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## Software tool validation

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# QAdvis key competence areas

## QMS in-the cloud

Turn key QMS  
Digital signatures  
Efficient and lean  
Validated and compliant

## System development

Project management  
Product software validation  
Regulated software validation  
Requirement management  
Risk management  
Verification and validation  
Process validation

## QA&RA/Clinical Consulting

Interim management  
Expert advise  
Audits/Mock audits/Due diligence  
Warning letters, compliance projects  
PMA, 510k, CE-mark  
Global regulatory support  
Vigilance, recall, post market surveillance  
Clinical evaluation and clinical studies

## Training/courses

CE-marking  
ISO 13485 & 21CFR820  
IEC 62304 & IEC 82304-1  
IEC 60601-1  
IEC 62366-1  
SW life cycle  
SW risk management  
Risk management  
And more...

## Lean and Six Sigma

Training and Consulting  
In cooperation with USA based partner.

## European Authorized Representation

Providing European representation  
for non-EU MedTech companies  
Active board member of EAAR: European  
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## QAdvis team: Lund and Stockholm



# Software tool validation

## Agenda

- Background
- Validation based on QSR 820.70(i)
- Validation based on ISO 13485:2016
- Validation of regulated SW  
Why? How? Who?

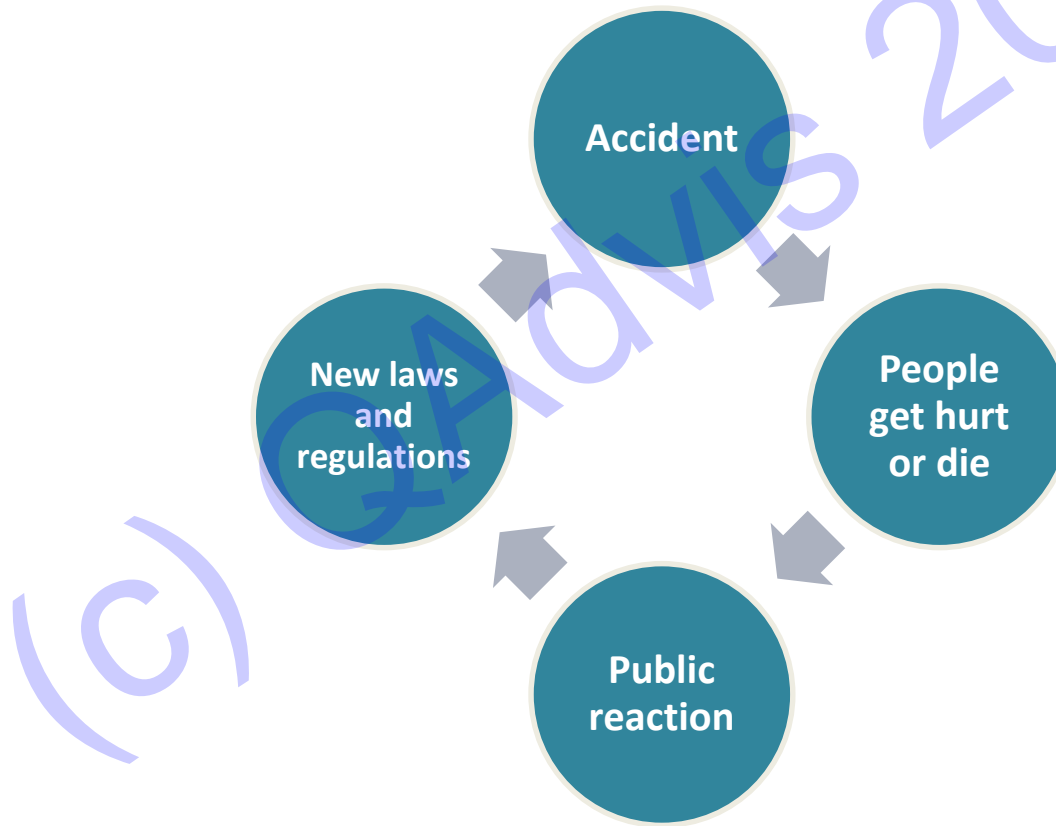






# Background

# The bar is raised over time



# There is an expectation from authorities to do validation of quality related SW



- Indirect effects of the product:
  - Safety and performance
  - Patients and users may get injured
- Data security and integrity
- Compliance

