

Biocair Research

Discovering “*a new normal*” for
Contract Research Organizations (CROs)

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A laboratory setting with glassware and a pipette. The background is a blurred laboratory bench with various glassware, including a large Erlenmeyer flask in the foreground containing a blue liquid, and several test tubes. A pipette is positioned above the flask, with a drop of liquid being dispensed. The overall color palette is dominated by light blues and purples, with a white grid of hexagons overlaid on the left side. The Biocair logo is in the bottom right corner.

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Exploring the supply chain challenges facing Contract Research Organizations (CROs)


CROs have become vital partners in the drug development process, enabling biotech and pharmaceutical companies to develop and market life-saving drugs.

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the key role of CROs and the clinical advances which led to the rapid availability and roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccines.

The pandemic has also demonstrated how important the entire logistics supply chain is to CROs. It has illustrated how vital an experienced, reliable logistics provider is to the work of the CRO – and, in turn, the sponsor – enabling their clients to focus on research and development.

Since the pandemic, regulations have increased surrounding the transportation of shipments for clinical trials and samples for research and development. A high level of expertise and the correct technology to ensure the integrity of the shipment are essential from a logistics provider.

Biocair, a leading life science logistics company, carried out a qualitative research study into the supply chain requirements of CROs. This research study was to further understand and identify the main drivers for this industry. The results of the study have proved instrumental in furthering the understanding of the intricacies facing CROs and how logistics play a vital role in the drug development supply chain.



“The pandemic has shown the world what is possible in BioPharma and the bar has just been raised... I can’t see that lowering again, I think we’re seeing a new normal.”

*CRO professional,
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participant*