



# Importance of International Standards and Reliance

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# What is a “Standard”?

- “a level of quality, especially one that people think is acceptable” (Oxford English Dictionary)
- Consensus *document* used to create uniformity and harmonization over a specific topic



**Instructions of Shuruppak**

2600 BCE  
Mesopotamia

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**Reforms of Urukagina**

2500 – 2340 BCE  
Sumeria

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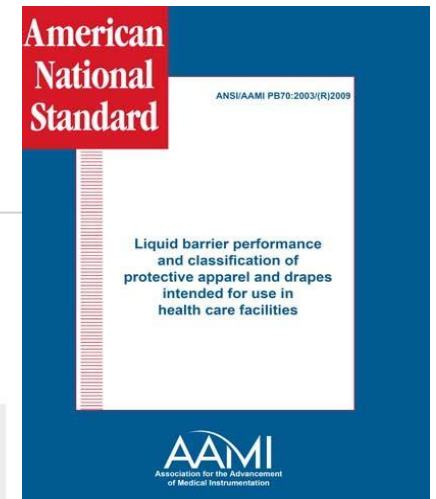
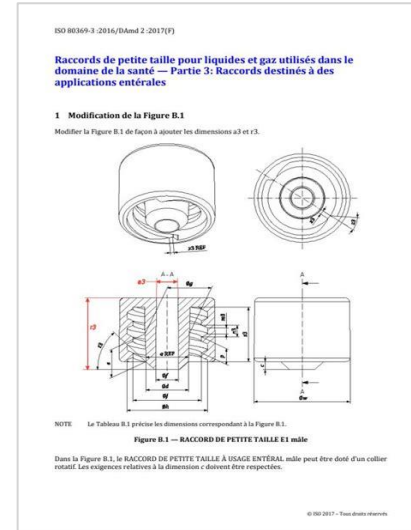
**Code of Hammurabi**

1755–1750 BCE  
Egypt

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# Types of Medical Device Standards

- Specification/Design Standards
- Performance standards
- Guidelines/Technical Reports
- Systems standards
- Product Standards

