

Simplifying Risk Management File Maintenance: Tools, Techniques, and Industry Best Practices

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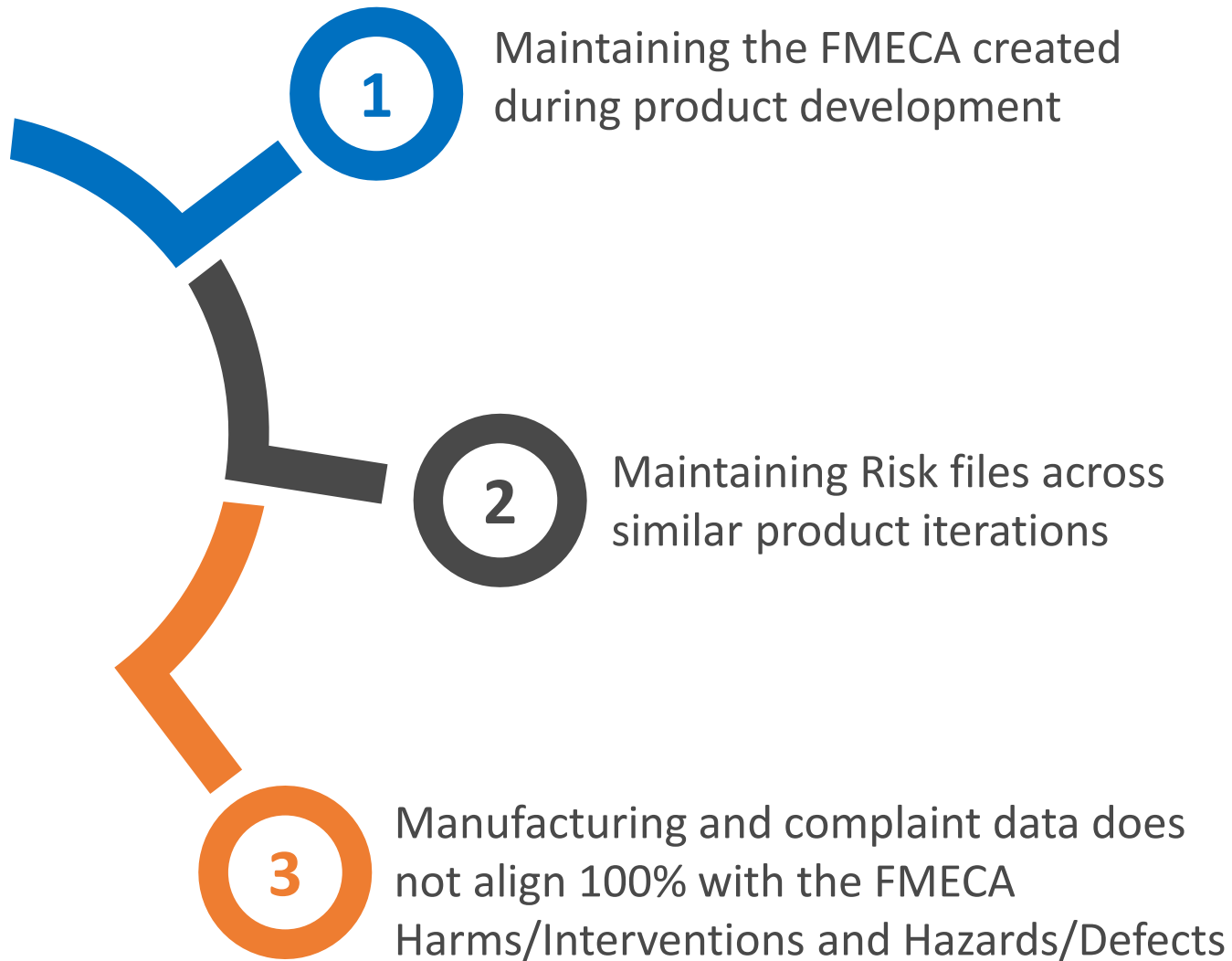
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Agenda



The Problem



Why are risk management files difficult to maintain?

- Aligning the hazard, harm, intervention and defect codes
- Debating values on a scale of 1-10
- Writing and approving the plan and reports
- Updating the FMEAs with actual data from complaints and manufacturing
- Having the experts review the analyses

The Top 5 Risk Management File Difficulties



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Updating the FMEAs with actual data from complaints and manufacturing



2

Having the experts review the analyses



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Determining hazard, harm, intervention and defect codes



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Debating values on a scale of 1-10



5

Writing and approving the plan and reports

The Requirement

- **ISO 14971:2000 originally said:** The manufacturer shall establish, document and maintain a system to collect and review information about the medical device or similar devices in the production and the post-production phases.
- **ISO 14971:2019 now says:** The manufacturer shall establish, document and maintain a system to actively collect and review information relevant to the medical device in the production and post-production phases.
When **establishing this system**, the manufacturer shall consider appropriate methods for the collection and processing of information.

How often should a product's risk management report be updated?

- When DMR changes occur
- Monthly
- Quarterly
- Annually
- Every few years

Why So Hard?

- ▶ First established 25 years ago
- ▶ Manual tools used to establish risk assessments
- ▶ Production and post production data not easily available
- ▶ No common product lines and risk codes
- ▶ Information located in multiple information silos
- ▶ Undefined process



IN ORDER TO AVOID SHODDY MISTAKES, EVERYTHING WE DO FROM NOW ON WILL BE PART OF A DOCUMENTED PROCESS.



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WHAT DOCUMENTED PROCESS DID YOU USE TO DECIDE WHAT DOCUMENTED PROCESS TO USE?



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OR IS THIS ONE OF THOSE SHODDY MISTAKES I KEEP HEARING ABOUT?

