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**INTRODUCTION TO IEC 62304 MEDICAL DEVICE
SOFTWARE**

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IEC62304

IEC 62304 covers Software Lifecycle process – it is not a Quality System!

IEC 62304 is very well laid out and easily readable – almost step-by-step guide to exactly what needs to be implemented and complied with.

This presentation not meant to be a substitute for an in-depth knowledge and implementation of IEC 62304 .

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RISK ASSESSMENT & SAFETY CLASSIFICATION

Determine the Class of your product or medical device according to Software Risk Management of IEC14971

- The safety classifications are
 - Class A – no injury or damage to health is possible
 - Class B – Non-serious injury is possible
 - Class C – Death or serious injury is possible

This is the starting point of your process, all steps hereafter are determined by the safety classification

Where a hazard can arise from the failure of a software system to perform as specified, then the probability of failure can be assumed to be 100%!



DOCUMENT DELIVERABLES

- Software Development & Maintenance Plan
- Risk Management File
- Software Requirements Specification
- Software Architecture Document
- Software Detailed Design Document
- Software Integration, Test and Validation
- Test Records, Change Control, Release Worksheets



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SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE PLAN

- Defines The Software Development Life Cycle Model
- Defines the Processes
- Defines the Deliverables
- Defines the Traceability
- Defines Configuration and Change Management Process
- Defines Problem Resolution



SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE PROCESS

Software Risk Management

- As discussed earlier

Software Requirements Gathering

- Include risk control measures in software
- Revise and evaluate Device risk analysis and system requirements once software requirements are set
- Verify Software Requirements
 - Implement System Requirements
 - Ensure system and software requirements do not contradict
 - Avoid ambiguity
 - Testable
 - Uniquely identified
 - Traceable back to system requirements



SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE PROCESS

SRS contains

- Functional and Capability Requirements
- System Inputs and Outputs
- Interfaces from Software System to other systems
- Alarms, warnings, messages, etc
- Security requirements
- Usability engineering requirements
- Data and database requirements
- Installation and Acceptance Requirements
- User docs to be developed
- User Maintenance requirements
- Regulatory requirements
- Requirements relating to operation and maintenance



SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE PROCESS

Software Architectural Design

- Transform Software Requirements into architecture
- Develop an architecture for the interfaces between software items and hardware items
- Specify Requirements and proper functionality of SOUP items
- Identify partitioning for risk control



SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE PROCESS

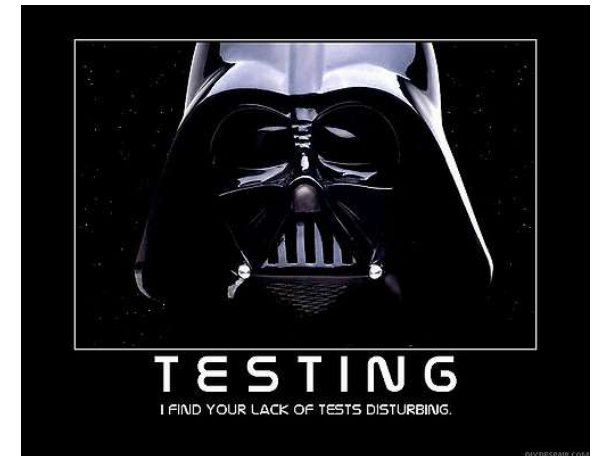
Software Detailed Design

- Design and Implement each software unit
- Specify Test Strategy and procedure for each software unit
- Verify unit testing input and outputs are valid
- Establish acceptance criteria
- Perform verification, document results and store



Software Integration and Testing

- Integrate software units in accordance with integration plan
- Test Integrated software
- Verify test process
- Perform regression testing



SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE PROCESS

Software System Testing

- Establish test for software requirements
- Retest after changes
- Verify Software System testing
- Record the tests (same as any hardware tests)
 - Record the Version under test
 - Document the Test Conditions and Results
 - Store the Result Records
 - Identify the Tester
 - Ensure sufficient info to allow test to be repeated



SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE PROCESS

Software Release

- Ensure software verification and validation is complete
- Document and evaluate known residual issues
- Document released versions
- Document the software design
- Ensure all open items are closed off
- Archive software
- Check Design for Manufacturing capability (Poke/Yoke)



SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE PROCESS

Software Maintenance

- Establish Software Maintenance Plan (very important!)
- Analysis when problem occurs and modification of code required
 - Monitor feedback
 - Document and evaluate
 - Evaluate effect on safety, if any
 - Need Software Problem Resolution process
 - Test, Verify and Validate modified software
 - Approve change request
 - Release modified software
 - Communicate to users and agencies where required
 - Process to update software in the field if required



SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE PROCESS

Software Configuration Management

- Identify all unique components of the Software system
- Change Control
 - Approve change request
 - Release modified software
 - Verify modified software
 - Provide audit trail for changes
- Use a Version Control system for check-in/check-out for all components of software system including hardware



SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE PROCESS

Software Problem Resolution

- Prepare problem reports
- Investigate
- Advise relevant parties
- Use change control process
- Maintain records
- Analyse problem for trends
- Verify software problem resolution
- Retain appropriate test documentation relating to changes



SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE PROCESS

Review

- Process to assess Software requirements – based on safety risk – Class C requires a lot more diligence and robustness and subsequently will result in much more code than Class A
- Process to Develop Software – released software must be traceable full circle back to SRS
- Process to Test Software – how, when, who and what. Store test data.
- Process to Maintain Software – once released how to handle changes that may need to be made to the software, internally and externally
- Be very cautious when using SOUP
- Important to explain to design team that the process should handle all the risks, not the individual!