

A Day in the Life of the NCS Navigator

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Abstract

NCS Navigator is an information management system (IMS) that was created by the Northwestern University Biomedical Informatics Center to provide an end-to-end solution for the conduct of the National Children's Study. The Greater Chicago Study Center and other members of the NCS Navigator Consortium use NCS Navigator to manage data collection and submission. NCS Navigator supports the creation of instruments and schedule templates. Instruments are used for online, web-based data collection as well as offline, iOS (via iPad) data collection. The schedule templates are used to generate participant schedules. Schedules are aggregated across participants in order to create work lists for NCS staff. Management views across staff allow managers to reassign cases and ensure optimal workloads.