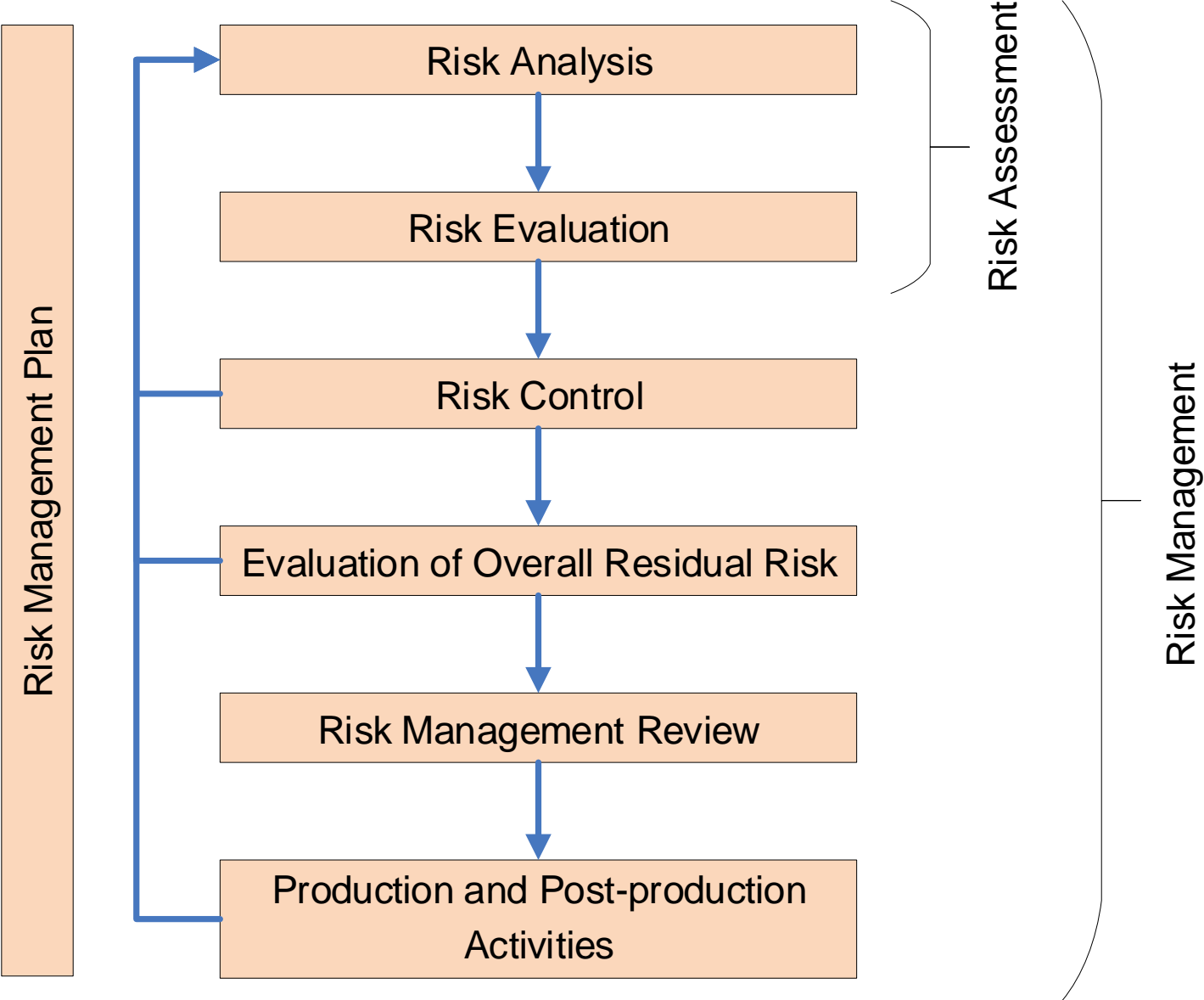


The Process: Plan-Do-Check-Act

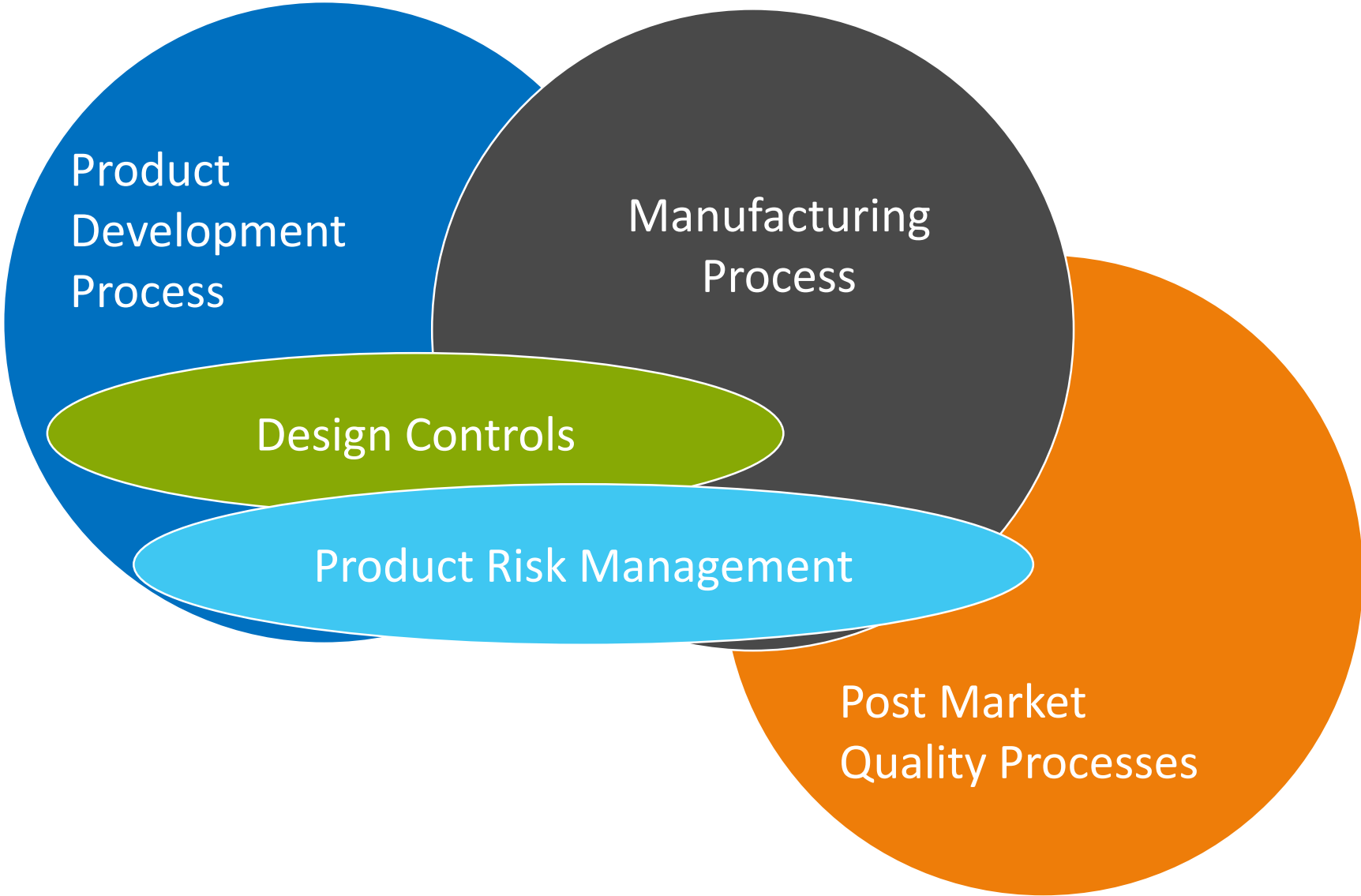
- **Plan** – Define the requirements for a Product Risk Management System (RMS)
- **Do** – Create processes, tools, procedures and operating standards for implementation
- **Check** – Verify the output meets the design and regulatory body requirements
- **Act** – Update the RMS to eliminate non-value added steps and to speed the process

