

REGULATORY ESSENTIALS IN HEALTH TECH – TRAINING PROGRAM

Tampere Health Technology and Life Sciences Ecosystem

Each session covers 2 hours of training, leaving ½ an hour for discussion.

Sessions 1 to 4 form the core of the training. Session 5 is also essential to all medical device manufacturers. Session 6 provides essentials for medical device software (stand-alone or embedded) and Session 7 for hardware.

A certificate of attendance is sent for each trainee based on the sessions they attended.

The ENTRIES digital platform will be utilized and case examples will run throughout the training.

SESSION 1 – Monday, 1 June 2020 at 13:30 – 16:00

INTRODUCTION TO REGULATORY ESSENTIALS

- Global medical device regulations as your competitive advantage
 - Safety and clinical efficiency are not negotiable
- Early focus of the health tech developer
 - Intended Purpose as the heart of your product
 - Is my product a medical device and what risk class? Software, hardware and borderlines
 - What does the risk class tell me? Your options for certifications and market approvals
 - How to save resources and time? Avoid re-inventing regulatory compliance
 - Your Regulatory Strategy and roadmap to market entry
- Align compliance with business, marketing and sales needs
 - Know the General Safety and Performance Requirements
 - Early increments: Literature Review, Risk Analysis, Feasibility Studies, Supplier Control
 - Regulatory compliance in your Business Model and Value Proposition
 - The level of regulatory know-how in your business
 - Responsibilities and authorities within the business
 - Regulatory due diligence in investments, mergers & acquisitions - lessons learned

SESSION 2 – Thursday, 4 June 2020 at 8:30 – 11:00

EARLY DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT

- Early development stages
 - Timelines and the Medical Device Life Cycle
 - Capturing the Value Proposition
 - Early validation through Feasibility Studies
 - Preparing for Design Control and Post-Market activities
 - Assigning roles and responsibilities in-house and externally
 - Document and records management, logs and traceability
- Building your Quality Management System (QMS)
 - ISO 13485 and other international QMS related standards
 - Management responsibility
 - From planning to operations - Ensuring consistently safe and efficient devices
 - Supplier Control - From supplier evaluation to contracts and partnership
 - Importer and Distributor relations

SESSION 3 – Monday, 8 June 2020 at 13:30 – 16:00

THE CORE OF REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS

- General Safety and Performance Requirements for Medical Devices
 - The heart of the regulation
- Introduction to Clinical Evaluation
 - Related guidelines and standards, MEDDEV 2.7/1 and ISO 14155
 - Literature Reviews
 - Clinical Investigations
 - Post-Market Clinical Follow-up
 - Balancing between the necessary and the business advantage
- Introduction to Risk Management
 - The ISO 14971 standard for Risk Management
 - The sequence of events and Risk Analysis
 - FMEA as the model for Risk Management
 - Risk mitigation
 - Benefit-Risk conclusions - balance with Clinical Evaluation

SESSION 4 – Thursday, 11 June 2020 at 8:30 – 11:00

DESIGN CONTROL AND THE REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

- Introduction to Design Control
 - From Feasibility Studies to Post-Market Surveillance
 - Design Verification and Validation
 - Transfer to production
- Authorities, Notified Bodies and test labs
 - Towards certification – CE-mark, FDA approval and global market access
 - The perspective of authorities globally
 - Auditing and certification practices
 - Communicating with the authorities
- Considerations on the Changing Global Regulations
 - Navigating the transitional periods
 - From the current EU directives to new regulations - IVDD to IVDR, MDD & AIMDD to MDR
 - Strategies for dealing with a variety of requirements and timelines

SESSION 5 – Fall 2020 (to be announced)

USABILITY AND LABELLING

- Usability
 - The IEC 62366 standard on Usability
 - The human factors and user experience (UX) to ensure safety and business
 - Relation to Clinical Evaluation and Risk Management
- Labelling
 - Instructions for Use
 - Intended use, contraindications, warnings, off-label use
 - Marketing claims – What can you claim?
 - Use of symbols
 - Unique Device Identifier (UDI)
 - Translations

SESSION 6 – Fall 2020 (to be announced)

MEDICAL DEVICE SOFTWARE

- Software Qualification and Classification
 - The EU perspective – the MDCG 2019-11 guidance document
 - Why do all software land in class IIa or higher in EU, requiring a Notified Body?
 - The US FDA perspective
 - Unregulated software in hospitals – What to take into account?
- Software Life Cycle requirements – Stand-alone and embedded SW
 - The IEC 62304 standard
 - Software classification in IEC 62304
 - From SW architecture to development, testing and validation (incl. IEC 82304)
 - Agile methodologies and review practices
 - SW maintenance

SESSION 7 – Fall 2020 (to be announced)

BIOLOGICAL AND ELECTRICAL SAFETY

- Biological Safety
 - The ISO 10993 series of standards
 - From material characterization and Risk Management to biocompatibility testing
 - External service providers for testing
- Electrical Safety
 - The IEC 60601 series of standards
 - Basic Safety and Essential Performance - Risk Management considerations
 - Collateral and Particular standards for different types of electromedicals
 - Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) testing
 - External service providers for testing