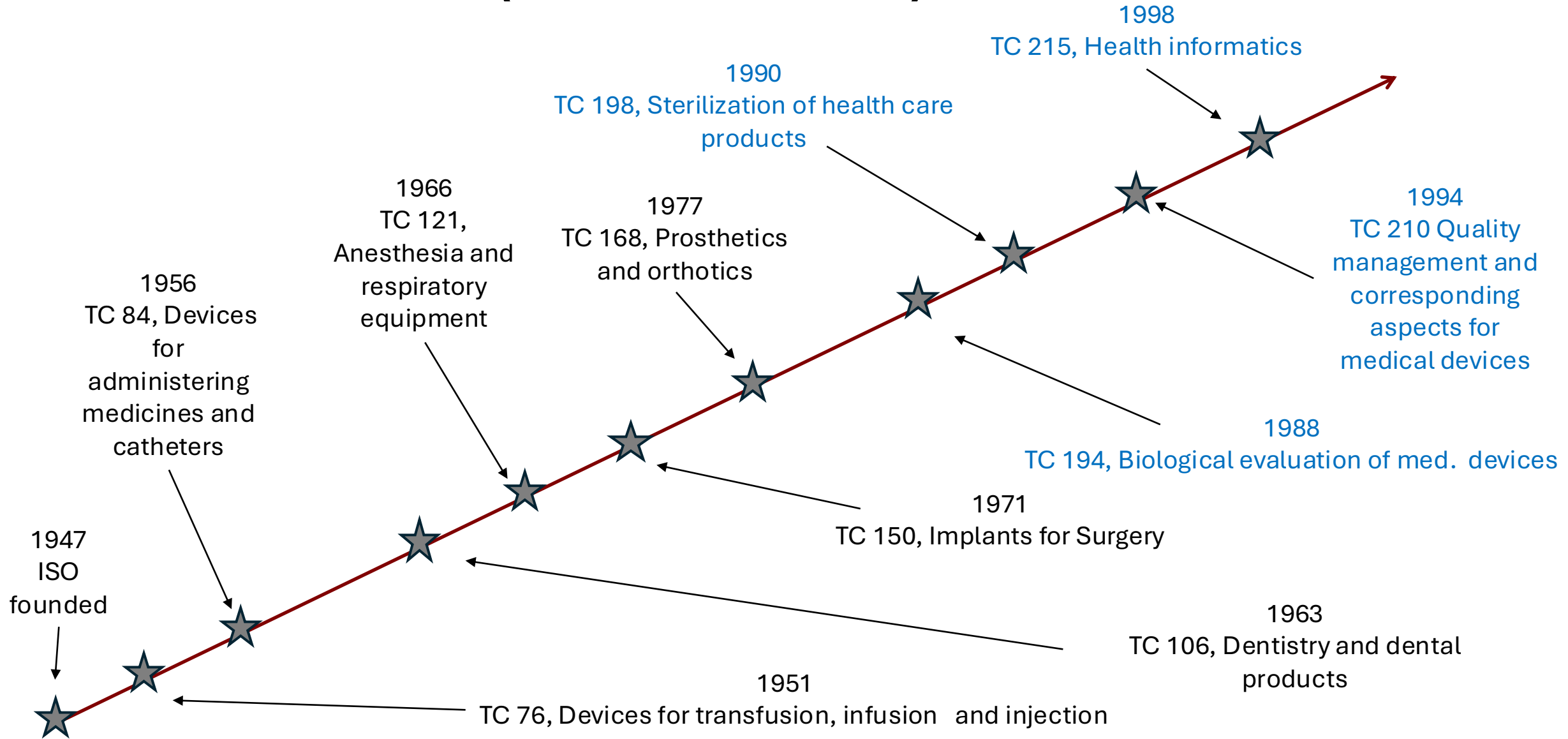


# Another Distinction: Horizontal versus Vertical Standards

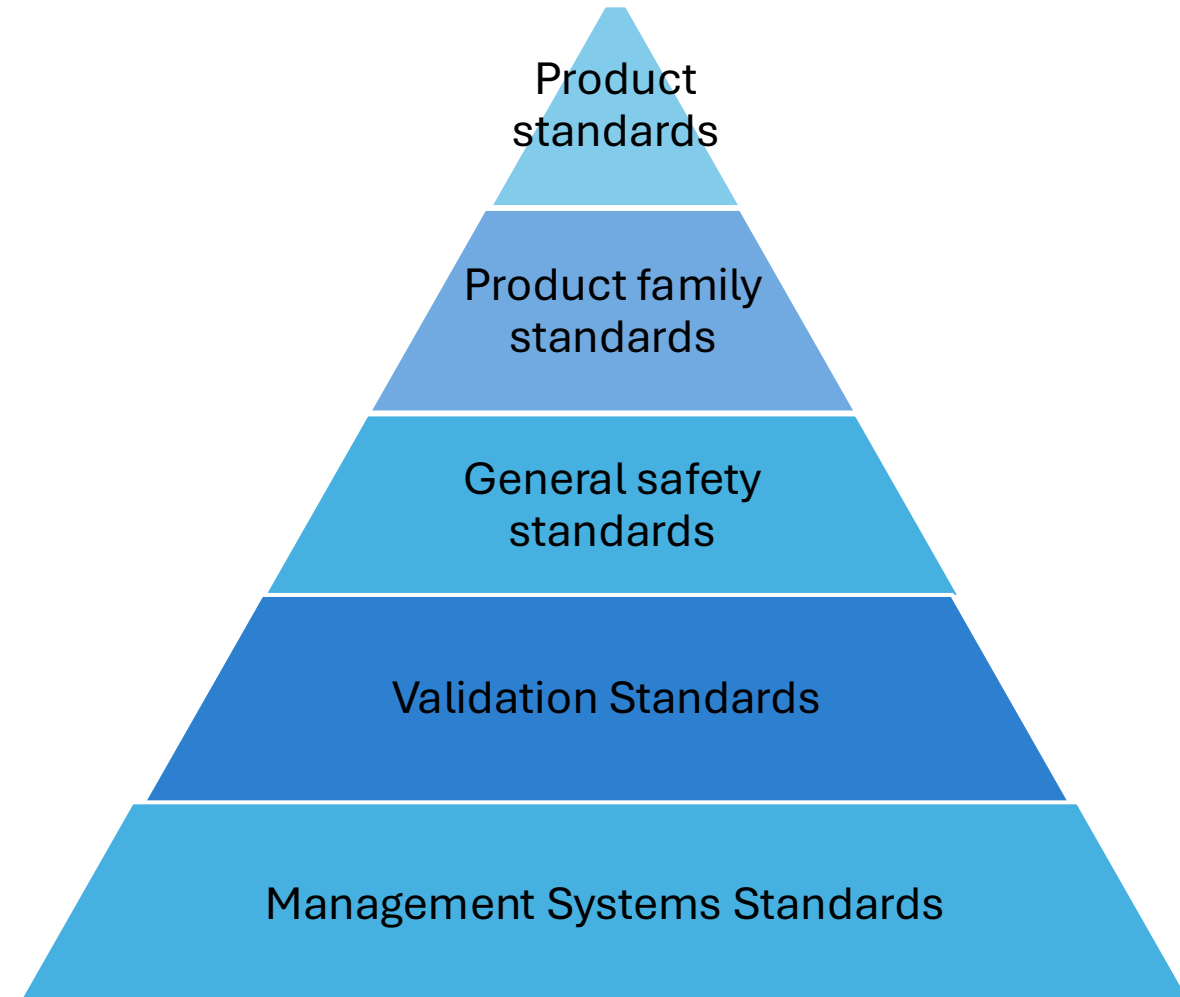
- Horizontal (cross-cutting)
  - ISO 13485: Quality systems
  - ISO 10993: Biocompatibility
  - IEC 60601-1 : General and Electrical Safety
- Vertical (device-specific)
  - ISO 81060-2: Non-invasive sphygmomanometers
  - ISO 11318: Cardiac defibrillators
  - IEC 60601-2-33: MRI



