

# **Data Integrity – in Manufacturing, Laboratories, and role of the QMS**

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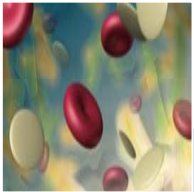
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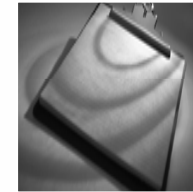
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- Pharmaceutical Water Systems
- Prefilled Syringes
- Process Validation
- Sterile Processing
- Visual Inspection



## RAQAB

- **Data Integrity**
- GMP Links to Pharmacovigilance
- Inspection Trends
- Management of Outsourced Operations
- Pharmacopeial
- Quality Risk Management
- Quality Systems
- Regulatory Affairs
- Supply Chain Management
- Technology Transfer

# Today's Agenda

- General Considerations for Data Integrity
- Integrating Data Integrity Requirements into Manufacturing and Packaging Operations
- Data Integrity Management System for Pharmaceutical Laboratories – key points from PDA Technical Report 80
- Data Integrity – role of the Quality Management System

# Link to Product Quality

- Data integrity is the cornerstone of establishing and maintaining confidence in the reliability of data to ensure patient safety and product quality
- The reliability of manufacturing production and control data depends on the procedures, systems, processes and controls that are in place to ensure data integrity

# Key Regulatory Guidance

- MHRA: *GxP Data Integrity Guidance and Definitions* (March 2018)
- FDA: *Data Integrity and Compliance with Drug CGMP Questions and Answers Guidance for Industry*, (December 2018)
- WHO: *Guidance on Good Data and Record Management Practices, WHO Technical Report Series, No. 996, Annex 5* (2016)
- PIC/S: *Draft PIC/S Guidance: Good Practices for Data Management and Integrity in Regulated GMP/GDP Environments* (November 2018)
- **NEW:** WHO Draft Guideline on Data Integrity



# Data Integrity in the Context of an Inspection

**Documentation** is a Key Element in the “What” of an Inspection

## Key questions:

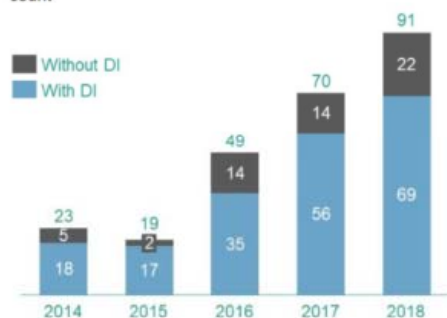
- Can past issues be documented?
- Does the scientific evidence support claims and conclusions made in reports?
- Do trending information or previous investigations point to potential concerns about the safety or efficacy of the manufactured product?

# Warning Letters and Data Integrity

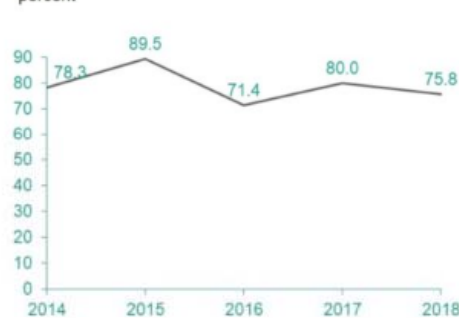
Figure 1



Global Drug Manufacturing Warning Letters by Data Integrity count



Global Drug Manufacturing Warning Letters citing Data Integrity percent



**Footnotes:**

1. Fiscal year used, based off Warning Letter Issuance Date
2. 264 Warning Letters analyzed (Rx and OTC)
3. ~212 unique text strings used to identify Data Integrity – 2018 Guidance, plus ALCOA plus used to generate key terms

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	TOTAL
China	1	1	3	1			2	2	14	19	15	58
U.S.	1	2	1	1	1			0	7	15	8	36
India	1	1		2		6	7	10	9	12	6	54
Europe		1					1	2	6	3	1	14
Brazil									3			3
Japan	1								2	1	3	7
Thailand								1				1
Canada			1		1					2	1	5
Mexico					2					1	1	4
UAE					1							1
Jamaica					1							1
South Korea										2	4	6
Singapore										1		1
Australia											1	1
Taiwan											1	1
Dominican Republic											1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>194</b>

# Examples of DI Issues Cited in Production Operations

Example	Category
Falsification/Fabrication of Records (e.g. visual inspection data)	False Entries
Delaying, Denying, Limiting or Refusing Inspection (failure to grant access)	Delay/Deny/Limit/Refuse Inspection
Computer Access Controls (e.g. shared logins, unprotected spreadsheets, etc.)	Computer Access Controls
Lack of Contemporaneous Data Entries (e.g. pre- or backdated records, records signed by operators who did not performed the activities, etc.)	Contemporaneous data entries
Unexplained Data Discrepancies (e.g. Production equipment labeled as clean but found to be dirty, inaccurate quantities for quality defects, etc.)	Data Discrepancies
Batch data traceability (Programmable logic controllers (PLCs) and manufacturing equipment with shared login credentials, not identifying unique operators)	Data Traceability and Attributability
Data Deleted, Destroyed, or Missing/Unavailable (e.g. batch production records, cleaning records, etc.)	Data availability
Audit Trails Unavailable/Disabled (e.g. Lack of audit trail to document who accessed each of the PLC and man-machine interface equipment )	Audit trails
Inaccurate/Incomplete Data or Records (e.g. Inaccurate entries in batch records; incorrect quantities of active ingredients/raw materials	Inaccurate and Incomplete Records
Illegible Data Entries (e.g. batch records with data changes in pencil)	Legibility
Unofficial Records (e.g. use of unofficial records, rough notes or loose paper)	Unofficial Records

