

Testing in the medical world

Practical experiences with an FDA audit

Dutch Testing Day, 04-Nov-2009, by Patrick Duisters, Improve Quality Services BV

Patrick Duisters

- 20 years experience
- 12 years in Software Testing & Quality Assurance
- Administrative, Technical, Governmental
- Test Consultant & Trainer of Improve Quality Services BV
- Certifications: ISEB/ISTQB, TMap, IREB, Prince II
- Accreditations: ISEB/ISTQB, TMMi



Regulating Bodies...

- Medical & Pharmacy for example
- No Free Choice

Their Function

- Safety: Hazard & Harm
- Product Quality: Qualification





Agenda

- Regulating bodies
- Consequences
- The Audit
- Lessons Learned
- FDA as a Model
- Questions



FDA as a model

The **Food and Drug Administration** is responsible for protecting the public health by assuring the safety, efficacy, and security of human and veterinary drugs, biological products, medical devices, our nation's food supply, cosmetics, and products that emit radiation.

- American market
- Independent
- Investigation for Verification: Audit
- Medical:
- Code of Federal Regulations: 21CFR part 820
- Product & Process:
- Production & Development

Consequences

- Proof
- Observations
- Warning letters
- Market closure ...or even Recall
- Follow-Up: Report
- Often underestim



Demands

- Mature & Deployed Processes
- Verification and Validation

Formalization??

If it isn't written down, it has n't been done



Building up the evidence...

"It works as I thought it would."

- Policy
- Testing Quality System
- Test Approach
- Testing Strategy: Risk Based

based on PRISMA®



- Implementation of test strategy and test design techniques
- Proven quality and mitigated product risks
- TMMi addresses items: policy, training etc.

A checklist is not enough!



The Audit: context

- Manufacturer of medical systems
- Integration, Verification, Validation and Release team
- 50 Professional testers
- TMMi as a reference

- Test Process Manager
- Audit: late 2008: FDA
- Preparation, Execution, Follow up



Audit Preparation & Organization

Preparation

- Planning
- Desk Checks
- Briefing
- Mock Audit & Follow-Up

Organization

- Front Office
- Back Office
- Auditees









Audit Execution

- Introduction
- Questions
 - Starting Points
 - Confirmation
- Answers
 - Who, What, What Not, How,
 - Confirmation
- Closure
 - Reporting





Lessons Learned

- Mature process
- Understanding
- Preparation
- Review
- Briefing
- Mock Audit

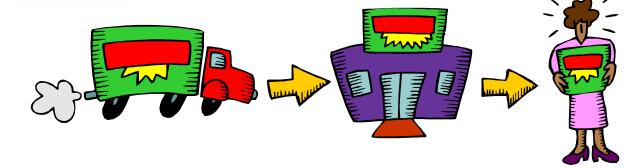




FDA as a model

- Medical
- Defense
- Automotive
- Public
- Finance







patrick.duisters@improveqs.nl / www.improveqs.nl