# MOVE FROM A PRODUCT TO A SYSTEMS FOCUS (ISO CASE STUDY)

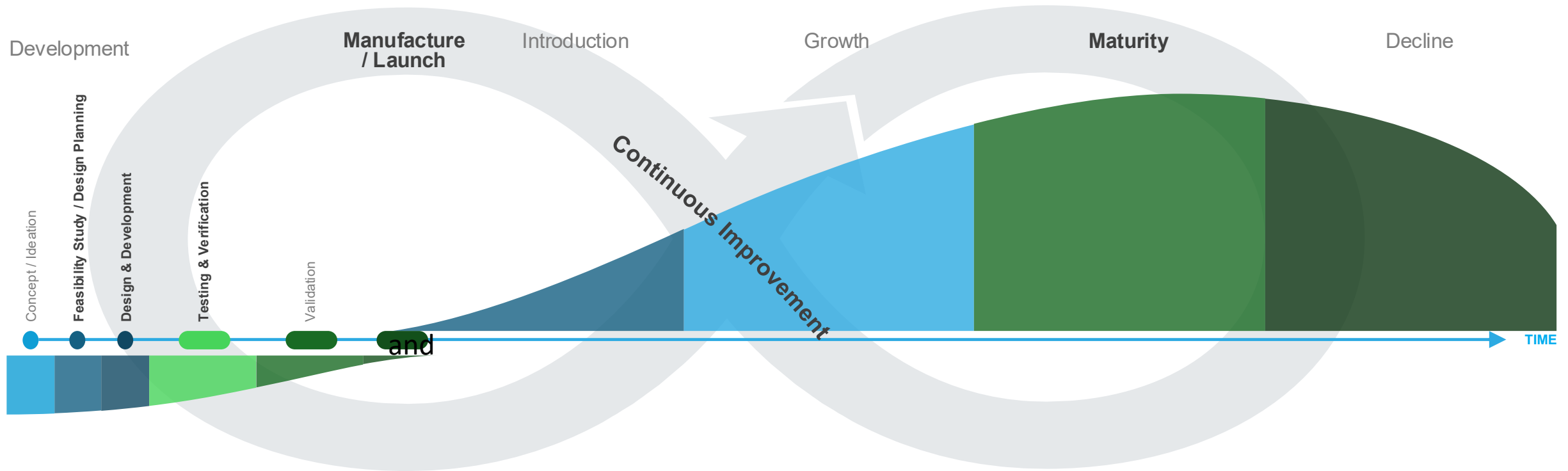


# The Systems Approach



- Specific product standards are frequently necessary but are not sufficient.
- Safety and effectiveness are characteristics of a device but are the output of a system designed to deliver those characteristics.
- Today's body of medical device standards promote safety and effectiveness through the production system and across the life of a device.

