company whose mission is to develop and market therapies to the US. They are currently using CompuCal's Calibration Management Solution in the cloud. Acorda Therapeutics is located in Chelsea MA, USA. The company currently has 15 users and 1,500 tags.

Acorda currently uses CompuCal to manage calibrations, lab equipment and PM's. In the initial stages of selecting a calibration management system the companies brief was to find a system that was cost effective and compliant. Like many companies, Acorda, did not have an in-house IT department. The company wanted to select the right system that would benefit business, suit their budget and also provide the essential training needed to operate a calibration management system.

The system selected by Acorda was a cloud based calibration management system which allowed them to have a central location which houses all calibration records and certificates.

The added benefit in choosing this type of system was also they did not have anything to manage internally and all records were secure and obtainable in the cloud. CompuCal allows Acorda to manage the planning and scheduling of all instrumentation including references. The system also allows the ability to add PM's and manage all critical and non-critical systems.

Acorda leverages CompuCal's the FAT documentation. In addition to this they also leverage CompuCal's internal expertise in calibration management, compliance and validation. Acorda also leveraged the expertise at CompuCal during validation, data set up and data migration.

CompuCal now manages 1,500 tags for Acorda and 1,100 work orders/year. The partnership with CompuCal evolved after Acorda searched for a compliant solution. A service provider who had previously used the calibration management solution recommended CompuCal, to Acorda.

The key benefits Acorda has seen from using CompuCal are:

1. They are always ready for an audit
2. Deviation management can be simply done
3. Notifications are instant
4. Automated planning and scheduling
5. Reference management
6. Calibration and maintenance

“CompuCal provides us with a low cost, low complexity, compliant solutions in the cloud. For a small company this is perfect as we do not have internal recourses to manage as this is not our core business”
Acorda spokesperson.