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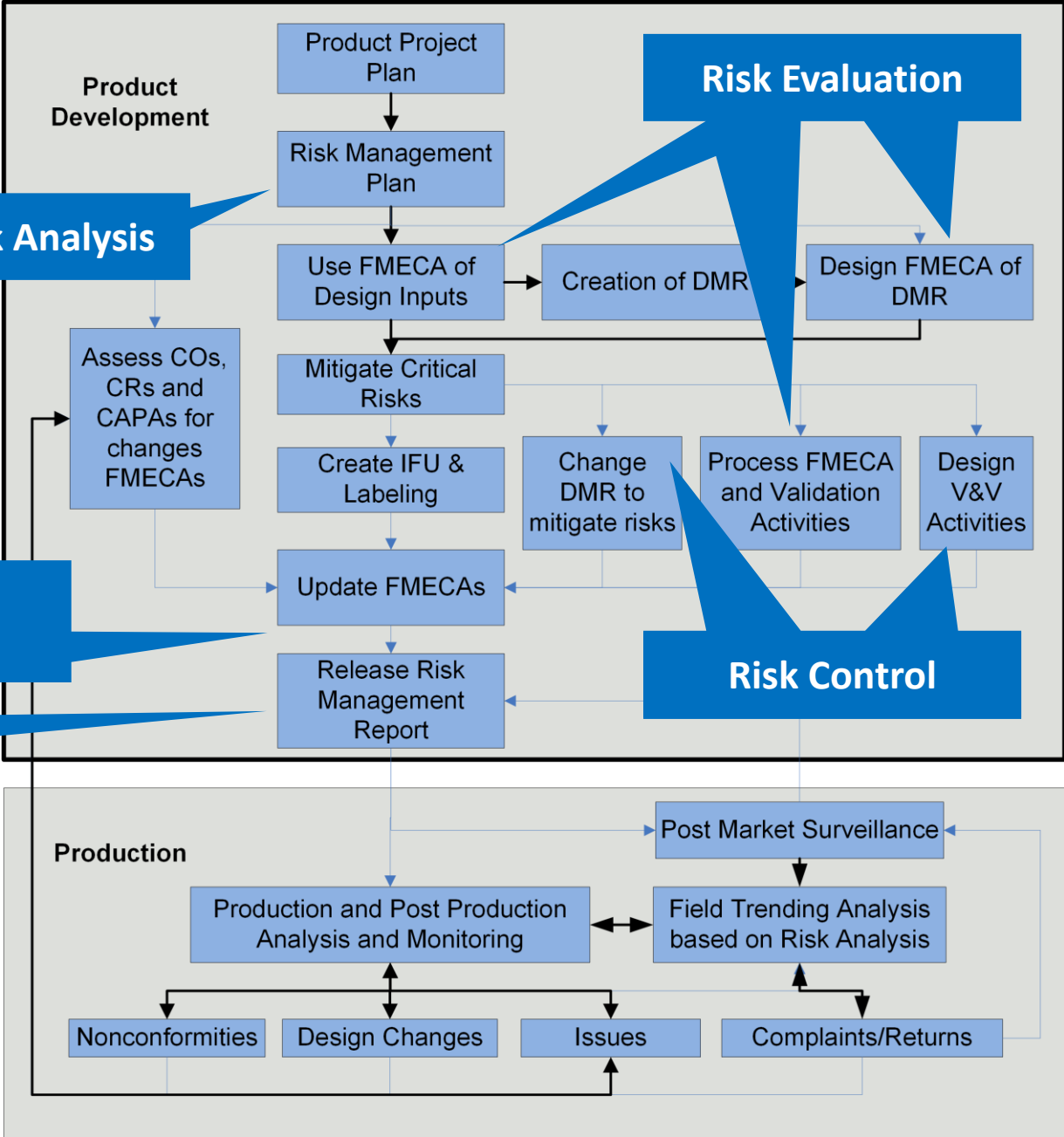
ISO 14971 Risk Management Process - Requirements



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Consiliso Risk Management Process – Design



