

# MDSAP

## Medical Device Single Audit Program



# MDSAP Overview

- Benefits
- Challenges
- Lessons learned.

# MDSAP- Positives



- One audit for all regulators involved
- Thorough audit of QMS.
- Predictability of audit-MDSAP checklist and MDSAP companion document can be used to prepare for audit.
- Qualitative grading system (1-5)- removes subjectivity. Based on direct/ indirect impact to device safety and performance.

# MDSAP- Challenges

- Faster paced audit, stayed on track to schedule- each chapter of companion document must be completed within allocated time.
- Depending on the audit result - Unannounced audit within 6 months, by potentially all regulators.
- More audit days- # of activities & region(s) product sold into (not # of personnel).
- Multiple audit streams (+ AO trainees) & site tours.
- Extensive documentation requests- > 300 day.

# Lessons learned

- Speed of execution essential- objective evidence readily available to meet allocated times.
- Pre- stage SME's- ready!
- Key focus areas;
  - Training- job descriptions, resumes, effectiveness
  - Quality plans for implementing quality objectives
  - Mock MDSAP audits/ gap assessments
  - Off site documentation storage
  - System demonstrations/ software validations.

# Thank you

# MDSAP: AN AO PERSPECTIVE

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# COMMON MISUNDERSTANDINGS (1)



- Not all products distributed in each jurisdiction need to be covered in scope of MDSAP certificate
- Regulatory requirements do not need to be addressed by documented processes.
- This is a FDA-centric program
- This is a Health Canada-centric program and the application of a CMDCAS mentality to MDSAP
  - Only applicable to higher risk class devices (i.e. Class 2 and above in Canada)
  - Design is out of scope for lower risk device
- Australian Sponsor and/or Brazilian Importer and/or Japanese MAH are responsible for meeting all requirements not the manufacturer.
  - European EC Certificate is all that is necessary to meet Australian Requirements
  - MDD essential requirements are the same as to Australian essential principles



## COMMON MISUNDERSTANDINGS (2)

- Audit plans can be revised and processes can be moved around to accommodate on-site issue.
- We can provide an definitive three year forecast of audit timing
- Sampling selection & audit & product coverage same as prior audits (auditor discretion.)
- Which locations are within scope
- The purpose, use and “value” of accredited certificates vs. MDSAP RA recognized certificates



# MANUFACTURERS' CHALLENGES



- Underestimating level of effort and cost required for adequate preparation, in particular, address of regulatory requirements in the management system.
  - Be realistic about market expectations (i.e. When you expect launch products in new markets allowed by MDSAP, link product specific timelines to intent to market in each jurisdiction selected)
  - Unrealistic expectations of time to address areas of concern from stage 1
  - Inadequate detail in processes to address additional / new regulatory requirement (i.e. Treat all jurisdictions equally with specification of detail.)
- Not adequately addressing prior findings, thus getting repeat findings in your first MDSAP audit with impact on severity grading.
- Increased audit time often results in identification of non-conformities that were not encountered
- Absence of documented agreement with Australian sponsor and/or Brazilian importer and/or Japanese MAH
- Producing detailed relevant, timely, detailed information from virtual manufacturers in the language of the audit.

# PREPARING FOR MDSAP (1)

Be prepared to expertly demonstrate that you have satisfied all regulatory requirements applicable to your devices, including:

- Regulatory roles per jurisdiction
- Device classification
- Market clearance
- Change notification
- Reporting device adverse event and field corrective action/recalls

## PREPARING FOR MDSAP (2)



- Understand the scope and context for the upcoming MDSAP audit
  - If shipping medical devices to a MDSAP jurisdiction, country-specific requirements will apply
  - For multi-site operations, the sites that conduct activities for another site will be assessed per the requirements for the MDSAP cert
  - Intra-company support activities are subject to review of contracts, etc.. to verify coverage of audit requirements
- Use the QMS built into the QMS – internal audits, CAPA, management review, quality plans, etc.

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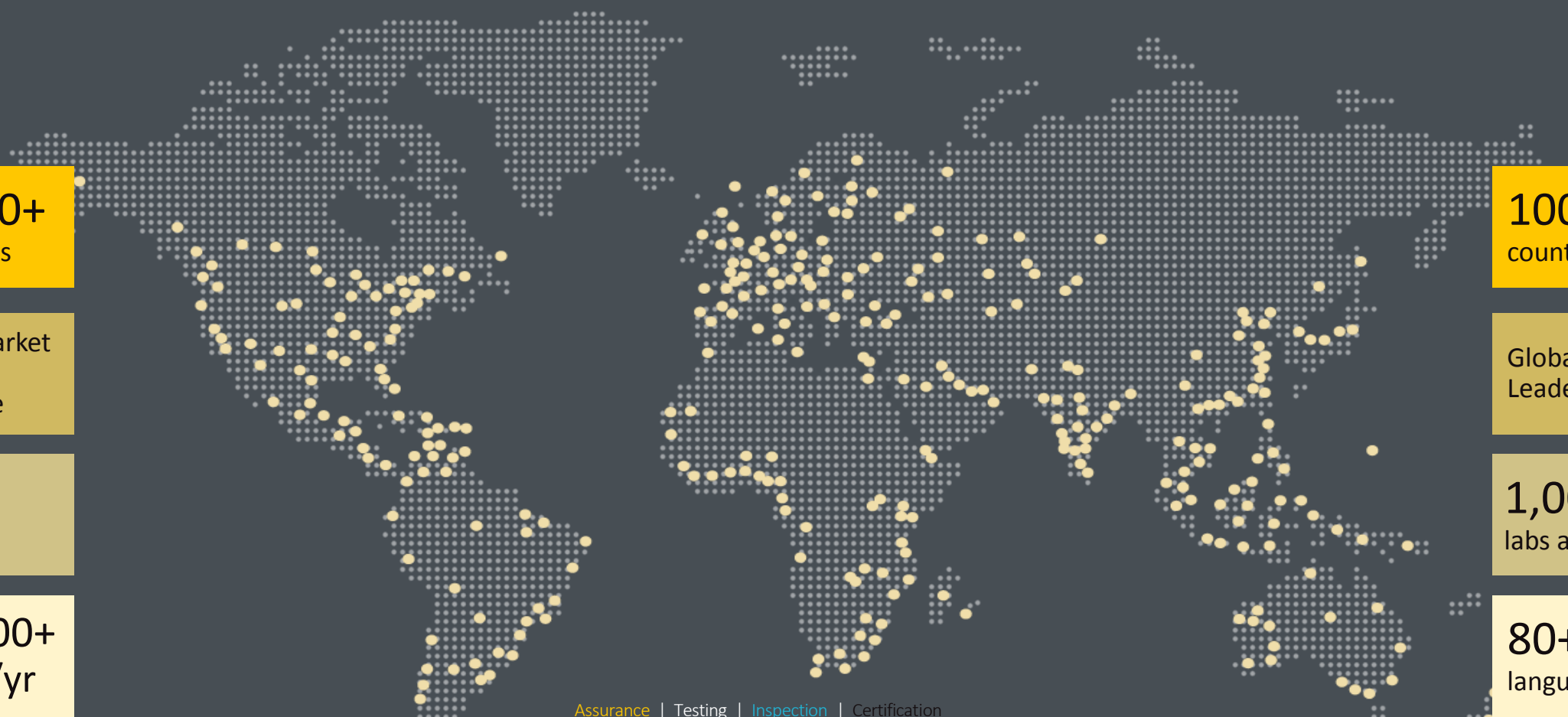
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