The need for compliance is stated in regulations and standards

- QSR 820.70(i)
- CFR 21 Part 11
- ISO 13485:2016





# Validation of software tools based on QSR 820.70(i)

## QSR 820.70

### Production and process controls

#### (i) *Automated processes.*

When **computers or automated data processing** systems are used as **part of production or the quality system**, the manufacturer shall **validate computer software** for its **intended use** according to an established protocol. All software changes shall be validated before approval and issuance. These validation activities and results shall be documented.

-> AAMI TIR36:2007



# Validation of software tools based on ISO 13485:2016

# ISO 13485:2016

## § 4.1.6

The organization shall document **procedures** for the validation of the application of **computer software used in the quality management system**. Such software applications shall be **validated prior** to initial use and, as appropriate, **after changes** to such software or its application.

The specific approach and activities associated with software validation and revalidation shall be **proportionate to the risk associated** with the use of the software.

Records of such activities shall be maintained.

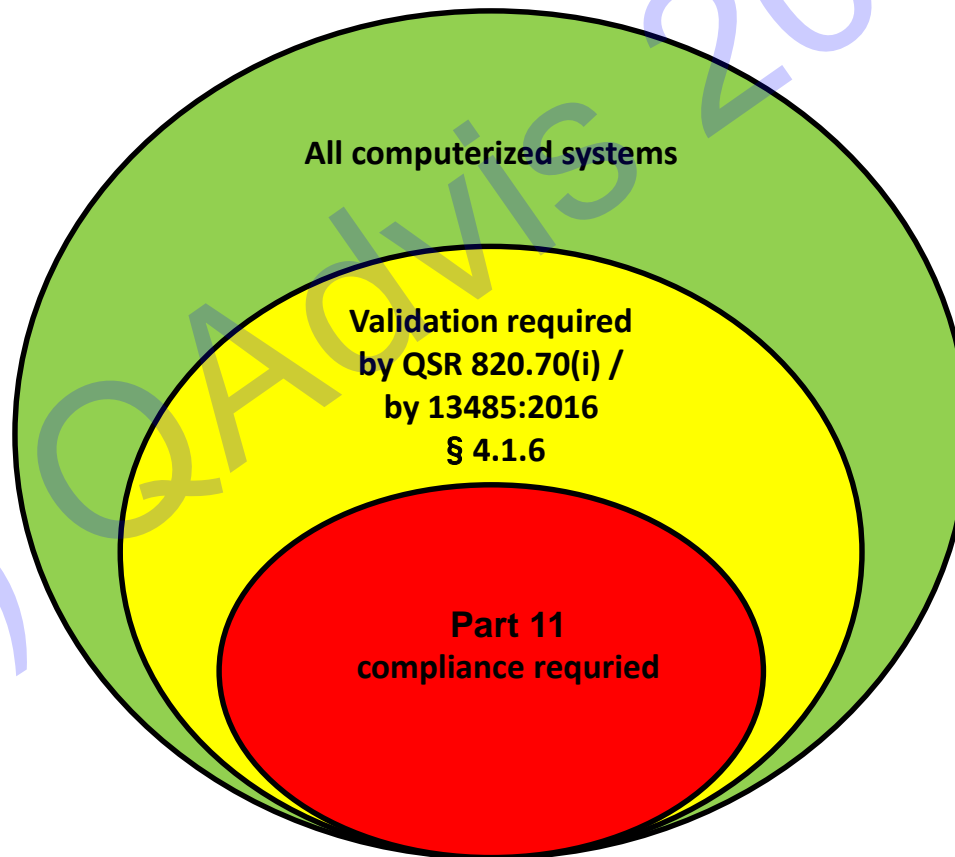
-> ISO/TR 80002:2 2017



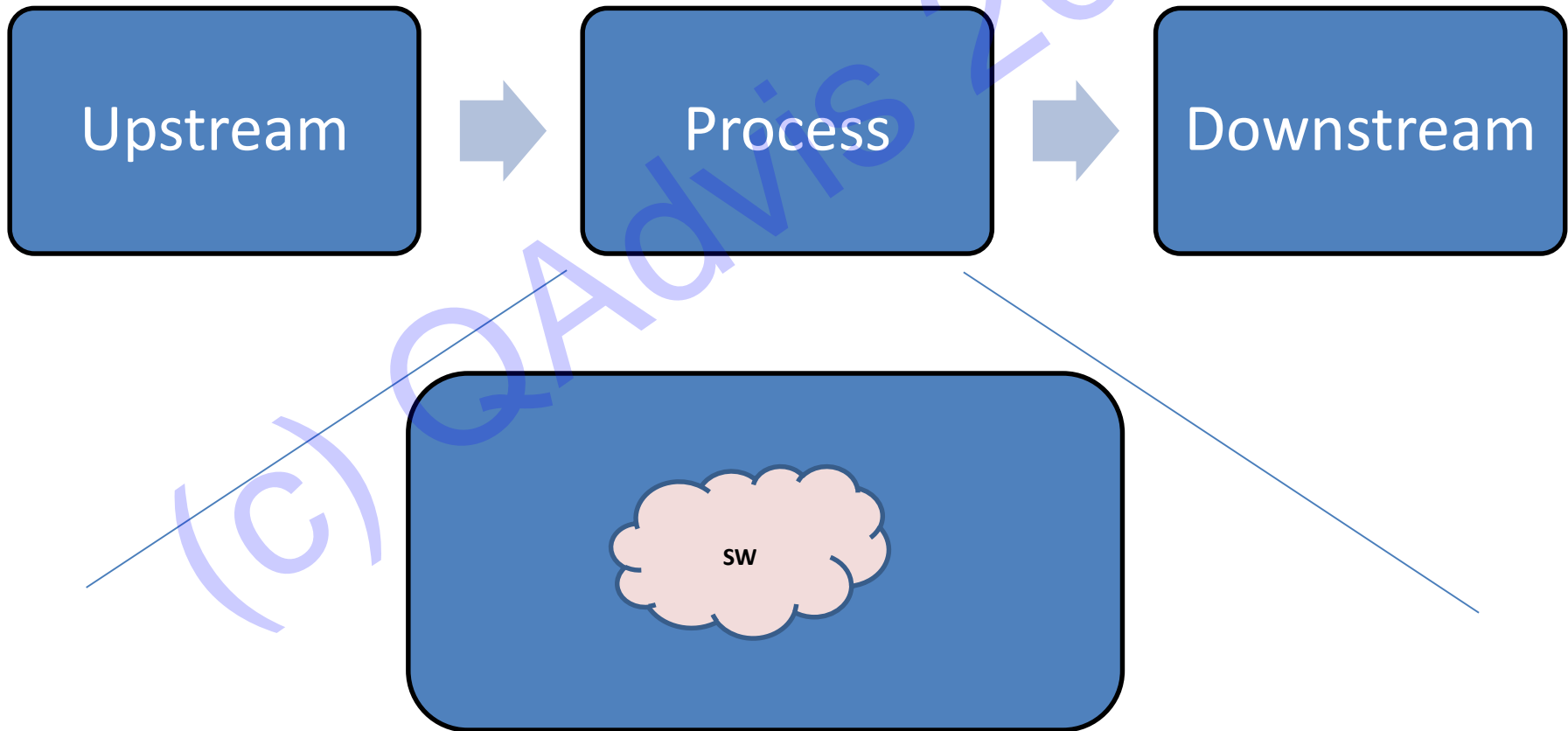
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# The need for validation is based on the intended use of SW



A regulated SW is supporting a regulated company process



# Examples of software that has to be validated

## R & D

- Automated Software Test System
- A simple spreadsheet
- A (not so) simple spreadsheet
- C/C++ language compiler