Risk Analysis

Risk Evaluation

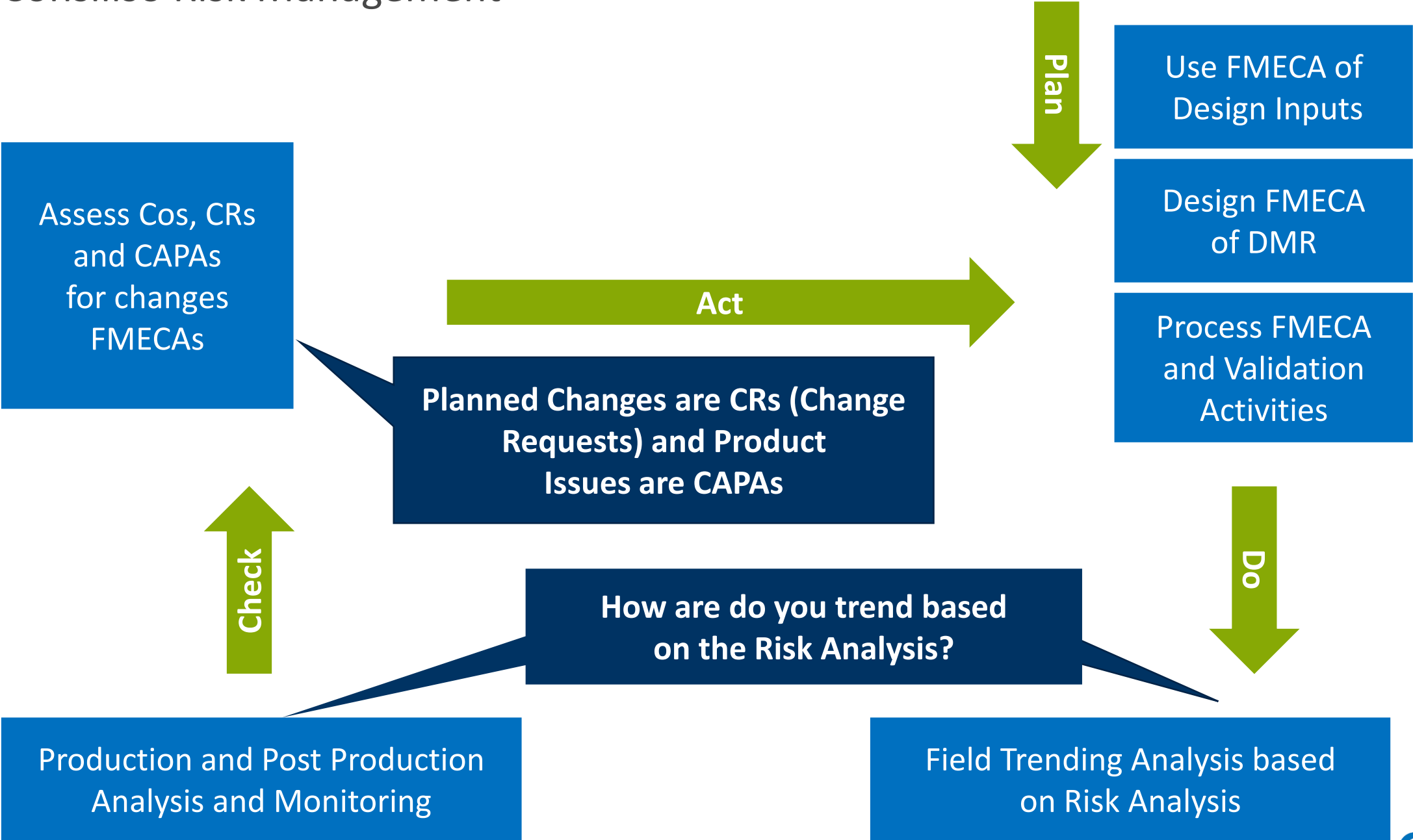
Evaluation of Overall Residual Risk

Risk Management Review

Risk Control

Production and Post-production Activities

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Production and Post Production Analysis and Trending – ISO 14971:2019



- ▶ • Create a system to actively collect and review



Information Collection:

- ▶ • Production, users, install and servicing, supply chain, public/ competitive product information and state-of-the-art (e.g. standards, articles)



Information Review:

- ▶ • New hazards, risk no longer acceptable, state-of-the-art has changed



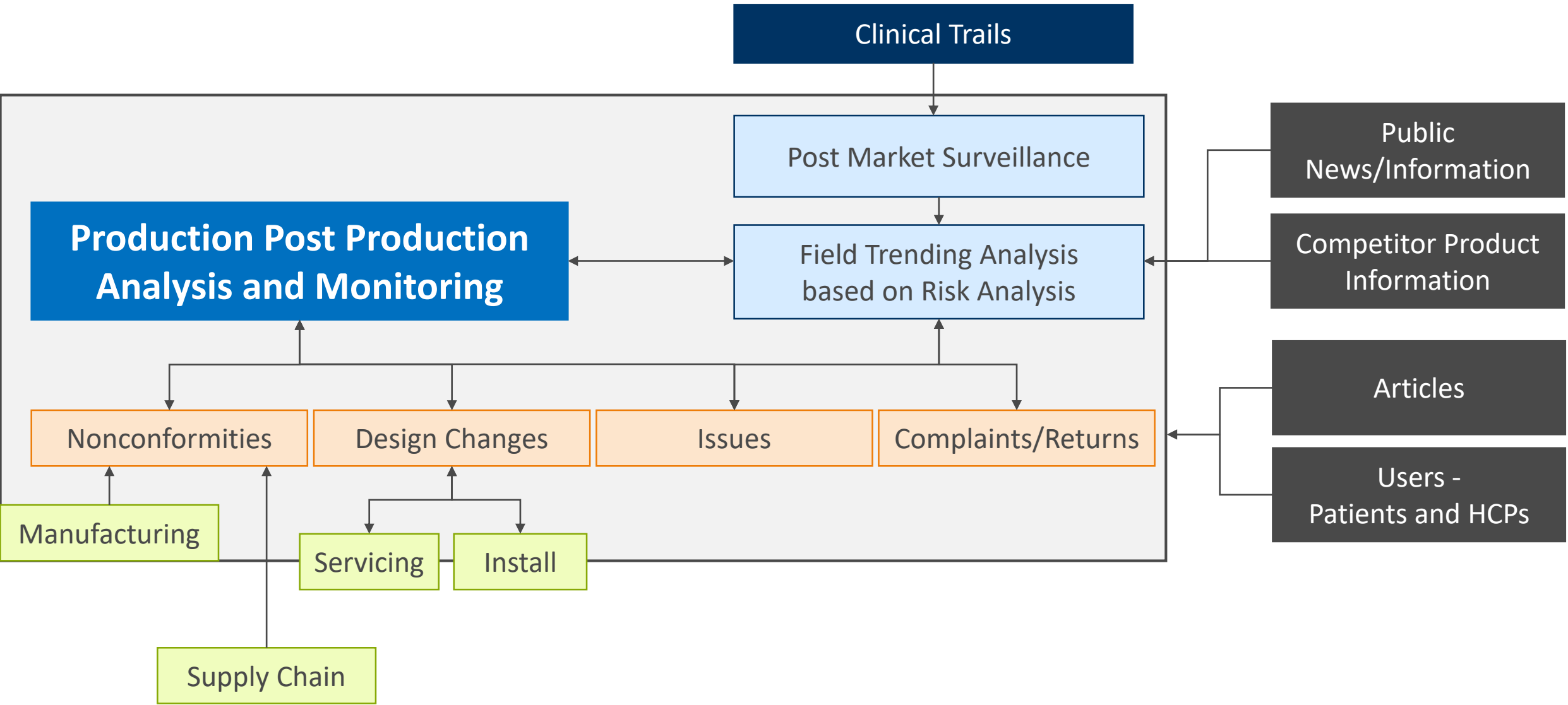
Actions:

- Particular Medical Device-change or field action, update RMF
- Risk Management Process-Evaluate previous risk management activities, update risk management process

What is the best method for Production and Post Production Analysis and Monitoring

- Updating the Risk Management Reports
- Customer Surveys
- Updating the Clinical Evaluation Reports (CER)
- Publish Product Performance Reports
- Standards Board Reviews
- Supplier Scorecards
- Quality System Management Reviews
- Monthly Product Trend Reviews
- Monthly Manufacturing Reviews
- Clinical Trial Reports

