

Digitalizing lifecycle processes in the Medical Device Industry with inspiring solutions

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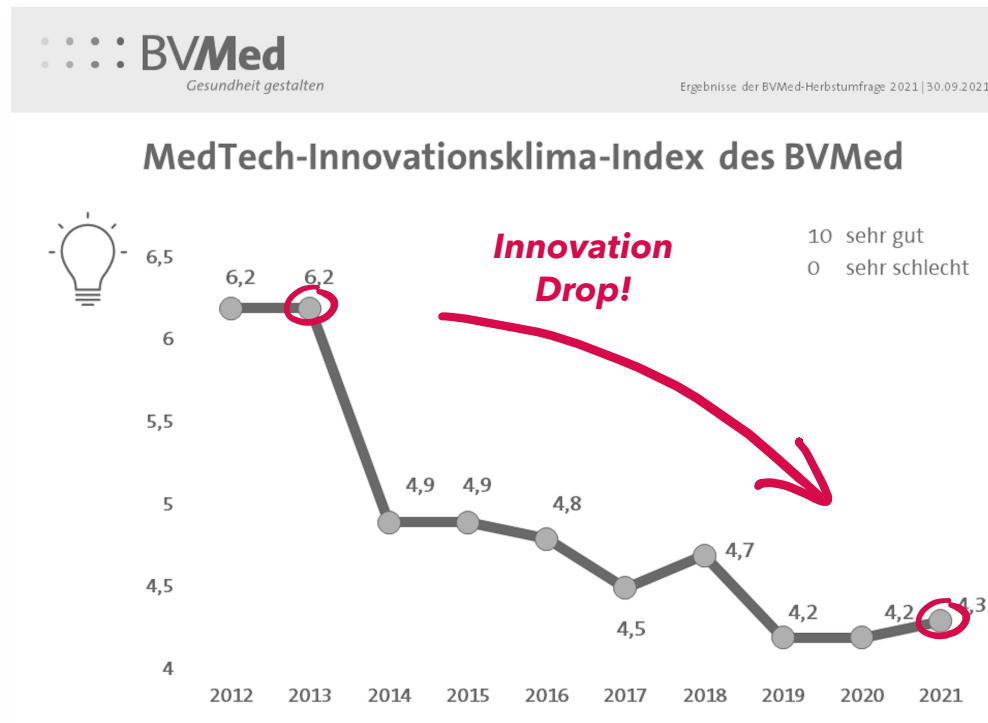
Agenda



- Key Challenges in the Medical Technology Industry
- Overview of inspiring solutions for the Medtech Industry



MEDTECH Industry today



**Less and less innovation
in Medtech in Europe**



**Patients do not receive
the care they need**



**Competition & lead from
companies from other countries
is increasing!**

Barriers to Innovation

Example Germany:

BV Med MedTech-Marktpräsentation
27.07.2023 Seite 25

Aktuelle Herausforderungen

- Unsichere Lieferketten
- Gestiegene Kosten für Energie, Rohstoffe und Logistik
- Inflation und steigende Löhne

Hausgemachten Probleme

- • Kompliziertes regulatorisches System für Medizinprodukte (MDR)
- Überbordende Bürokratisierung und Regulierungswut
- • Schleppende Digitalisierung und mangelnde Datennutzung
- Unzureichende Unterstützung des Mittelstandes

Survey results from German industry association BVMed: Current challenges of the industry, key problems:

- **Too complex regulatory system** for medical devices (MDR/IVDR)
- **Digitalization** is far **too slow** and **lack of data usage**

DIGITALISATION supports management & implementation of complex regulatory requirements for:

1. PROCESSES

2. TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION



Key Challenges

Problems with regard to information in regulatory processes & technical documentation (TD):

1. Consistent regulatory language
2. Reuse & consistency
3. Dependency of Information
4. Completeness of required information