# TOTAL PRODUCT LIFECYCLE



Quality, safety and effectiveness require the use of standards and controls across the Total Product Lifecycle—from the design phase to decommissioning and disposal

# ISO/TC 210: Quality management and corresponding general aspects for products with a health purpose including medical devices

## Scope

Standardization of requirements and guidance in the field of quality management and corresponding general aspects, for products with a health purpose, including connectors for liquid and gases.

*Excluded:*

- *generic quality management standards dealt with by ISO / TC 176;*
- *quality management standards for pharmaceutical products and healthcare services;*

*Note: Products with a health purpose include products for use in relation to health, including medical devices, adjacent products [or could also say accessories] and those with a risk profile similar to medical devices.*

# Participation – the key to a quality standard!

**45 participating and 28 observing member countries**

**Several Global Liaison organizations**

**Scope includes:**

- ISO 13485 (Quality management systems)
- ISO/TS 23485 (Guideline for the application of ISO 13485)
- ISO/IEC 14971 (Risk management)
- ISO/TR 24971 Guidance on the application of ISO 14971
- IEC 62366 (usability).
- ISO 20416 (post-market surveillance)
- ISO 20417 (labelling)
- ISO 15223 (symbols)
- IEC 62304 (medical device software)
- ISO/IEC 80369 and ISO 18250 series (small bore connectors)
- Any many more!!!!

# STRUCTURE OF ISO/TC 210

## Working groups (WGs) – example:

**WG1:** Quality management systems (ISO 13485)

**WG2:** Risk management (ISO 14971)

**WG3:** Usability (IEC/ISO 62366)

**WG6:** Post-market surveillance guidance

## ISO/TC210 is attended by:

Regulators, Industry leaders,

Technical experts, Notified bodies

Organized in relevant working groups –  
covering most of the elements

| * number includes updates |                                                                                        |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Structure                 | Liaisons                                                                               |
| Reference ↑               | Title                                                                                  |
| ISO/TC 210/AHG ⓘ          | Ad-hoc group for ISO 22740 •                                                           |
| ISO/TC 210/AHG 4 ⓘ        | Assessment of ISO 13485                                                                |
| ISO/TC 210/AHG 5 ⓘ        | Collaboration with IMDRF on guidance documents                                         |
| ISO/TC 210/ATTF ⓘ         | Arabic translation task force                                                          |
| ISO/TC 210/CAG ⓘ          | Chair Advisory Group                                                                   |
| ISO/TC 210/JWG 1 ⓘ        | Joint ISO/TC 210-IEC/SC 62A WG : Application of risk management to medical devices     |
| ISO/TC 210/JWG 2 ⓘ        | Joint ISO/TC 210-IEC/SC 62A WG : Medical device software                               |
| ISO/TC 210/JWG 3 ⓘ        | Joint ISO/TC 210-IEC/SC 62A WG : Medical device usability                              |
| ISO/TC 210/JWG 4 ⓘ        | Joint ISO/TC 210 - IEC/SC 62D WG: Small bore connectors                                |
| ISO/TC 210/STTF ⓘ         | Spanish translation task force                                                         |
| ISO/TC 210/WG 1 ⓘ         | Application of quality systems to medical devices                                      |
| ISO/TC 210/WG 2 ⓘ         | General aspects stemming from the application of quality principles to medical devices |
| ISO/TC 210/WG 3 ⓘ         | Symbols and nomenclature for medical devices                                           |
| ISO/TC 210/WG 5 ⓘ         | Connectors for reservoir delivery systems                                              |
| ISO/TC 210/WG 6 ⓘ         | Application of post market surveillance systems to medical devices                     |
| ISO/TC 210/WG 7 ⓘ         | Good engineering maintenance management                                                |