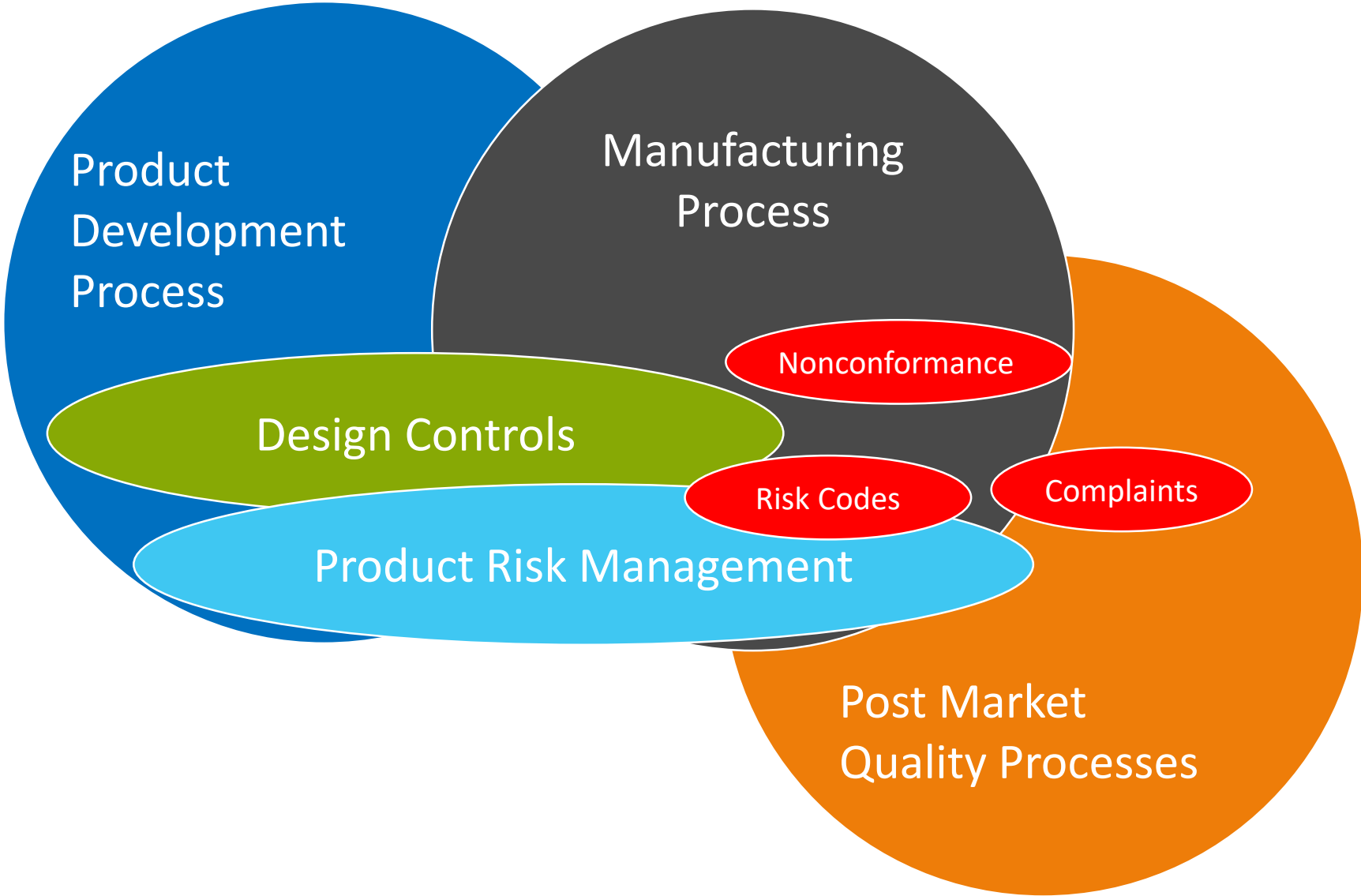
Production and Post Production Analysis and Monitoring



Production and Post Production Analysis and Monitoring – How Do You Do It? Top Ten!



How to Trend Production Issues to Complaints



How to Trend Production Issues to Complaints

By FG Part Number, SKU/Model or Product Line

- Group common designed part numbers
- Group SKU/Model number
- Product lines the same in FMECAs, complaints and nonconformances

By Defect Type

- It is obvious, but not defined
- Manufacturing reason codes
- Complaint codes

Rates

- Manufacturing by build quantity
- Field by sales or use quantity



Compare Risk Evaluation to Production Data

FMECA

Hazard in product use or possible defects in the design or mfg processes

Severity-depending on the cause

Detection-can it be found in manufacturing or in use



Complaint

Product Issue observed

Was there a patient intervention?

Did the patient or Healthcare professional see it?

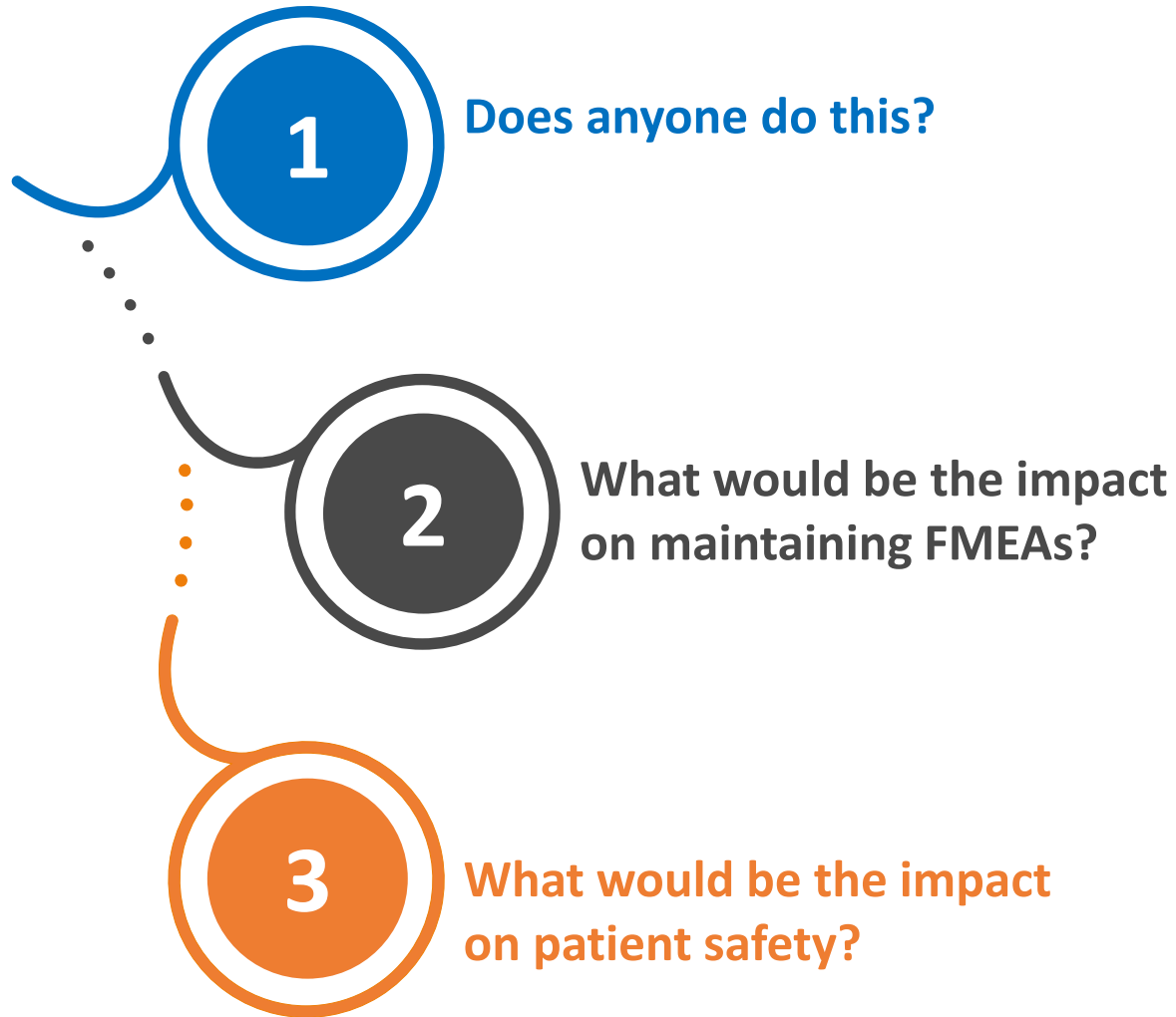
Does Anyone use your Risk Analysis Codes/ID as Nonconformance or Complaint Codes?