## Manufacturing

- PLC for manufacturing equipment
- Automated welding system
- Automated welding process control system
- Automated vision system
- Pick and place system
- Parametric sterilizer

## Quality

- Nonconforming material reporting system—Total system upgrade
- Software for scheduling nonconforming material report review board meetings
- Approved vendor list system
- Calibration management software

# Example of a risk based analysis of validation requirements of regulated SW

Function/Record	Risk of harm to humans	Regulatory Risk	Environmental risk	Validation Level
Word processor	No	No	No	None
Training database	No	Low	No	Low
Compiler	Medium	Low	No	Medium
Risk management file	Medium	High	No	High
Validation level		Description		
Low		Configuration management of file		
Medium		Validation according to a plan, record		
High		Validation according to a plan, report		

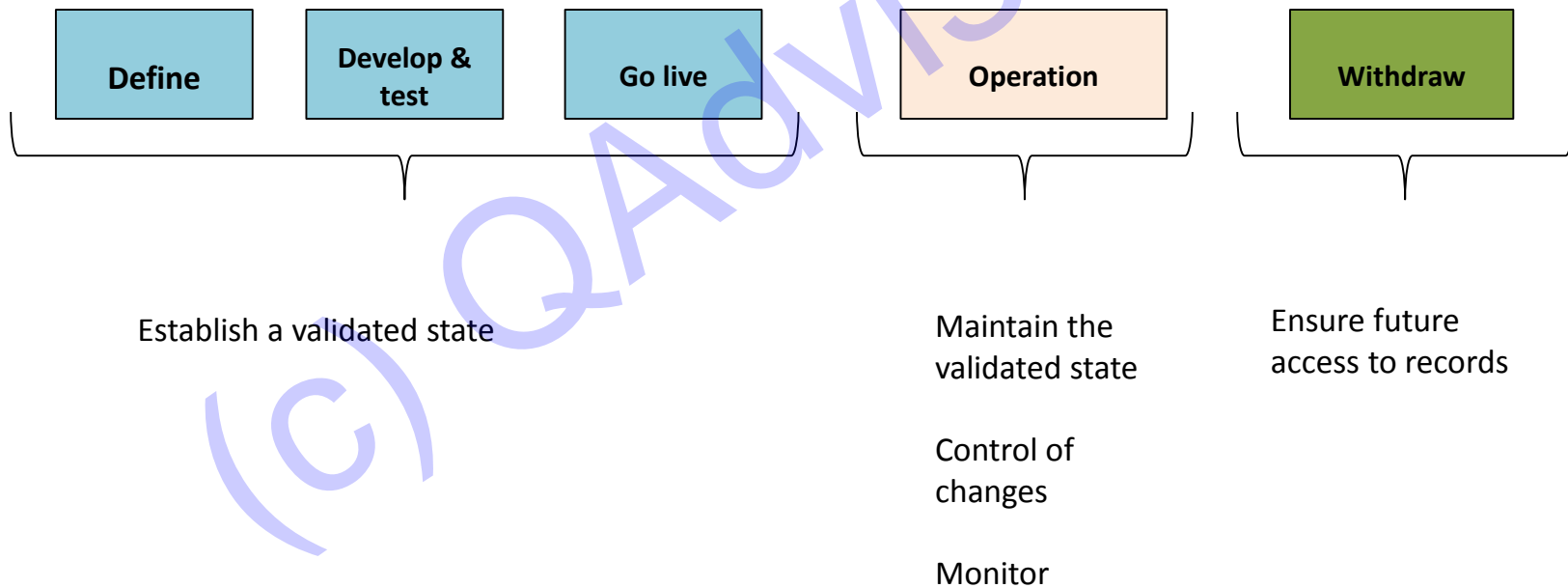
# Definitions are important, but are often vaguely used



*Validation* means **confirmation** by examination and provision of **objective evidence**, that the particular requirements for a specific **intended use** can be consistently fulfilled.