# Ongoing Work in ISO/TC 210

## Current Revisions and Projects – Highlights: ISO 13485 stable until 2031 / ISO/TS 23485 under development

| Filter [7]: <input type="checkbox"/> Published <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Under development <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn <input type="checkbox"/> Deleted |  |       | Search in the list |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------|--------------------|--|
| Standard and/or project under the direct responsibility of ISO/TC 210 Secretariat ↑                                                                                      |  | Stage | ICS                |  |
| ⦿ ISO/CD 15223-2 [Under development]                                                                                                                                     |  | 30.00 |                    |  |
| Medical devices — Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling, and information to be supplied — Part 2: Symbol development, selection and validation        |  |       |                    |  |
| ⦿ ISO/AWI TR 20416 [Under development]                                                                                                                                   |  | 20.00 |                    |  |
| Medical devices — Post-market surveillance for manufacturers                                                                                                             |  |       |                    |  |
| ⦿ ISO/WD TS 23485.2 [Under development]                                                                                                                                  |  | 20.60 |                    |  |
| Medical Devices — Quality management systems — Guideline for the application of ISO 13485:2016                                                                           |  |       |                    |  |
| ⦿ ISO/TS 24971-2 [Under development]                                                                                                                                     |  | 60.00 | 11.040.01          |  |
| Medical devices — Guidance on the application of ISO 14971 — Part 2: Machine learning in artificial intelligence                                                         |  |       | 35.240.01          |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                          |  |       | 35.240.80          |  |
| ⦿ ISO/WD TS 24971-3 [Under development]                                                                                                                                  |  | 20.60 |                    |  |
| Medical devices - Guidance on the application of ISO 14971 — Part 3: Combination products                                                                                |  |       |                    |  |
| ⦿ IEC/CD TS 62366-2 [Under development]                                                                                                                                  |  | 30.60 |                    |  |
| Medical devices — Part 2: Guidance on the application of usability engineering to medical devices                                                                        |  |       |                    |  |
| ⦿ IEC/AWI 80369-5 [Under development]                                                                                                                                    |  | 10.99 |                    |  |
| Small-bore connectors for liquids and gases in healthcare applications — Part 5: Connectors for limb cuff inflation applications                                         |  |       |                    |  |

# Ongoing Work in ISO/TC 210

## Trends Driving the Work

- Regulatory tightening (MDR/IVDR, FDA updates)
- Increased focus on patient safety
- Digitalisation & software-heavy devices
- Global consistency / harmonisation
- Better clarity for audits
- Reducing unnecessary complexity in standards



# Benefits of Contributing

## Why Participate in ISO/TC 210?

- Influence the development of the standards you must comply with
- Gain early insight into changes
- Understand the intent behind requirements
- Enhance internal interpretation and implementation
- Build strong expert networks



# Benefits of Contributing

## Benefits for Companies

- Reduced compliance risk
- Improved audit outcomes
- Faster adaptation to new standards
- Better understanding of expectations from regulators
- Opportunities for internal competence building
- Competitive advantage



# Benefits of Contributing

## Practical Impact:

- Clarifying unclear requirements in drafts

- Influencing on International Standards

**Participation gives your organization the ability to:**

- Suggest changes
- Comment on drafts
- Vote on key decisions

**This influence ensures that standards remain practical, implementable, and aligned with real-world industry needs.**

- Bringing industry experience into the standard
- Helping avoid over-regulation or unrealistic demands



# The Medical Device Standards Value Proposition

Medical sector standards promote health, safety, security, privacy, access, and harmonization and serves to deliver **better patient outcomes**.



$$S + E + A = BPO_{\max}$$



**Optimizing standards for  
regulatory purposes**



**IMDRF**

International Medical Device  
Regulators Forum

# Challenges to Regulatory- ready Standards

IMDRF Standards Working Group identified:

- *Poor participation by RAs* → can lead to the development of standards that do not include substance and language that are useful for regulatory purposes
- *Unbalanced representation* → can result in some groups' disproportionate voice in and impact on standards development
- *Content of standards can be too flexible* → can render standards less useful as they may not adequately identify minimum requirements for quality, safety and/or effectiveness/performance.