Through
Digitalization

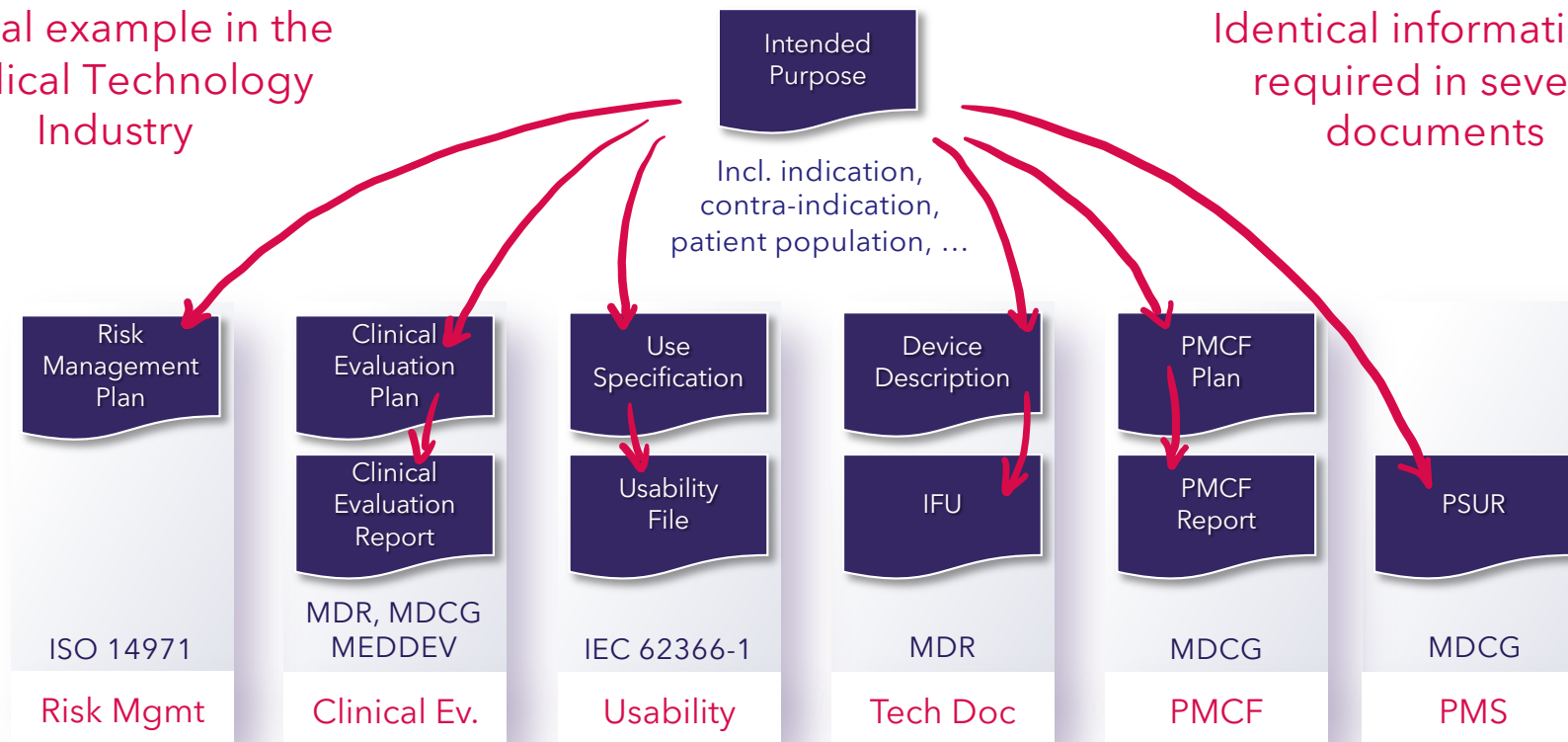


Industry Challenge 2

Reuse of Information for Regulatory Compliance

Typical example in the
Medical Technology
Industry

Identical information is
required in several
documents

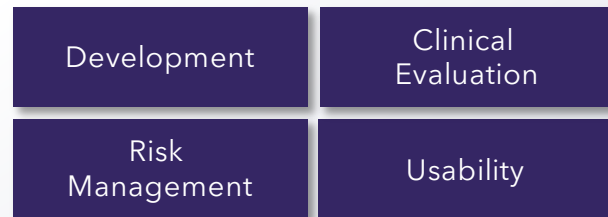


Industry Challenge 2

Reuse of Information: Potential of Digitalization



Key Processes Product Development



37%

Source: avasis

**„MDR als Chance zur digitalen Transformation:
Wechsel von Dokumenten zu Informationseinheiten“**

World Café Workshop, 15.05.2019, Zürich
World Café Workshop, 24.09.2019, Munich

Post-market Clinical Follow-up & Surveillance



> 70%

Source: avasis

**Analysis of content required in PMS/PMCF
documents acc. to related MDCG guidances**

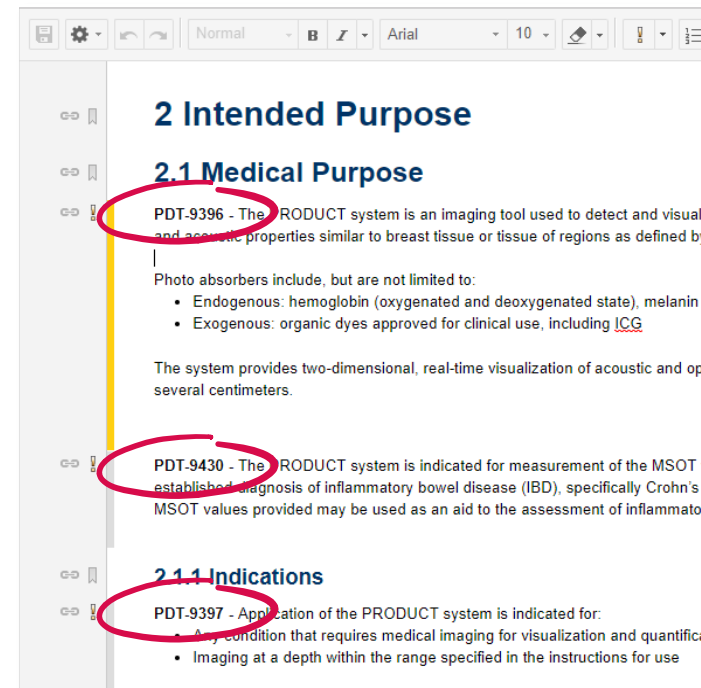
For details see avasis Webinar „PMS & PMCF“

**+ Reuse for
Variations!**



Technical Solution 3

Transformation from Documents to Knowledge



Technical Solution 3

Manage Information with Work Items



2 Intended Purpose

2.1 Medical Purpose

PDT-9396 - The PRODUCT system is an imaging tool used to detect and visualize photo absorbers in soft tissue and acoustic properties similar to breast tissue or tissue of regions as defined by specific indications below.

Photo absorbers include, but are not limited to:

- Endogenous: hemoglobin (oxygenated and deoxygenated state), melanin
- Exogenous: organic dyes approved for clinical use, including [ICG](#)

The system provides two-dimensional, real-time visualization of acoustic and optoacoustic information at a depth of several centimeters.

2.1.1 Indications

PDT-9397 - Application of the PRODUCT system is indicated for:

- Any condition that requires medical imaging for visualization and quantification of the listed photoabsorbers
- Imaging at a depth within the range specified in the instructions for use

PDT-9398 - Application of the PRODUCT system is indicated for:

- Patients with an established diagnosis of IBD in the lower gastrointestinal tract

Work Item Properties

ID: PDT-9396

*Status:

Version: 2.0

Last Approval: 2019-09-22 14:23

Links

has parent

MSOT-9263 - Medical Purpose

Documents

This Work Item is contained in [Intended Purpose \(this document\)](#) and referenced in:

[Risiko Management Plan Example](#)

Unique ID

Lifecycle

Source

Reuse



Industry Challenge 3

Visualization of Dependencies between Processes

Risk Management Process

Risk Analysis

Development Process

User Needs/
Requirements

Clinical Evaluation Process

Clinical
Evaluation Plan

- Interdependency of processes and related documents
- Connection of documents in form of references