## Key Principle – ALCOA/ALCOA+

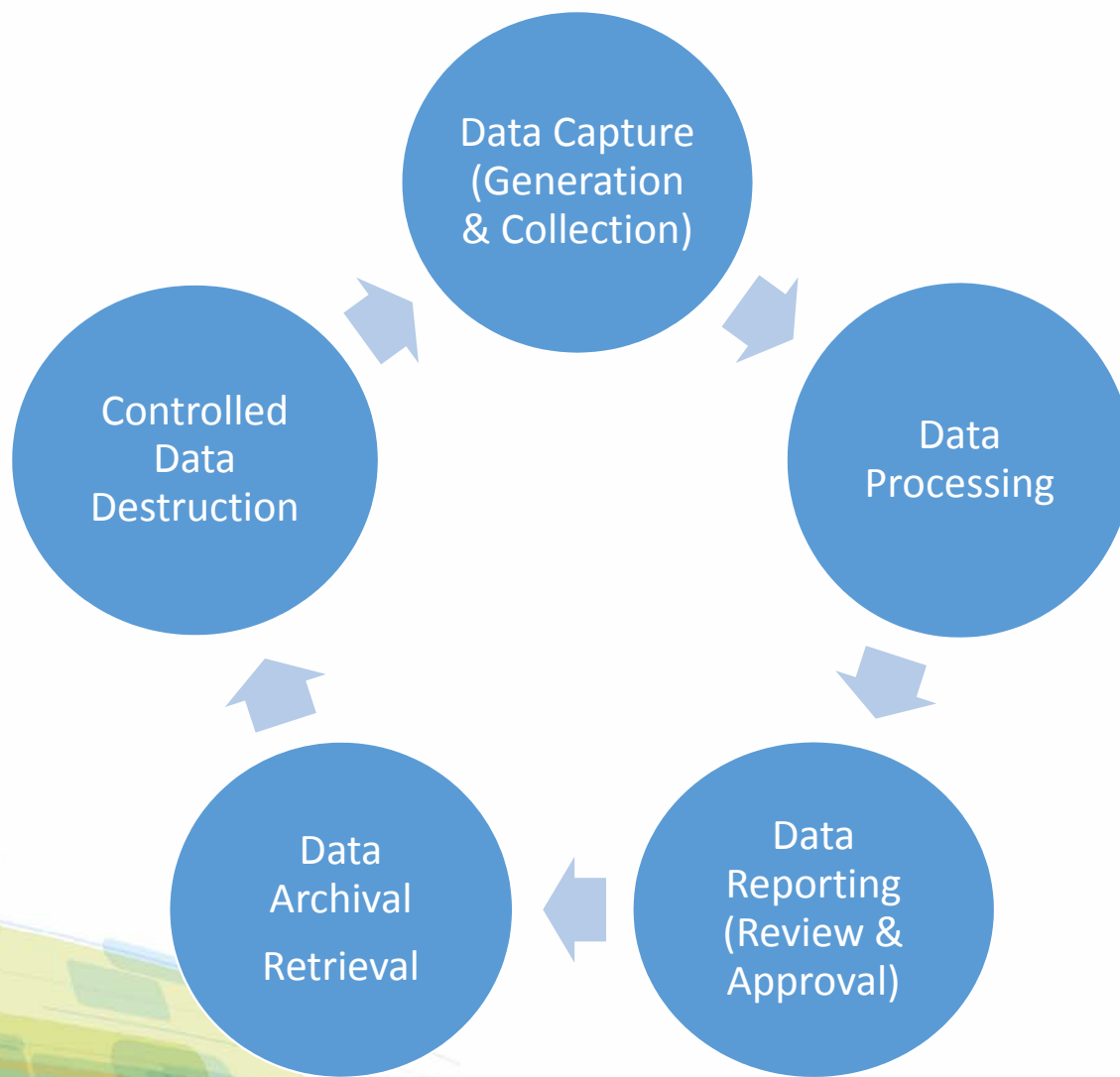
### ALCOA Principles require that data is:

- **Attributable** — Who acquired the data or performed an action and when?
- **Legible** — Can you read the data and any entries?
- **Contemporaneous** — Documented at the time of the activity.
- **Original** — A written printout or observation or a certified copy thereof.
- **Accurate** — No errors or editing without documented amendments.

