



# Strategic Plan Survey Industry Perspective

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## Responses Collected by DITTA



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The united global industry voice for **diagnostic imaging, radiation therapy, healthcare IT, electromedical equipment and radiopharmaceuticals**, representing more than 600 medical technology manufacturers incl. SMEs, committed to improving health care and patient outcomes.



- 2018: Recognized Non State Actor in Official Relations with WHO
- 2016: MoU with the World Bank
- 2015: NGO Status with WHO
- 2014: Official Liaison with AHWP /GHWP



## DITTA - Expectations from IMDRF's Activities

Comprehensive strategy along with a clear implementation process:

- 1) **Regulatory Framework:** Establish a clear and coherent regulatory framework
- 2) **Categorization of Documents:** Categorize IMDRF guidance documents into "Foundational", "Growth" and "Accelerated" and link to the regulatory framework
- 3) **Implementation:** Adoption into national regulations
- 4) **Training and Capacity Building:** Develop and deliver training programs for effective application
- 5) **Expand Reliance:** Foster collaboration among regulatory authorities and continue journey towards MD Single Review Program (MDSRP)

### Pre-specified Answers:

- Timely Updates of IMDRF documents
- Detailed Explanations of issued IMDRF documents
- Adoption of new activities



## DITTA - Benefits of Engaging with IMDRF

- 1) **Platform:** Providing industry an opportunity to share perspectives and contribute to international harmonization efforts
- 2) **Global Trends:** Obtain information on international regulatory trends and progress made towards harmonization and convergence
- 3) **Patient Access:** Help ensure equitable market access of current and innovative devices
- 4) **Regulatory Frameworks:** Contribute to shaping a harmonized regulatory framework that support continuous innovation

### Pre-specified Answers:

- Participation in WG Activities
- Communication with Regulatory Authorities
- Early response to regulations based on IMDRF documents



## DITTA – Activities for IMDRF to Focus on

- 1) **Regulatory Harmonization:** Continue promoting regulatory harmonization effectively based on a comprehensive strategy with a clear implementation process
- 2) **Reliance:** Develop dedicated documents and trainings to support the application of reliance
- 3) **Electronic Submission:** Foster a common submission format across countries
- 4) **Change Management Practices:** Advance practices to ensure streamlined Post-Market Surveillance (PMS) and vigilance requirements
- 5) **Capacity Building:** Engage in capacity building efforts with a standard curriculum aligning different training initiatives of IMDRF documents ensuring consistent interpretation



## DITTA – Update of Foundational IMDRF/GHTF Documents

- 1) Continue to develop the GHTF Regulatory Model (*GHTF/AHWG-GRM/N1R13:2011*) as framework linking relevant guidance documents
- 2) Use the Quality Management System Working Group to update GHTF Study Group documents\*
- 3) Maintain focus on updating core foundational documents\*\*

\* 1) Implementation of risk management principles and activities within a Quality Management System: GHTF/SG3/N15R8:2005

2) Design Control Guidance for Medical Device Manufacturers:  
GHTF/SG3/N99-10:2004

3) Quality management system - Medical Devices - Guidance on corrective action and preventive action and related QMS processes: GHTF/SG3/N18:2010

4) Quality Management System - Medical Devices - Guidance on the Control of Products and Services Obtained from Suppliers: GHTF/SG3/N17:2008

\*\* 1) Essential Principles: IMDRF/GRRP WG/N47: 2024

2) Principles of Medical Device Classification:  
GHTF/SG1/N77:2012

3) Principles of Conformity Assessment for Medical Devices:  
GHTF/SG1/N40: 2006

4) Definition of Terms “Medical Device” and “IVD”:  
GHTF/SG1/N29: 2005



## DITTA – Innovative Topics for IMDRF to Address in the Future

- 1) New and innovative premarket pathways such as predetermined change control plan (PCCP) or expedited/ special pathways for innovative technologies
- 2) How to determine "product sameness" in support of reliance activities



## DITTA – Topics for future IMDRF-industry joint workshops

- Examples of reliance in practice
- Predetermined change control plan (PCCP)
- QMS inspection in pre-market review conformity assessment
- Digital / e-Labeling
- Strengthening Conformity Assessments using the Standards Liaison Program
- Exploring Medical Device Single Review Program (MDSRP), including eStar / RPS
- Challenges for Clinical Evaluation and Evidence
- Capacity building best practices and establishment of IMDRF accredited training schemes



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# Thank you/Questions

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