# SW validation, what is included?



# There are several sources of information available



- General Principles of Software Validation (FDA Guideline)
- AAMI TIR 36 Validation of software for regulated processes (AAMI Guideline)
- 13485:2016 Medical devices-QMS- Requirements for regulated purposes
- ISO/TR 80002-2:2017 Validation of software for medical device quality system

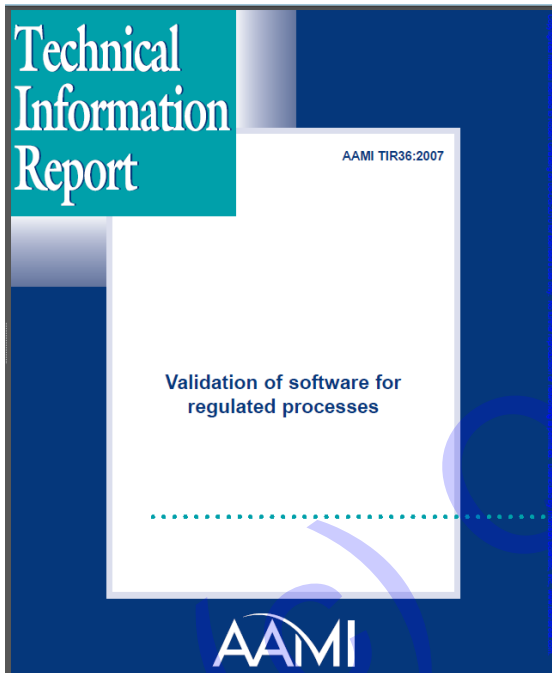
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# TIR 36 – Key concepts



Intended use

Risk management

Level of effort

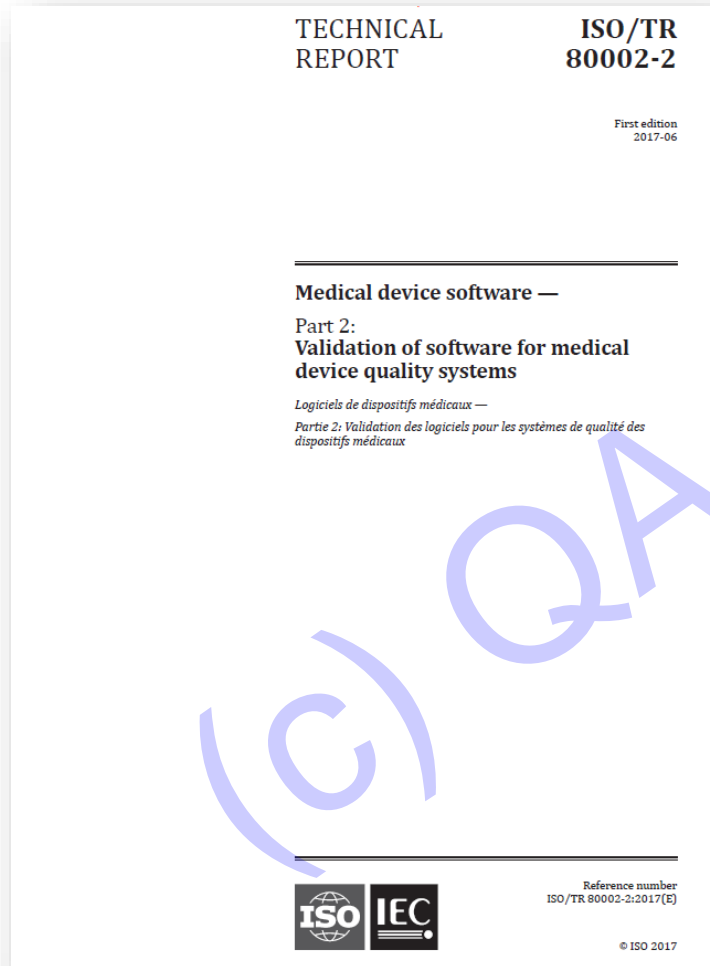
Critical thinking

Toolbox

Documentation

Changes

# ISO/TR 80002-2 – Key concepts



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# Intended use – is this software regulated?