### ALCOA + adds:

- **Complete** — All data including any repeat or reanalysis performed on the sample.
- **Consistent** — All elements of the analysis such as the sequence of events follow on and are date or time stamped in the expected sequence.
- **Enduring** — Not recorded on the back of envelopes, cigarette packets, sticky notes, or the sleeves of a coat but in notebooks or electronic media in the data systems of instruments.
- **Available** — Can be accessed for review and audit or inspection over the lifetime of the record.

# The Data Lifecycle



# Data Integrity Risk Assessment

- Basic approach to DIRA based on WHO Guideline

		Severity		
		LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
O C C U R R E N C E	LOW	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	MEDIUM	HIGH
	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH	HIGH
		HIGH	MEDIUM	LOW
		Detection		

## Example:

1. During weighing of a sample, the date entry was not contemporaneously recorded, but the date is available on a print-out from the balance and log book for the balance.
2. Risk assessment:
  1. Data is available
  2. Occurrence is LOW
  3. Detectability is HIGH
3. Overall risk may be considered LOW

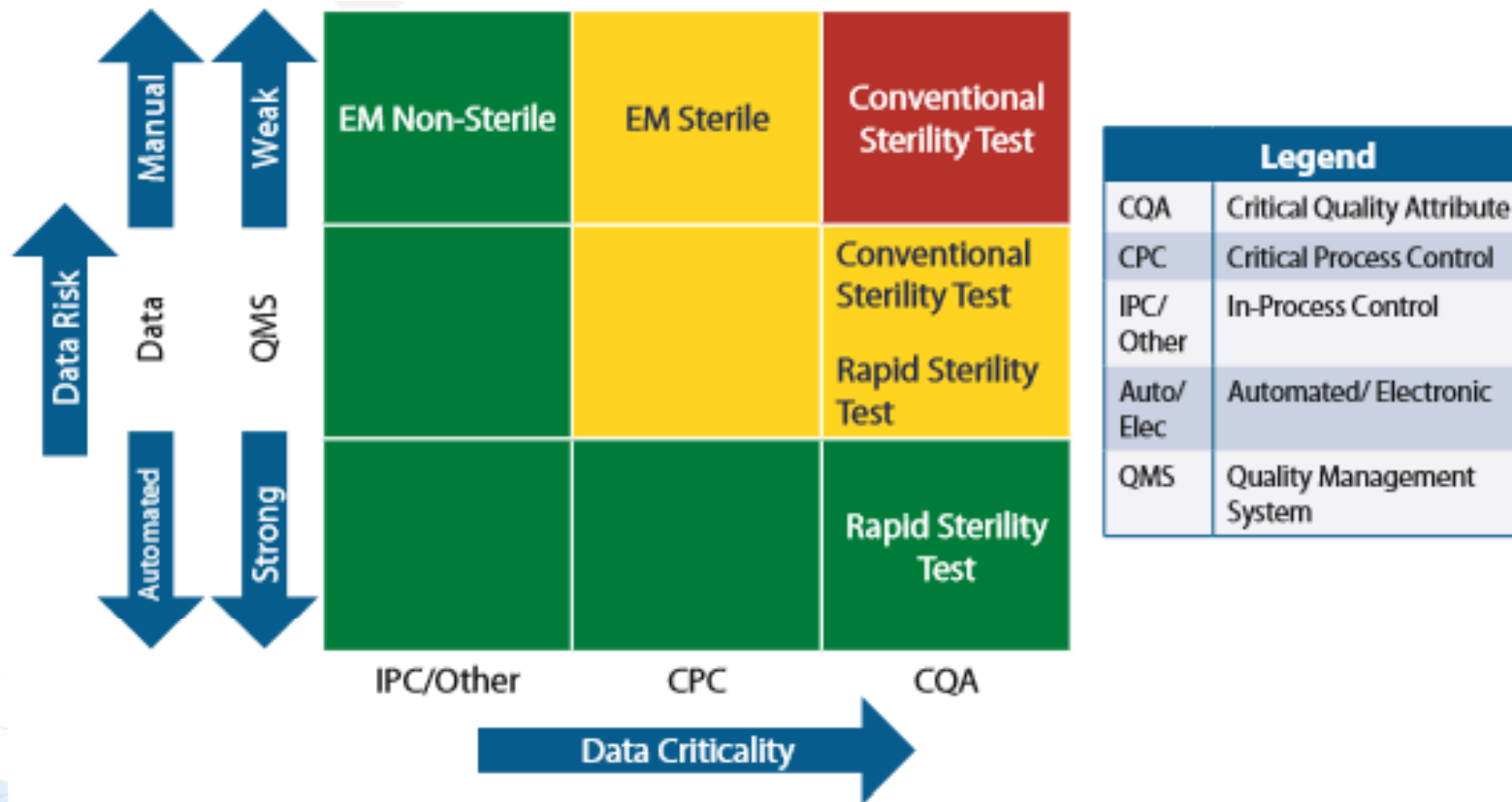
# Data Criticality Assessment

Data Criticality	Definition
<p><b>High</b></p>	<p><b>When the intended use of the data directly impacts product quality and/or product safety–</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Product quality monitoring and control of processes that may be responsible for causing variability during manufacturing, release, or distribution impacting critical quality attributes, critical material attributes, critical process parameters, or critical process controls, including those that may be linked with the product registration dossier</li> <li>– Product safety monitoring and control of processes that ensure effective management of field alerts, recalls, complaints, or adverse events</li> </ul>
<p><b>Medium</b></p>	<p>When the intended use of data relates to quality attributes, material attributes, process parameters, key process parameters, or process controls that are not CQAs/CPs/CPPs and may or may not be in the product registration dossier; this includes parameters of the manufacturing process “may not be directly linked to critical product quality attributes but need to be tightly controlled to assure process consistency”</p>
<p><b>Low</b></p>	<p>When the intended use of data is to provide evidence of routine GMP compliance relating to monitoring and control of processes that do not fall into the High or Medium category.</p>

		DATA CONTROL LEVELS		
		High	Medium	Low
DATA CRITICALITY LEVELS	H	<p><b>Criticality</b> CQA/CP/ CPP impacting quality &amp; safety</p> <p><u>Data Controls</u> Validated &amp; effective automated or hybrid data capture &amp; analysis system in place</p>	<p><b>Criticality</b> CQA/CP/ CPP impacting quality &amp; safety</p> <p><u>Data Controls</u> Hybrid systems or manual data capture, limited automated data analysis, manual data transcription</p>	<p><b>Criticality</b> CQA/CP/ CPP impacting quality &amp; safety</p> <p><u>Data Controls</u> Manual data capture, no automated data analysis, manual data transcription, heavy reliance on second-person witnessing of data entries</p>
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# Potential Data Integrity Risk Matrix for Microbiological Testing



- **Data Management Technology**

- Data transcription
