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**The Role of Manufacturers in Ensuring Quality, Safety & Performance (40 min) -
Regulatory Authority Views**

- Private Public Partnership with manufacturer, regulatory authorities (RAs) and the key stakeholders that are a critical of building the trust and confidence in ensuring quality safety and performance.

Working with organization like:

- Standards Developing Bodies (SDOs) and Conformity Assessment Bodies (CABs)
 - Participation at all levels and communicating with RAs on best approach on using standards.
 - Working with
- Academia – driving research and innovation as well as areas of regulatory science convergence.
- Health Care Providers (HCPs) and Patients providing feedback on how devices are meeting the needs for safety and quality.
- Regulators rely on manufacturers. to give RAs feedback on how regulations are not too burdensome and where convergence.
- Everything is better when the Quality Management System (QMS) is at the forefront of driving the total product lifecycle (TPLC)
 - Design and Development Planning, Inputs, Outputs, Verification and Validation, Commercialization, Post-Market and Design Changes
 - Risk Management ○ Patient safety
 - Supply chain management
 - Includes third parties like testing labs and ensuring that data is of high quality and true.
 - Continuous improvement
- RAs need to be clear and able to provide the high-level requirements to allow the proper guidance on what 'tools' are needed to demonstrate safety, performance and effectiveness for high quality medical devices.
 - Manufacturers need to be in continuous communication with RAs to ensure requirements are understood and can be met with undue burden and cost.