- Purpose of process
- Purpose of system
  - Basic requirements?
  - How dependent you are of the system?
  - What should it not be used for?



# Regulatory use assessment is crucial to decide validation needs

- a. Could the failure or latent flaws of the software affect the safety or quality of medical devices?
- b. Does the software automate or execute an activity required by regulation (in particular, the requirements of the 13485 or QSR)?
- c. Does the software generate or manage data to be used in or support of a regulatory submission?
- d. Does the software generate or manage records that are required by a regulation?
- e. Is the software used to execute or record an electronic signature required by regulation?

# Risk management is the cornerstone in the validation effort



- What are the process risks?
- What can go wrong?
  - System errors
  - Use errors
  - Errors in the interface to other systems?
- Will errors and mistakes be detected?
- How to reduce risks?

## Two kinds of risk analysis



# The level of effort and confidence needed differ

- Based on intended use
- Risk level
- Critical thinking



# Wide range of different software



- Off-The-Shelf
  - Unmodified
  - Configurable
  - Modified
- Custom software
  - In-house developed
  - Purchased externally
- Stand-alone or in a network
- Simple or complex

# Toolbox - examples



- Software life cycle
  - Requirments
  - Architetcure & Design
  - Test & review
  - Release
- Different types of tests
- Analysis of known anomalies
- Supplier evaluation or audit
- Training
- Monitoring

# Procedure – example

## Classification of a software tool

- Determine if the software is within the scope and the level of validation – Intended Use

  - Establish a Master Validation Plan

  - List software to be validated in the Master Validation Plan

- Determine the level of validation

  - Intended Use

  - Process description

  - Initial risk assessment

## Planning, execution and reporting

- Define the validation effort based on the risk level

  - Separate plan or sufficient with the Master Validation Plan

## Maintenance

## Retirement



# Validation Plan content (MVP or separate)

Description of the process

Intended use

Description of the software

Documentation of the risk assessment

Other documentation

Training

Backup and recovery

Security

CM

Requirements

Verification

Validation

# Example: To get an Off-the-shelf Customer Complaints System into the validated state

Process analysis

Define Intended Use & requirements at user level

Risk analysis

Risk Control Measures

System description

Supplier evaluation

Black box testing of requirements

Version control

Change control process in place

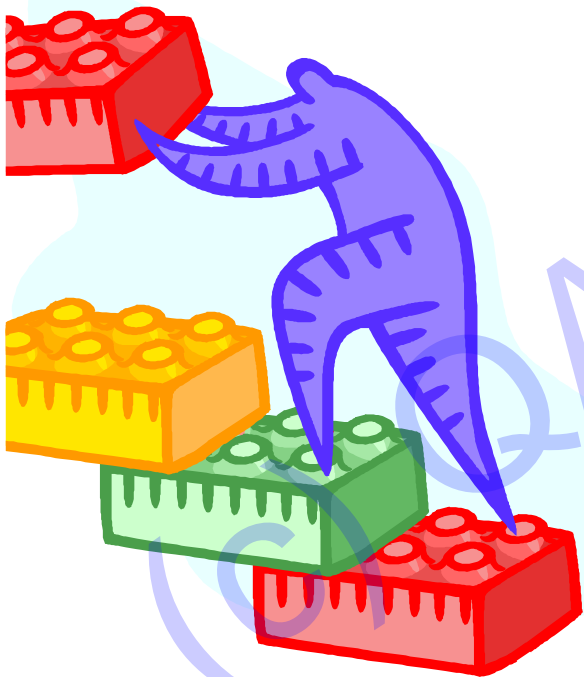
"Customer Complaint System Validation Document"

# The validation documentation has to be archived



- Plan
- Records
- Summary report

# The changes has to be controlled



- Software changes
  - New versions
  - Change control
  - Regression test
- Change of use over time?
- Re-validation required?

Thank you for your attention!  
Questions & Answers



# QAdvis can support you as needed



- Deployment of QMS
- Mentorship CSV
- Risk management
- Courses
  - ISO 13485:2016
  - Risk management & SW risk management
- Internal trainings

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