- Frequency of periodic reviews and change management based on intended use
- Hybrid systems (e.g., discrepancies between paper printout and corresponding electronic record, data duplication)
- New or complex manufacturing technology (causing repeat errors)
- Overwriting existing electronic data
- System validation age and adequacy related to data export, calculation, reporting, and transfer
- Appropriate access level
- Technologies with inadequate data integrity elements such as unique access, audit trail, data backup & restore, electronic data review, date & time stamp, among others (e.g., spreadsheets, LIMS)
- Unexplained discrepancies between electronic raw data and reported data

# Human Factors Matrix

	Unintentional Act	Intentional Act	
Thinking Errors	<p><b>Procedure Gap</b> Error caused by gaps in rules stating what tasks should be performed and by whom, e.g., lack of or inadequate SOPs</p> <p><b>Knowledge Gap</b> Error caused by knowledge gaps in how to perform a task, e.g., lack of or inadequate training</p>	<p><b>Fraud</b> Violations caused by malicious intent to perform a fraudulent act, e.g., falsifying data for personal gain or avoid personal pain</p>	Exceptional Violations
	<p><b>Attention Failure</b> Error caused by taking the wrong action, e.g., unfocused state of mind or a frequently performed action goes wrong or multitasking or aggressive deadlines</p> <p><b>Memory Failure</b> Error caused by taking no action, e.g., omit to perform a routine task due to forgetting its place in the sequence</p>		

# Potential Categories of Data Integrity Vulnerability

- **Human Factors**

- Lack of supervisory review
- Manual observations or measurements (e.g., weighing)
- Repeat human errors (e.g., due to multitasking, high personnel turnover, inadequate training, time pressures)
- Training and procedures (complex, long, unclear, incomplete, or difficult-to-access instructions)
- Unclear role definition or segregation of duties
- Culture (fear, frustration, intent, unacceptable local documentation practices)

## Data Control Levels

Control Level	Definition/Examples
High	High degree of validated process automation; electronic data lifecycle (e.g., capture, analysis, reporting); minimal human intervention
Medium	Hybrid—some manual processes; semi-automated data lifecycle processes; partial or lack of system interfaces
Low	Manual data lifecycle (e.g., capture, transcription, second person witnessing); manual process measurements and testing; manual processes with a high degree of human intervention

## Control Grid for Issuance and Reconciliation of Paper Records

Generation and Reconciliation of Documents		High Data Criticality	Medium Data Criticality	Low Data Criticality
Prevention Control	Controlled issuance – How	Unique identification for each record (including additional pages/sheets needed to complete the activity)	No unique identification needed	No unique identification needed
	Controlled issuance – Who	Designated unit with concurrence of the quality unit	Designated unit with concurrence of the quality unit	Anyone
	Reconciliation	Full reconciliation of records and pages based on unique identifier	Full reconciliation of records and pages based on quantity issued	No reconciliation
	Controlled Print	Required	Required	Not required
	Bulk printing allowed?	No	Yes, with process in place to avoid misuse	Yes
	Destruction of blank forms	With the quality unit present	Performed by the operating unit, quality unit oversight required	By the individual, quality unit oversight required

