# Risk-Based Validation and Requalification of Processes & Equipment

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    - Other non US regulatory standard accepted by FDA
      - Industry Standards recognized by regulators follow behind
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- US Predicate law always comes first
  - 21 CFR 11, 58, 210, 211, 600, 606, 820, 1270, 1271
  - Covers electronic records and signatures (CSV issues)
  - GLP related validation practices
  - Pharmaceutical GMP related validation
  - Blood and Biological related validation
  - Human tissue related validation
  - US Guidances



- US Guidances
  - Guidances on Part 11
  - Guidances on Aseptic Processing
  - Guidance on Process Validation



- Other non US regulatory standard accepted by FDA
  - European Union GMP Annexes
  - World Health Organization GMP and Validation Guidances
  - GHTF Documents (Except for Medical Device Process Validation, FDA Accepts GHTF as their own for device)
  - PIC/s (Pharmaceutical Inspection Co-operation Scheme)



- Industry Standards Recognized by FDA Regulators
  - ISPE Baseline Guides
  - ISPE GAMP 4 or 5
  - ASTM F838 (Sterilizing filter validation)
  - Some but not all PDA Technical Reports:
    - PDA Technical Report No. 1, Revised 2007 Validation of Moist Heat Sterilization Processes: Cycle Design, Development, Qualification and Ongoing Control
    - PDA Technical Report No. 44, Quality Risk Management for Aseptic Processes
    - PDA Technical Report No. 3, Validation of Dry Heat Processes Used for Sterilization and Depyrogenation
  - Some but not all AAMI Standards
  - All of ISO 14644



- Other standards can be put in place with regulatory permission, (pre-approval of the agency)
  - ASTM E2500
  - Non recognized PDA or AAMI Standards



# What is Qualification / Verification / Commissioning / Validation?

- Validation
  - Commissioning
  - Qualification
  - Verification



# What is Qualification / Verification / Commissioning / Validation?

#### Validation

 A process that provides an appropriate amount of assurance through testing that critical processes in producing a drug substance or drug product can be shown to be operating in the correct sequence and effective over time

#### Commissioning

 A process that will ensure installed equipment or systems perform in conformity with their intended design.



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#### Qualification

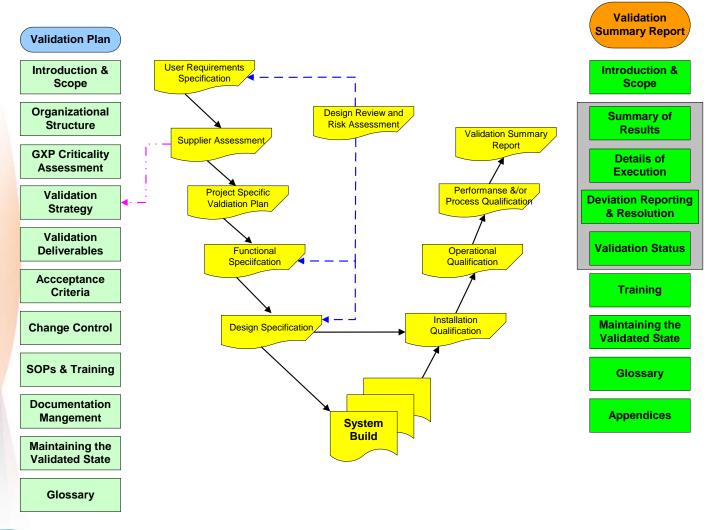
 The process of insuring equipment or system are properly installed or properly operating or properly performing a process.

#### Verification

 Evidence that establishes or confirms the accuracy or truth of something at a single point in time.



## Validation Lifecycle





- Computerized Systems, non equipment
- Computerized Systems, manufacturing equipment
- Computerized Systems, instruments
- Non computerized equipment
- Non computerized instruments
- Defined processes, batch workflows, cleaning, sterilization &/or sanitization



- Computerized Systems, non equipment
  - IOQ and Performance Verification where indicated
    - GXP Software Applications
- Computerized Systems, manufacturing equipment
  - IOQ and Performance Verification where indicated
    - Covers most manufacturing equipment with automation
- Computerized Systems, instruments
  - IOQ and Performance Verification where indicated of the application controlling the instrument
    - Ex BMS reporting instruments
    - PAT systems



- Non computerized equipment
  - IOQ and Performance Verification where indicated
- Non computerized instruments
  - IOQ
- Defined processes, batch workflows, cleaning, sterilization &/or sanitization
  - Process Validation



#### **How Do I Determine Risk**

- What is the process/equipment?
- What functions will I use?
- What functions will I not use?
- Are there any critical parameters the manufacturer requires t be met?
  - Can I use a vendor commissioning document to support this parameters?