# Guidance Recommendations:

- Standards must be optimized for regulatory use
- IMDRF [RA] members should participate as early as possible in standards development



**IMDRF** International Medical  
Device Regulators Forum

## Final Document

**Title:** Optimizing Standards for Regulatory Use

**Authoring Group:** IMDRF Standards Working Group

**Date:** 5 November 2018

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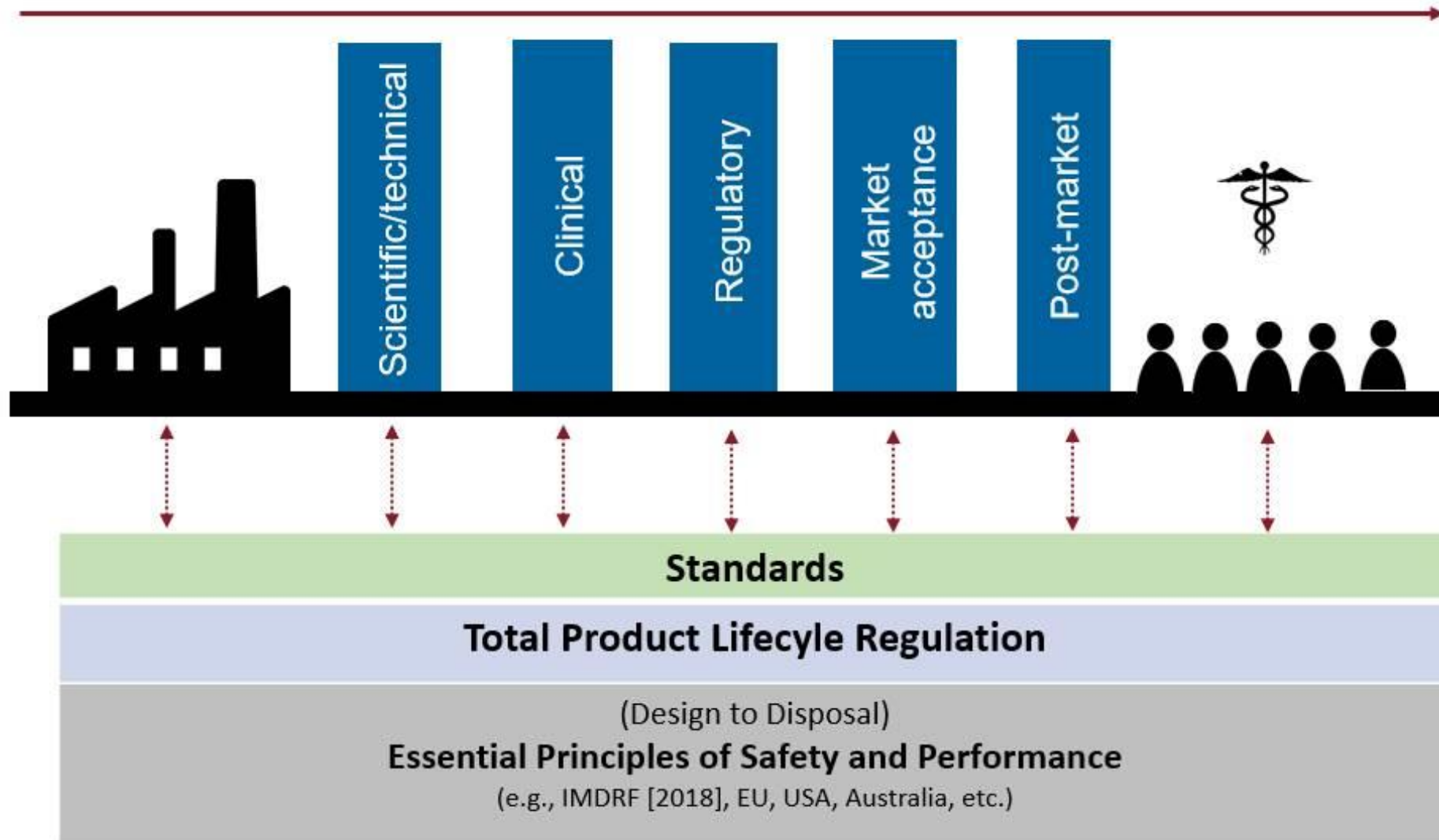
# Role of the Regulator in Standards:

- Regulatory Authorities should build a strong standards program that encourages contributions to standards development
- Engagement with SDOs is essential
  - Through national bodies and mirror committees
  - On SDO Technical Committees
- Contribute regulatory perspective
- Get involved early – at the New Work Item Proposal stage
- Communicate national / regulatory needs
- Consider leadership roles