## Control Grid for Data Accuracy when Manual Recording without Controlled Second Format

Data Accuracy when Manually Recording Data without a Controlled Second Format		High Data Criticality	Medium Data Criticality	Low Data Criticality
Prevention Control	Second check for data recording – What action?	Four-eyes and downstream quality unit review to ensure requirements are met	Downstream verification that raw data meets requirements	General check of adherence to good documentation practices, but no check for accuracy required
	Second check for data recording – Who?	Peer and downstream quality unit review	Peer review	Peer review
	Second check for data recording – When?	Real-time by peer. Quality unit review before batch release	Before the next critical process step or before batch release, as appropriate	Before batch release or within timeframe specified in procedures

# Control Grid for Data Accuracy when Transcribing Manually Recorded Data into an Electronic System

Transcription of Manually Recorded Data into an Electronic System		High Data Criticality	Medium Data Criticality	Low Data Criticality
<b>Prevention Control</b>	Second review required for data transcription – Who?	Quality Unit	Peer	None



## Control Grid for True Copy (Paper to Electronic)

True Copy (Paper to Electronic)		High Data Criticality	Medium Data Criticality	Low Data Criticality
Prevention Control	Review requirements	Documented review by second person from the quality unit for legibility, accuracy, and completeness	Documented review by second person (not necessarily from the quality unit) for legibility, accuracy, and completeness	Documented verification by person performing the scan for legibility, accuracy, and completeness
	Discard of original allowed	Yes, unless there is a seal, watermark, or other identifier that can't be accurately reproduced electronically. Quality unit must be present	Yes, performed by the operating unit, unless there is a seal, watermark, or other identifier that can't be accurately reproduced electronically. Quality unit oversight required	Yes, individual can discard original Quality unit oversight required

# Control Grid for Access to Electronic Systems



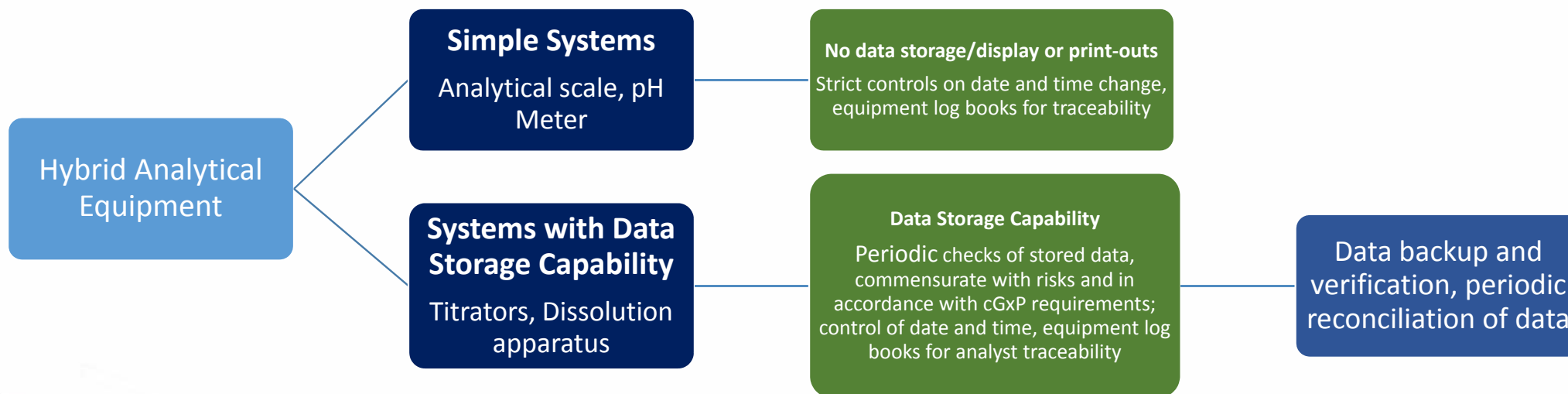
Access Controls for Electronic Systems		High Data Criticality	Medium Data Criticality	Low Data Criticality
Prevention Control	Access to Electronic systems – HOW	Identification and authentication (User ID + Password)	Identification and authentication (User ID + Password)	Passcode/group account based on role & information access
	Access to Electronic Systems – Time-out frequency	If within the area, after 15 min of inactivity; manual log-out when leaving the area	If within the area, after 30 min of inactivity; manual log-out when leaving the area	Never for operators; manual log-out after completion of activities for engineers/operators
	Password change frequency	Every 90 days	Every 180 days	Annually
	Periodic user account access review	Annually	Annually	Every 2 years
	Account lock-out after repeated incorrect password entries	5 incorrect password entries	10 incorrect password entries	Never
	Password recycling – Reuse of previously used passwords	10 cycles	5 cycles	N/A