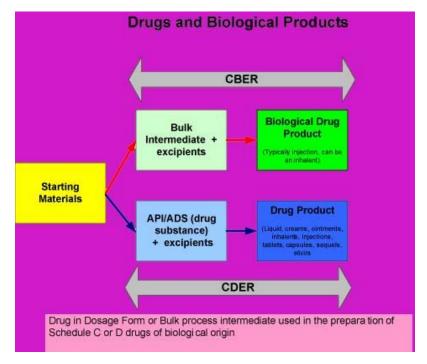
## **Equipment Qualification Example**

- Typical Lab System With Chromatography Software:
  - Establish Validation Process by the Users Requirements
    - Software may have additional functions, but if the user is not intending to apply them to the system why test them?
  - 21CFR Part 11 Controls, most software today is Part 11 complaint
  - Tools on Menus that you will use
    - Save
    - Print
    - Create a method
    - Modify a method
    - Create a report
    - Modify a report
- Don't test what you don't plan on using.



#### **Process Validation**

- Defined processes, batch workflows, cleaning, sterilization &/or sanitization
  - Process validation





#### **Process Validation**

- Process Validation Scale
  - Process Validation is always done at the commercial scale
- Process Types
  - Cleaning
  - Sanitization
  - Fumigation
  - Depyrogenation
  - Sterilization
  - Sterile filling
  - Fermentation
  - Bulk production
  - Purification
  - Filling, capping, sealing
  - Lyophilization



#### **Process Validation Risk Assessment**

- What are your CCPs (critical control parameters)
  - You do want to show that you can control your process over it's range of operations.
    - Minimum and maximum ranges

- Time Torque

TemperatureLine Speed

Agitation
 Temperature Hold Time

Contact Time
 Cycle points (pH, TOC, Conductivity)

Drying TimeCritical Biomass

Clean Hold TimeVacuum Hold

Dirty Hold Time

Defined Loads (Patterns)

Order of Ingredient Addition



- The bulk is manufactured in multiple steps by introducing raw ingredients during each step into a clean polypropylene vessel containing a clean stirbar and mixing on a magnaplate stirrer of appropriate size for that volume. Sampling and testing for conformance occurs after each step in which raw ingredients are introduced to the bulk.
- After bulking, and receipt of in-specification bulk testing results, the bulk is filtered using a filter train consisting of the following capsule filters: 1.2 micron Sartorius P/C 5571303P700B, SeraCare P/C 100064; 0.45 micron Sartorius P/C 5571306D700B, SeraCare P/C 100057; and 0.2 micron Sartorius P/C 5571307H700B, SeraCare P/C 100049.
- The filtered bulk is tested for bioburden.
- The filtered bulk is stored refrigerated at 2-8oC until filling occurs.
- Filling occurs semi-automated using a calibrated automatic dispensing systems.
- The bulk is filled into sized containers consisting of 4.0 mL tubes of Polypropylene P/C 100094 and capped with 12.5 mm/Insert FG Blue Polypropylene closures P/C 100331.



#### CPPs

- Vessel MOC polypropylene
- Concentration of Raw Ingredients after bulking
- Types of filters
- Post Filtration Bioburden
- Fill Volume
- MOC of components, vials and closures for filling.



- The bulk is manufactured in multiple steps by introducing raw ingredients during each step into a bioreacter at 35C with 10 RPM agitation.
- After all raw materials are added, and the reactor fluid is steadt between pH 6.4 and 6.5; 100mL of an *Escherichia coli* cell suspension between 9.1 and 9.5 OD at 420 nm is added. The agitation is reduced to 5 RPM.
- Agitation continues for 14-22 hours until the Optical Density of the reactor mass is between 72 and 76 OD at 420nm.



#### CPPs

- Raw Ingredients charge
- Agitation
- Temperatures
- pH
- Organism spike OD & mL
- Agitation
- Time
- OD of biomass



## **Change Control**

- Evaluation of changes in assigning risk; what really is a like for like change.
  - Same make and model
  - Different manufacturer but same performance
- Maybe a like for like Change but needs evaluation
  - Different raw material and/or component sources
    - Remember Baxter's Heparin!
- Not a like for like change
  - Upgrading from ChemStation/TuboChrome to Millennium or Empower
  - Scaling up batch sizes from the validated batch sizes
  - Changing any CPPs in any process.



## **Key Players**

#### Quality Assurance

- Despite popular rumor, the FDA does expect Quality Assurance to approve and review the validation process. This includes pre-approval review and post approval review. This is a requirement of predicate law.
- QA should approve all validation derivations as well as all deviations related to execution.

#### Manufacturer/Facilities

 Typically the owner of most validated processes. Should be responsible for the authoring of validation deliverables, technical review of protocols and reports, and authoring protocols deviations.