# Join the Standards Conversation

- Nations (through their 'national bodies' or 'national committees') are ISO and IEC members; they appoint individuals to represent them
- National bodies are responsible for ISO and IEC work within their countries
- National bodies appoint national or 'mirror' committees (called TAGs in the US) whose work mirrors that of the ISO and IEC bodies
  - Develop consensus on issues
  - Review proposals and documents
  - Comment on new standards
- Regulators should participate at both the national (for example, national bodies or mirror committees) and the international levels (ISO and IEC committees)
  - Goal: build regulatory interests into the standards (e.g., test methods, acceptance criteria)
  - Submit effective comments
  - Understand how to implement standards to meet jurisdictional needs

# The connection between standards and regulations—Promoting safety, effectiveness, and access from conception through clinical use



# Benefit by Stakeholders

## **Patients, consumers, the public**

- Assures device safety, effectiveness, quality
- Increases affordability
- Improves access to technology-enabled diagnosis and treatment

## **Clinicians, healthcare providers**

- Assures device safety, effectiveness, quality
- Eases evaluation of devices (acquisition)
- Facilitates delivery of state-of-the-art healthcare

## **Medical Device Manufacturers**

- Provides assessment of state-of-the-art
- Details product requirements
- Clarifies pathway for regulatory approval
- Provides presumption of compliance
- Limits unfair liability
- Promotes international trade

## **Medical Device regulators**

- Provides assessment of state-of-the-art
- Provides consensus criteria for product evaluation
- Reduces review/approval times
- Facilitates agile regulation
- Advances regulatory science

# Stakeholders in Device Standards

- Regulators
- Clinicians/Healthcare delivery organizations
- Technology manufacturers, producers, vendors
- Patients and patient advocates
- Testing laboratories
- Consumers
- Health authorities

**NOTE:** For some international SDOs, like ISO and IEC, the stakeholders are often countries, rather than individuals

# Different Types SDOs and Consensus



- **Regulatory**
  - Government developed standards and specifications
- **National Standard Bodies**
  - Consensus determined by national rules
- **Regional**
  - Consensus (voting) among member states (nations)
- **International NGOs (2 types)**
  - Consensus (voting) among stakeholders with a material interest
  - Consensus (voting) among member states (nations)

# Industry Education

## 1. **CDRH Learn: Multi-Media Industry Education**

- Over 200 modules
- Videos, audio recordings, power point presentations, software-based “how to” modules
- Mobile-friendly: access CDRH Learn on your portable devices

[www.fda.gov/CDRHLearn](http://www.fda.gov/CDRHLearn)

## 2. **Device Advice: Text-Based Education**

- Comprehensive regulatory information on premarket and postmarket topics

[www.fda.gov/DeviceAdvice](http://www.fda.gov/DeviceAdvice)

## 3. **Division of Industry and Consumer Education (DICE)**<sup>26</sup>

- Contact DICE if you have a question
- Email: [DICE@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:DICE@fda.hhs.gov)
- Phone: 1(800) 638-2041 or (301) 796-7100 (Hours: 9 am-12:30 pm; 1 pm-4:30pm EST)
- Web: [www.fda.gov/DICE](http://www.fda.gov/DICE)

# Relevant CDRH Guidances

- **Recognition and Withdrawal of Voluntary Consensus Standards guidance**

[www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/recognition-and-withdrawal-voluntary-consensus-standards](http://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/recognition-and-withdrawal-voluntary-consensus-standards)

- **Appropriate Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards in Premarket Submissions for Medical Devices guidance**

[www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/appropriate-use-voluntary-consensus-standards-premarket-submissions-medical-devices](http://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/appropriate-use-voluntary-consensus-standards-premarket-submissions-medical-devices)

- **Recommended Content and Format of Non-Clinical Bench Performance Testing Information in Premarket Submissions: Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff**

<https://www.fda.gov/media/113230/download>

# CDRH Standards Resources

- **FDA/CDRH Division of Standards & Conformity Assessment**  
[www.fda.gov/medical-devices/device-advice-comprehensive-regulatory-assistance/standards-and-conformity-assessment-program#intro](http://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/device-advice-comprehensive-regulatory-assistance/standards-and-conformity-assessment-program#intro)
- **FDA Recognized Consensus Standards Database**  
[www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfStandards/search.cfm](http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfStandards/search.cfm)
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