# Potential Categories of Data Integrity Vulnerability

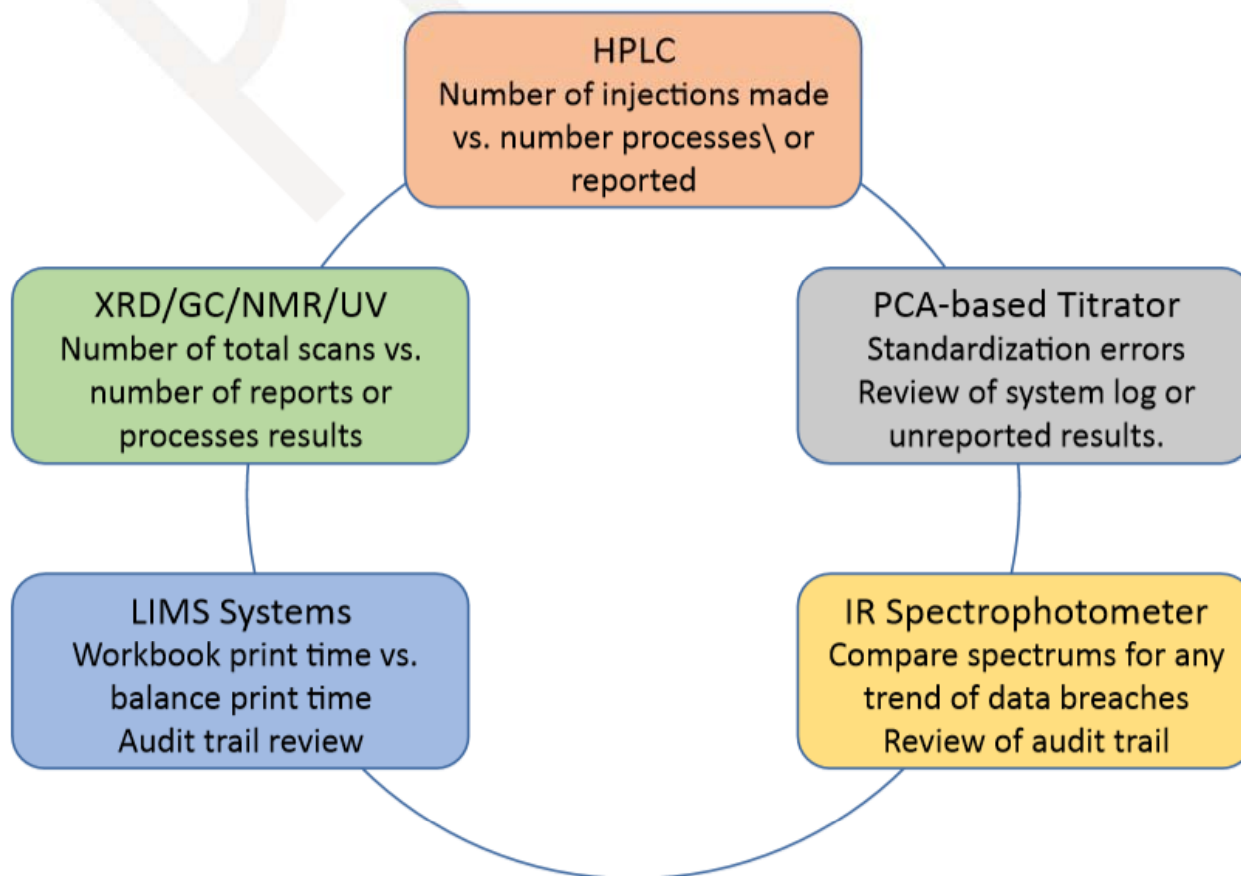
- **GMP process**

- Aborted runs (e.g., due to lack of planning, understanding system operation, suitability of equipment and process)
- Complex process (e.g., many interfaces, high level of human intervention, high levels of manual data entry)
- Data flows and ownership not well defined
- Inadequate line clearance checks
- Negative trends related to changes, deviations, out of specification, alarms, out of calibration
- New or complex processes (causing repeat errors)
- Operation switching (GxP vs. non-GxP)
- Unavailability of quality-related data requested during regulatory inspections

# Data Flow in Hybrid Analytical Systems



# Routine Checks of Typical Data Sets in the Laboratory



# Spreadsheet Protection and Controls

**EXAMPLE PHARMACEUTICALS INC.**  
**CALCULATION SHEET FOR DRUG SUBSTANCE ASSAY**

PRODUCT NAME: Hydratone Hd USP      DATE OF ANALYSIS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 QCP No.: \_\_\_\_\_      HPLC/PLC/UV EQUIPMENT NO.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 REFERENCE STD LOT No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 DO NOT USE AFTER \_\_\_\_\_

Standard Area	Average	%RSD	Testing Standard:	1	2
16071350	2.7		of 7 injections % Difference		

Weights and Dilution details:

Potency Factor (P)	0.999	Wt. m <sub>1</sub>	V2 ml	10.00	V4 ml	1.00	V6 ml	1.00	M.Wt-1	1.00
Std. avg. area (A <sub>0</sub> )	16071350	V1 ml	V3 ml	100	V5 ml	1	V7 ml	1	M.Wt-2	1.00