#### Laboratory Management

 Unless the play the owner role, they are typically involved by testing in process related validations.



## Required Quality Documents

- Validation Plan
- User Requirements
- Functional Requirements
- IQ
- OQ
- PQ where required
- Validation Summary Report



## Where is validation defined to assess revalidation

- The re-qualification process Validation Summary Report (VSR)
  - Trigger Assessment of changes
- The VSR should contain references to those documents that supported the validation:
  - Validation Master Plans
    - 00006VP, Validation Plan for ACCURUN Controls, Initial Release
    - 08-001, Validation Master Plan for Transfer of ACCURUN Product Manufacture from West Bridgewater to Milford, MA, Revision 2
    - 08-018, Validation Master Plan for Qualification of Filters Used in ACCURUN Products, Initial Release
  - Stability Protocol
    - #08-003, Stability Protocol for ACCURUN Validation Lots Manufactured in Milford, 01 May 2008



## Where is validation defined to assess revalidation

#### - ATBs

 ATB-A001-S5100, ACCURUN 1 Multi-Marker Positive Control, Series 5100 Revision C, Date Approved: 13 Aug 2008

#### Manufacturing Procedures

- 00572MC, Aseptic Filtrations of ACCURUN Multi-Marker Bulks and ACCURUN A80X Negative Bulk Control, Revision F, Date Approved: 05 Jan 2007
- 00586MC, OEM Bottling/Labeling, Revision D, Date Approved: 15 Jan 2008
- 00170SO, Thawing Procedure for Blood Products, Initial Release, Date Approved: 25 Nov 2003
- 00572MC, Aseptic Filtrations of ACCURUN Multi-Marker Bulks and ACCURUN A80X Negative Bulk Control, Revision F, Date Approved: 05 Jan 2007
- 500011MC, ACCURUN 1, Series 5100 Bottling/Labeling 3.5 mL Part Code 500011 revision C
- 00170SO, Thawing Procedure for Blood Products, Initial Release, Date Approved: 25 Nov 2003



## Where is validation defined to assess revalidation

#### SOPs/POPs

- SOP 751.01, *Preparation of Formulation Instructions for Manufacturing*, Revision C, Date Approved: 05 Feb 2008
- POP300379, Bulk Formulation of Controls, Revision B, Date Approved: 18 March 2008
- POP300380, Bulk Adjustment of Controls, Revision B, Date Approved: 18 March 2008

#### **Other Procedures and Forms**

- Form # 751.01-01, Instructions for Product Formulation
- Form # 300379, Bulk Formulation Sheet
- Form # 300380, Bulk Adjustment Sheet

#### Test Specifications

A5100TS, ACCURUN 1 Multi-Marker Positive Control, Series 5100
Test Specification, Revision K, Date Approved: 05 Feb 2008



## **Determining Re-Validation**

- Review the VSR Referenced Documents and make sure that changes to those documents are within the validated process.
- Changes outside of the validated process require revalidation

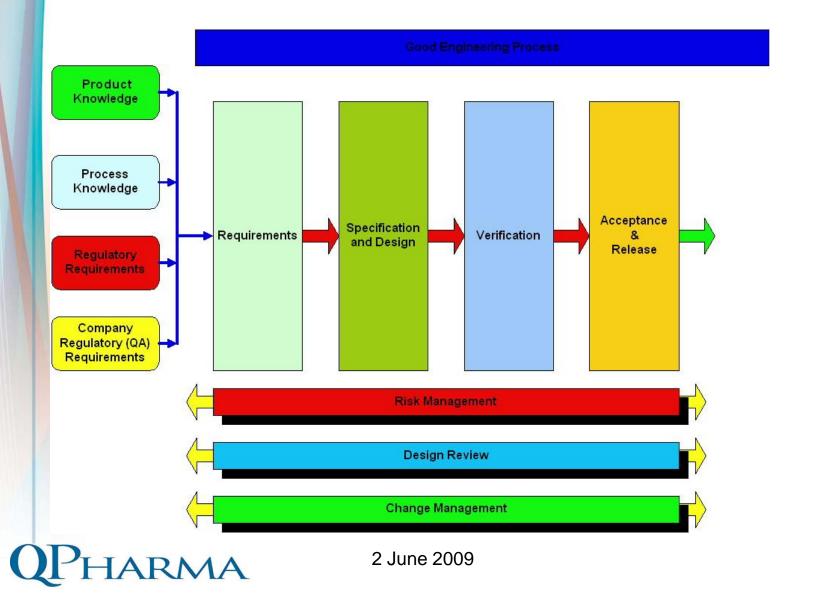


#### **ASTM E2500**

 Is not a consensus standard it is a policy statement produced by ASTM that required FDA pre-approval to utilized.



#### **ASTM E2500**



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