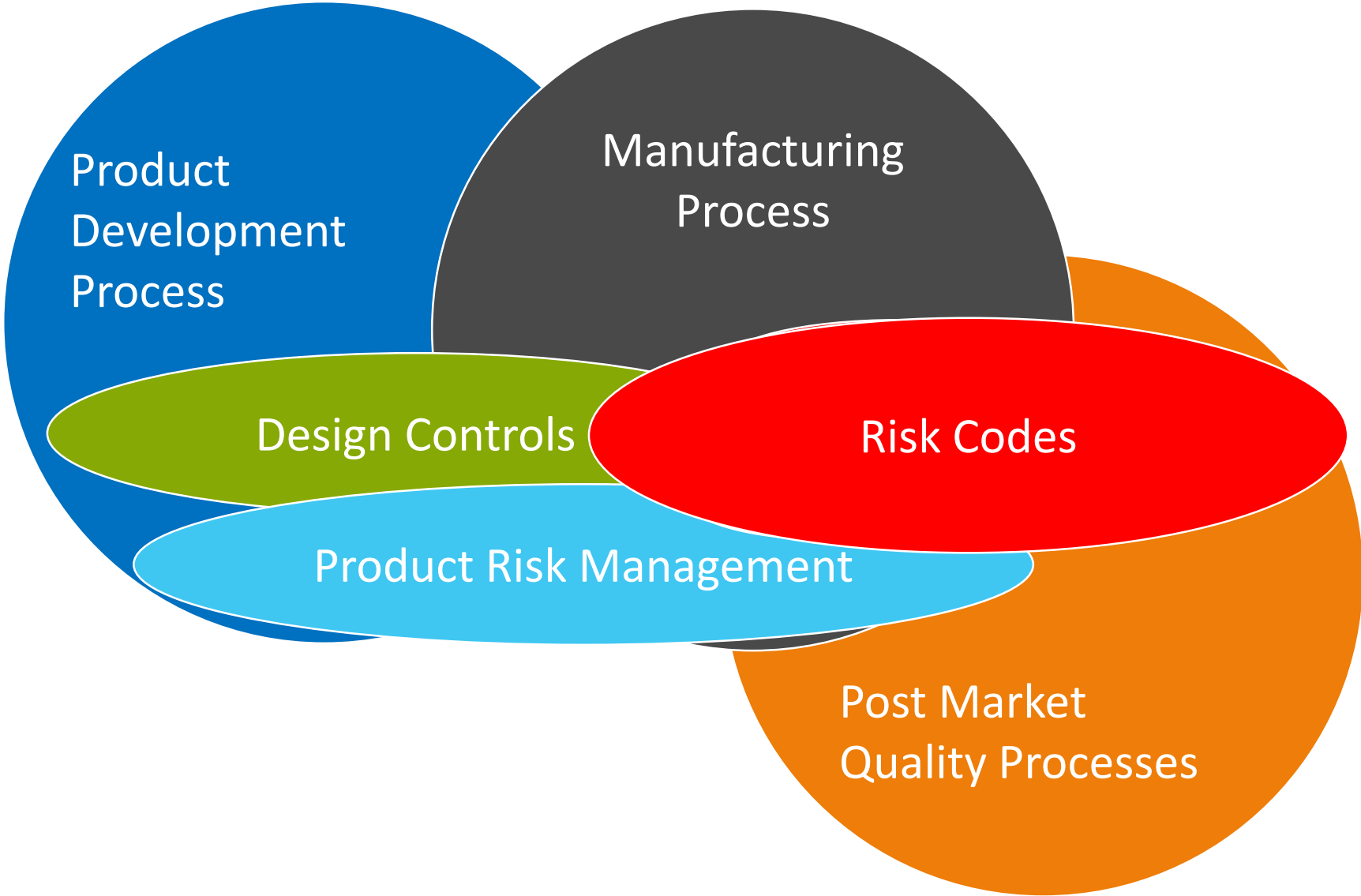
The New Idea: What if a Company's Risk Assessment and Complaint and Nonconformance Codes were Identical?



How do I get the complaint group, quality and the design assurance engineers to change their codes?



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Information Management Planning is the Key

2. Control the harm, hazard, defect and intervention codes like a part (Use the same part lifecycle statuses)

1. Integrate the complaint process, nonconformance process and part/documentation control systems

3. Manage the Risk Management and PDP documents in a Risk Management tool

4. Define Standard Codes



Standardized Harm and Hazard Codes







Seven sets initially released in 2020 and are being maintained

- 1 Annex A – Medical Device Problem – 469 Codes
- 2 Annex B – Cause Investigation-Type of Investigation – 22 Codes
- 3 Annex C – Cause Investigation-Investigation Findings – 148 Codes
- 4 Annex D – Cause Investigation-Investigation Conclusion – 35 Codes
- 5 Annex E – Health Effects-Clinical Signs, Symptoms, Conditions – 797 Codes
- 6 Annex F – Health Effects-Health Impact – 64 Codes
- 7 Annex G – Medical Device Component – 294 Codes

The EU and FDA refer to these for regulatory reporting




How Do You Create and Maintain Standard Codes?