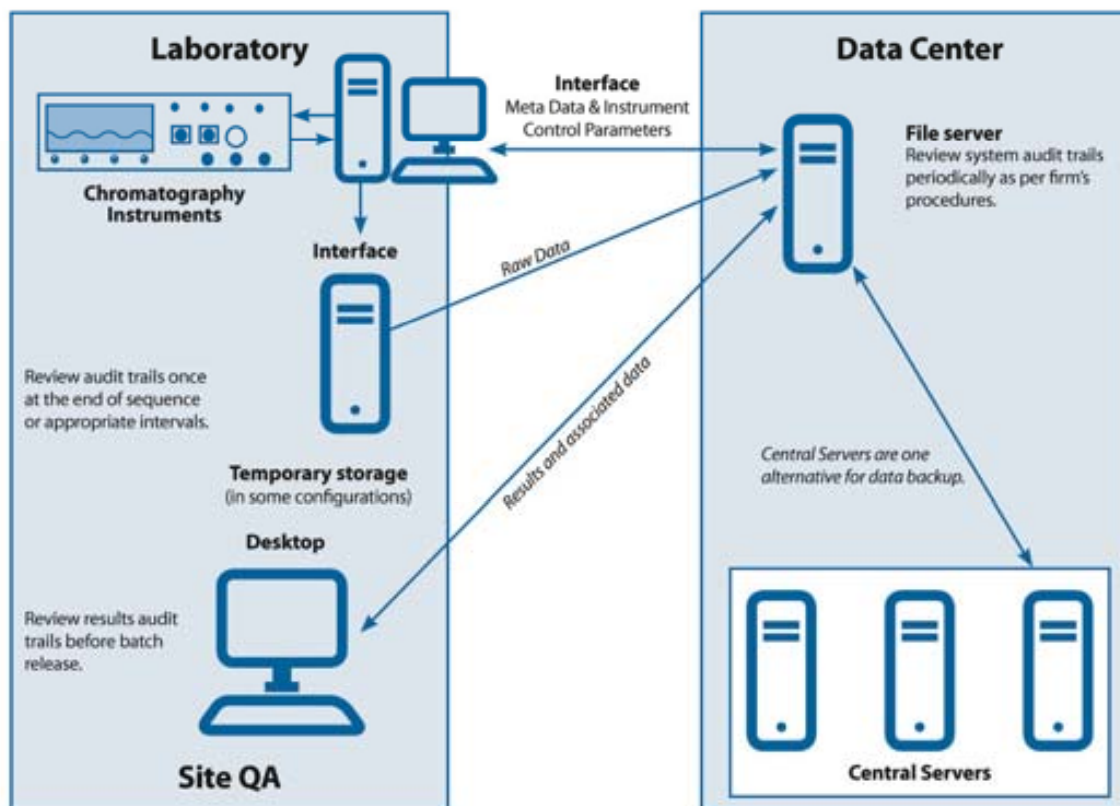
Sample Dilutions

Diluted to (V <sub>D</sub> )	100	V9 ml	10.00	V11 ml	1.00	V13 ml	1.00
		V10 ml	100	V12 ml	1	V14 ml	1

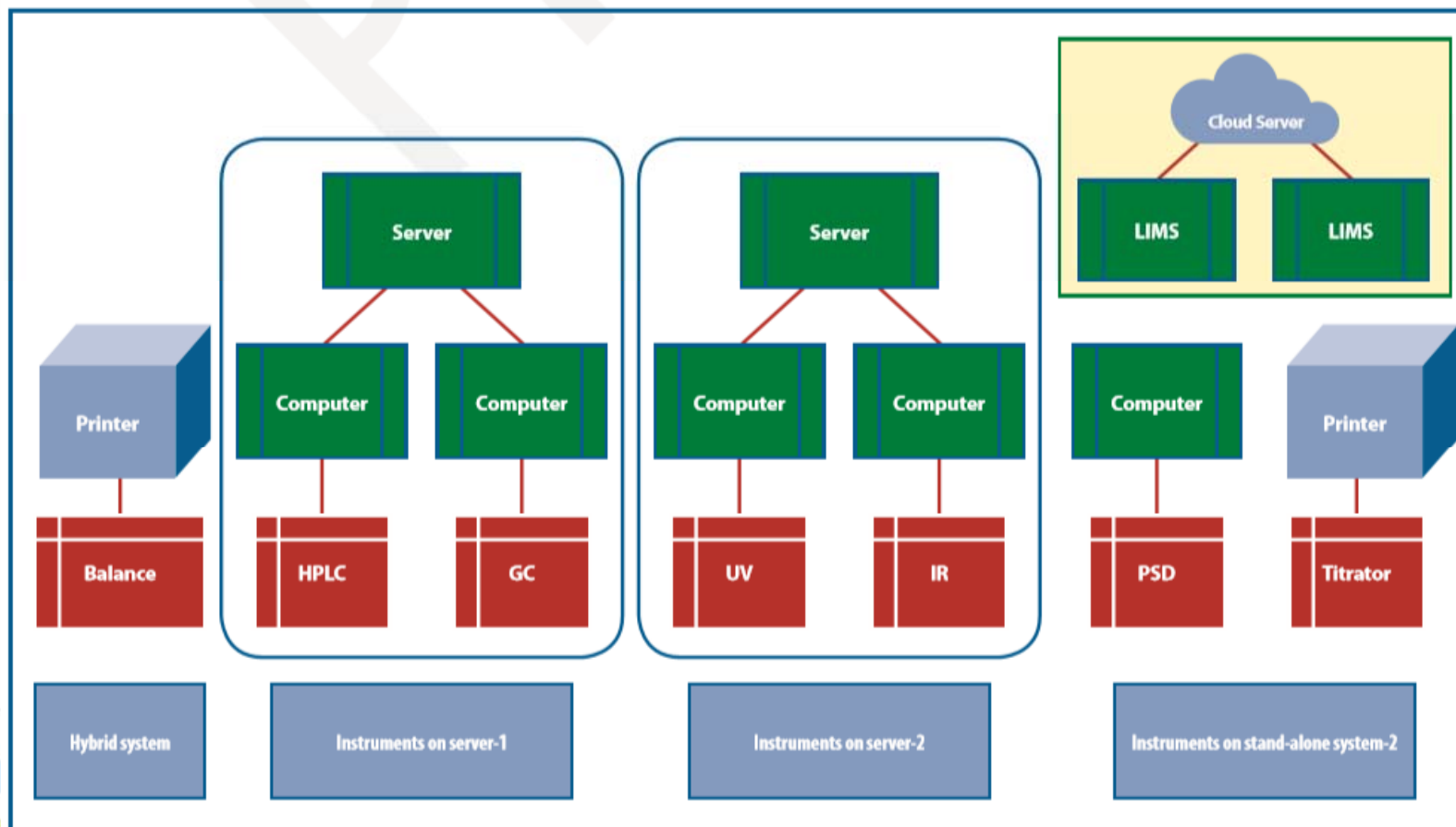
S.No	Sample #	Standard area	Preparation	Sample weight (mg) - W spl	Sample Area (A <sub>n</sub> )	% Assay	% Mean Assay (As is basis)	Water Content/ LOD	% Assay (on Anhydrous / On Dried)	% Mean Assay (on Anhydrous / On Dried)
	1	15965315	1	20.25	15492561	96.30				
	2	16962582	2	20.21	15925282	99.18	97.74			