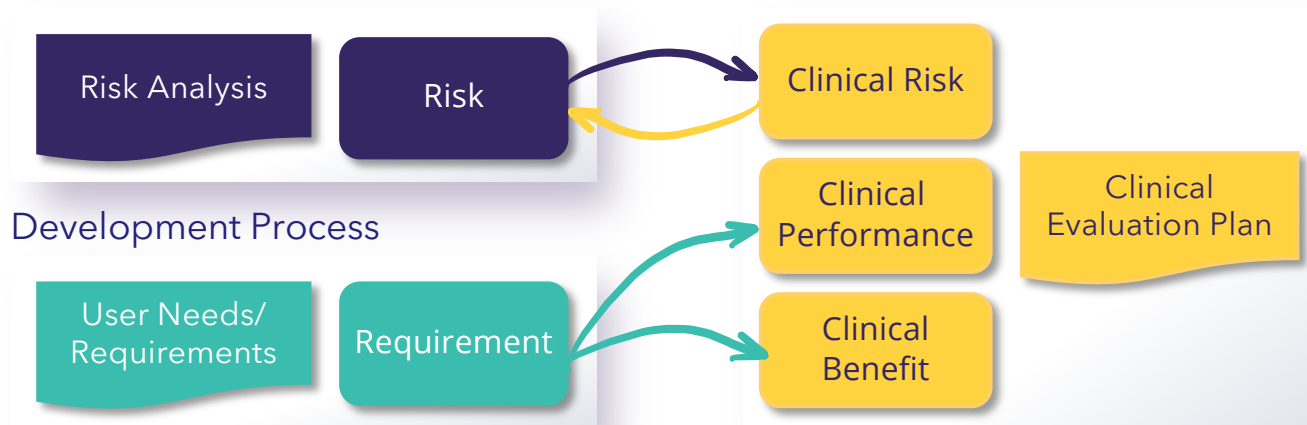
Technical Solution 3

Visualization of Dependencies

Risk Management Process



Clinical Evaluation Process



Development Process



- Interdependency of processes and **related data** in documents
- Connection of **single input and output data**
- **Connection on data level and not only document level required!**

Industry Challenge 4

Ensuring Completeness of Information



**Creation by
Manufacturer**

Technical Documentation

Submission acc. to MDR, Annex II + III

Device description, incl:

- ✓ Intended use statement,
- ✓ Indication
- ✓ Contraindication
- ✓ Patient population
- ✓ User profiles & user groups
- ✗ **Device variations / configurations**
- ✓ Device components, materials,...
- ✓ Accessories
- ✗ **Compatibility**



TD Review
Performance

TD Review
Biocomp.

TD Review
Packaging

TD Review
Sterility

TD Review
Clinical File

**Review by
Notified Body**



Technical Solution 4

Automated Completeness Checks

Test Coverage		Regulatory Requirements		Requirements	Verification	
Compliance	Item	Applicable	Linked Item(s)/ Rationale	Test Case(s)	Execution Status	Test Record(s)
- 23. Label and instructions for use						
Valid	PDT22-4321 - Label and instructions for use	Header	Header only	-	-	-
Invalid	PDT22-4322 - Each device shall be accompanied by the information needed to identify the device...	yes	PDT22-3710 - Label - Device Name (in System Requirements Specification)	PDT22-3741 - Review of label - device name (in System Verification Specification)	Invalid	20220316-1701 - System Verification A.1 Result: Failed Tester: Lukas Vogler Date: 2022-03-16 17:11 UUTs: 20220316-1701 - System Verification A.1
			PDT22-3711 - Label - Manufacturer Name (in System Requirements Specification)	PDT22-3742 - Review of label - manufacturer name (in System Verification Specification)	Valid	20220316-1701 - System Verification A.1

Automated Check

Automated visualization of linked requirements, test cases and test execution status