-  Add into your documentation system
-  Assign lifecycle statuses to each code
-  Assign metadata on type, use and history
-  Use a Standards Board to review and approve
-  Approved codes are only allowed to be use in FMEAs (i.e. Risk Management Tools)
-  New codes may be created from complaints but need to be vetted and then released

Example Standard Code

H0684
Harm/Hazard • Nervous System - Brain Injury

Rev: Effective From: ... to ...

 Navigator

Actions ▾

Title Block | Changes | BOM | Events | Relationships * | Where Used | Attachments | History

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Number: H0684
Subclass: Harm/Hazard
Description: Nervous System - Brain Injury
Status: Preliminary
Effectivity Date:
Product Line(s): Corp-Quality System
Owning Dept: [Quality Post Market](#)
Access: Public
Base Model:

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Category: Harm
Internal Comments:

IMDRF/FDA Standardization

IMDRF Category: E-Health Effect Clinical
Code Definition: Damage to the brain.
FDA Code: 2219
NCIt Code: C50440
IMDRF code: E0102
IMDRF Version: 1.0

IMDRF codes in PLM system

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Search Results • All Hazards and Harms

Number	Description	Category	IMDRF Category (Page Three)	Code Definition (Page Three)
H0001	Patient Device Interaction Problem	Hazard	A-Medical Device Pi	Problem related to the interaction between the patient and the device.
H0002	Patient Device Interaction Problem - Patient-Device Incompatibility	Hazard	A-Medical Device Pi	Problem associated with the interaction between the patient's physiology
H0003	Patient Device Interaction Problem - Patient-Device Incompatibility - Biocompatibility	Hazard	A-Medical Device Pi	Problem associated with undesirable local or systemic effects due to exp
H0004	Patient Device Interaction Problem - Patient-Device Incompatibility - Device Appears to Trigger Ri	Hazard	A-Medical Device Pi	The device appears to elicit undesired response in the patient to the pres
H0005	Patient Device Interaction Problem - Patient-Device Incompatibility - Inadequacy of Device Shape	Hazard	A-Medical Device Pi	The physical size and/or shape of the device was inadequate with regard
H0006	Patient Device Interaction Problem - Osseointegration Problem	Hazard	A-Medical Device Pi	Problem associated with interconnection between the bone tissue and th
H0007	Patient Device Interaction Problem - Osseointegration Problem - Failure to Osseointegrate	Hazard	A-Medical Device Pi	Problem associated with the failure to see direct anchorage of an implan
H0008	Patient Device Interaction Problem - Osseointegration Problem - Loss of Osseointegration	Hazard	A-Medical Device Pi	Problem associated with weakened integration of the device at the bone
H0009	Patient Device Interaction Problem - Loosening of Implant Not Related to Bone-Ingrowth	Hazard	A-Medical Device Pi	Problem associated with the loss of direct anchorage of an implanted de
H0010	Patient Device Interaction Problem - Migration or Expulsion of Device	Hazard	A-Medical Device Pi	Problem with an implanted or invasive device moving within the body, or
H0011	Patient Device Interaction Problem - Migration or Expulsion of Device - Expulsion	Hazard	A-Medical Device Pi	Problem with all or part of an implanted or invasive device being complet
H0012	Patient Device Interaction Problem - Migration or Expulsion of Device - Migration	Hazard	A-Medical Device Pi	Problem with all or part of an implanted or invasive device moving from i
H0013	Manufacturing, Packaging or Shipping Problem	Hazard	A-Medical Device Pi	Problem associated with any deviations from the documented specificati

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Reporting Codes

Annex E Code	Health Effect Clinical code (primary): H0684	Annex C Code
Annex F Code	Health Effect Impact code (primary): —	Annex A Code
	Investigation Findings 1 (primary): —	
	Medical Device Problem code (primary): —	
Annex B Code	Type of Investigation Code 1 (primary): Testing of Device from Same Lot/Batch Returned from User	
	Type of Investigation Code 2-6: —	
	Investigation Conclusion 1 (primary): Cause Traced to Maintenance	Annex D Code
	Investigation Conclusion 2-6: —	
	Component code 1 (primary): Electrical and Magnetic - Circuit Board	Annex G Code
	Component code 2-6: —	

Complaint Analysis link to Harm with Severity

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Pending

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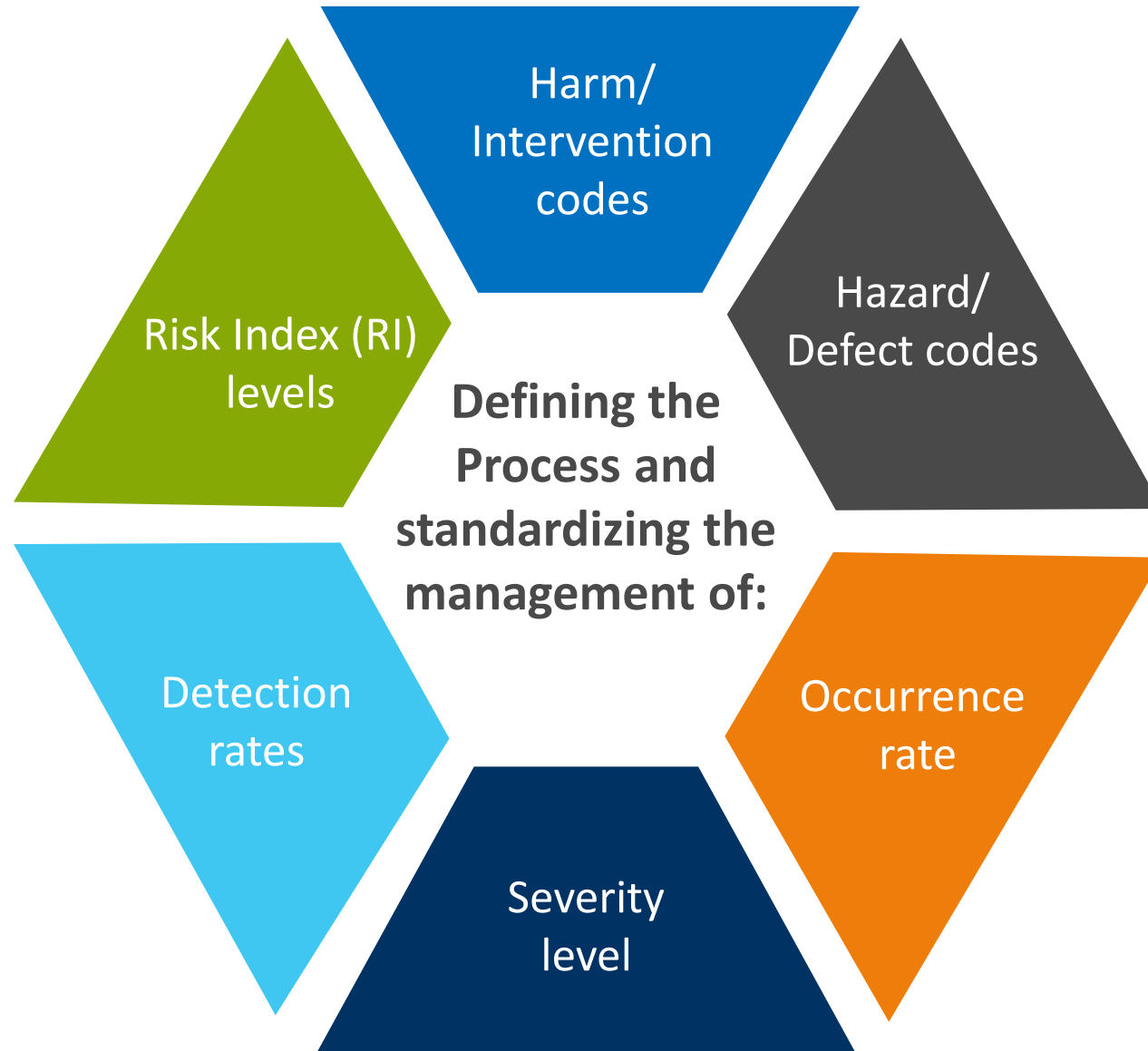
Relationships