Regulatory Requirement

Design Input Requirement

Verification Test Case

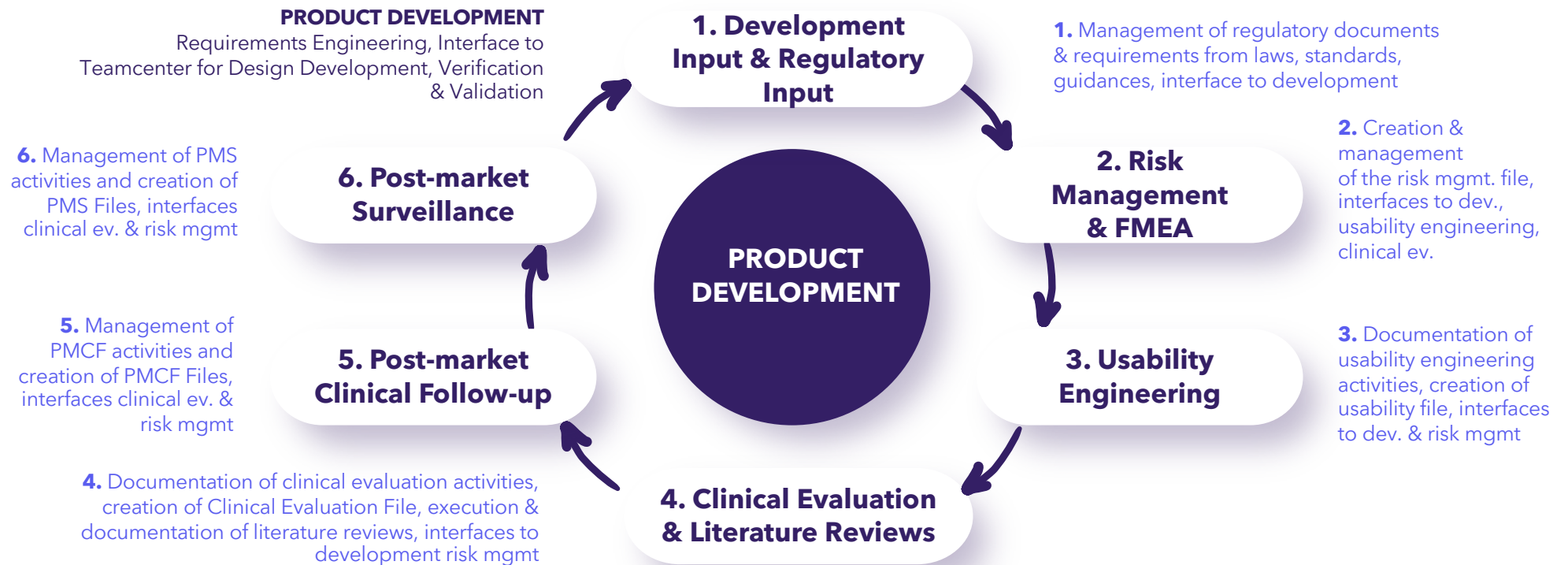
Verification Test Result

Automated
Check

Automated visualization of linked requirements,
test cases and test execution status

Overview

Solutions for Medical Device Lifecycle Processes



Benefits of presented Solutions

Speeds up processes & Document Creation



Completeness and easy reuse of information in different processes and documents:

- **Save up to 30% of time*** for creation of regulatory documents
- Ensure completeness and consistency of information in different documents
- Visualize the source document of an information unit and documents in which it is reused
- Decide, if changes of information in the source document shall be automatically implemented in other documents as well

Visualize dependencies between single data sets instead of references to documents:

- Fulfill regulatory requirements for traceability between processes and documents
- Analyze automatically the impact of changes across different processes and documents

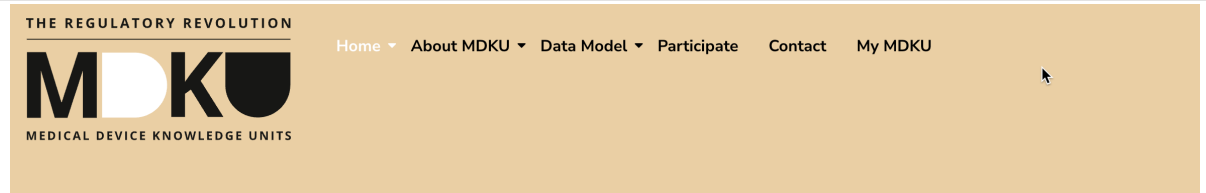
* Estimated by avasis customers based on calculation of time for „copy & paste“ / „review of consistency“ – Contact provided on request



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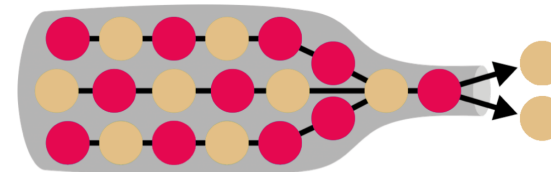
More information
check this website:
<https://mdku.digital/>



Situation in the MedTech Industry

The medical technology sector is one of the most innovative industries in the world, but the innovative strength of manufacturers is constantly being slowed down by ever-increasing regulatory requirements. Proof of the regulatory compliance of a medical device is provided on the basis of the technical documentation, which is the result of the product development process and various interface processes. If regulatory requirements are not fulfilled, manufacturers cannot sell products and therefore cannot operate successfully in economic terms.

Development of
innovative diagnostic or
therapeutic devices



Devices that reach
market access in Europe



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