Primary Hazard

Severity in this complaint

Add Remove Edit Rule More

	Number	Subclass	Description	Status	Confirmed?	Severity	R
	H0684	Harm/Hazard	Nervous System - Brain Injury	Preliminary	No	5-Critical	



Simplifies your risk assessment process and your ongoing post-production monitoring.

Future of Industry Standards



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- Free common database of risk codes by product type

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- Risk Management tools will have links to common codes

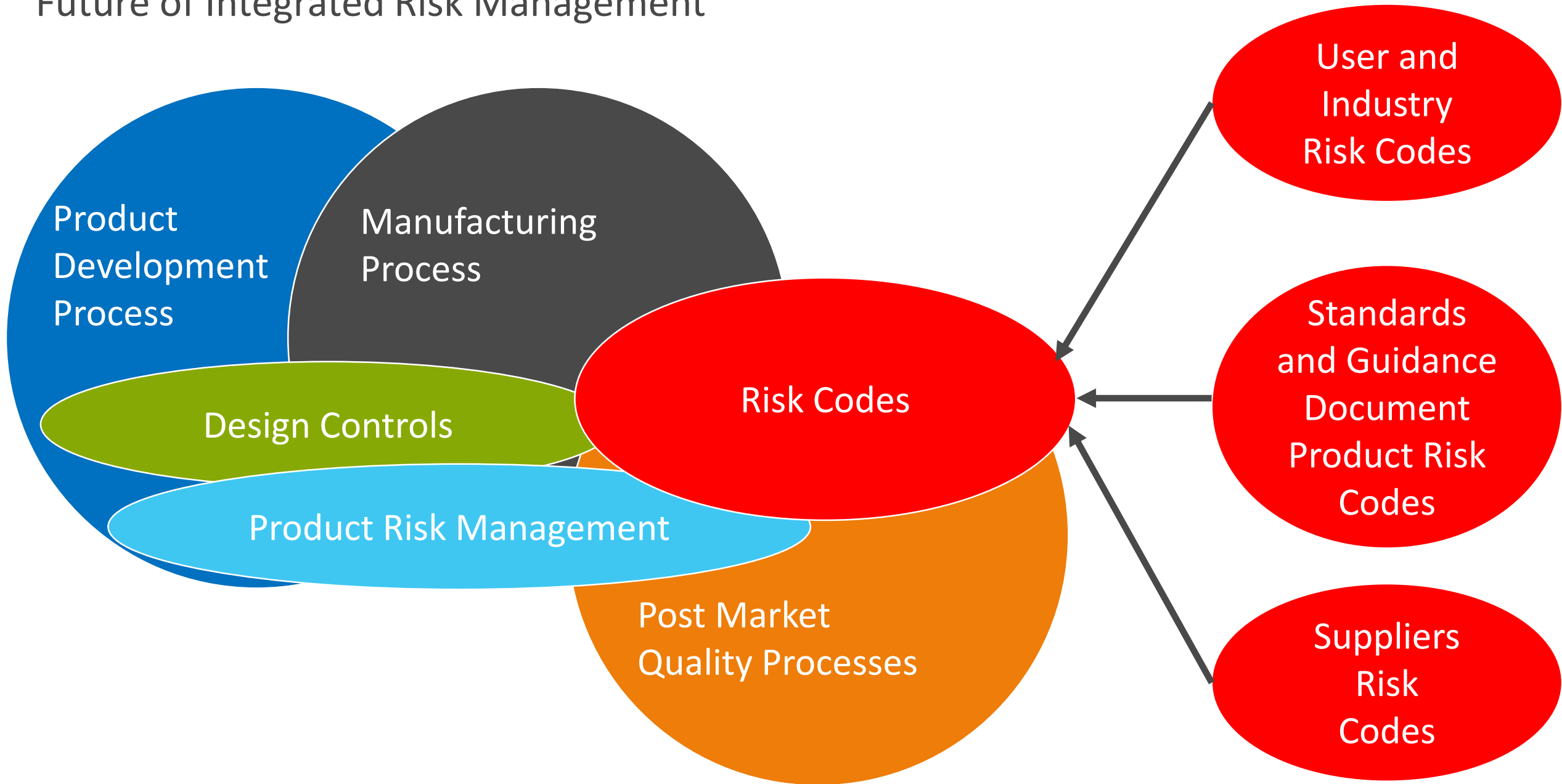
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- Each Medical Device standard/guidance defines the known Risk Codes

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- Suppliers have standard part/process risk codes

Future of Integrated Risk Management



*Your manufacturing nonconformances, product complaints and risk assessments should be categorized (i.e. coded) using the **SAME** Harm/Intervention codes and Hazard/Defect codes.*

Summary



▶ Pre and Post Production Risk Management Activities are varied



▶ Difficult to link Design Risk Management Analysis to Nonconformances and Complaints



▶ Need to Architect your Risk Management System



▶ Best practice is to use Industry standard codes in all areas of the Risk Management Program

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