- Encrypt with password protection
- Restrict editing (set to “Read only”) so previous data is not retained in the template
- Save spreadsheets to a designated location on the server and capture the file location on each spreadsheet Change passwords and revalidate customized spreadsheets periodically per established SOPs

# Analytical Laboratory Computerized Systems (ALCS)

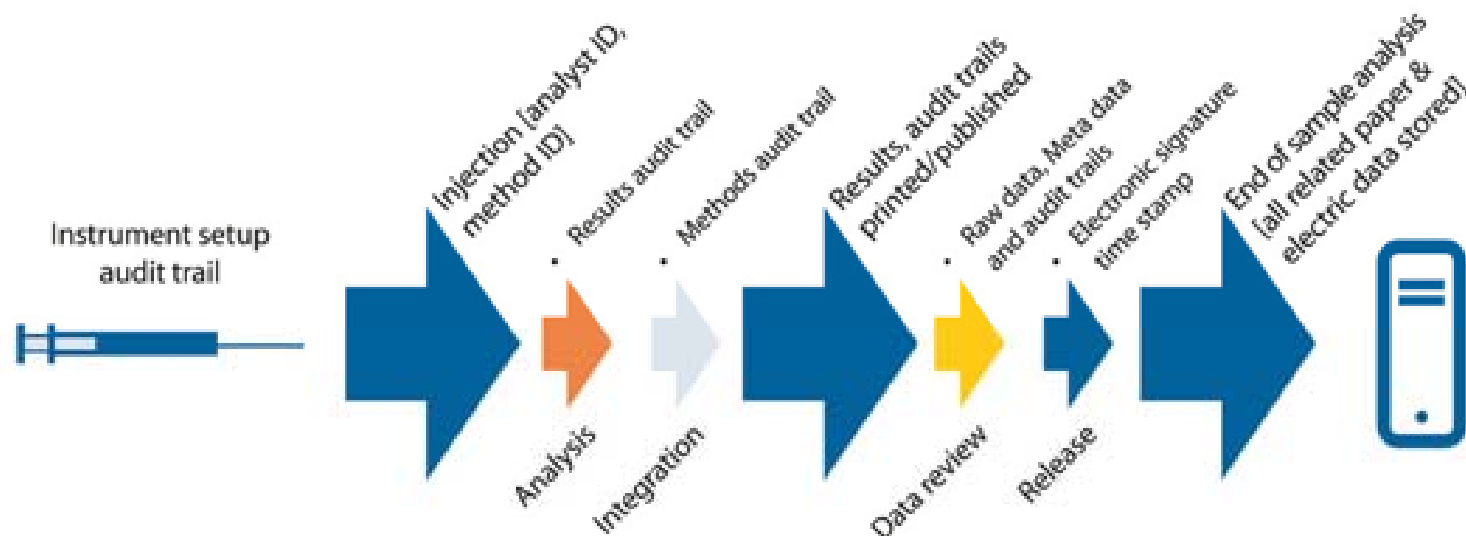


# Typical Analytical Laboratory Data Mapping



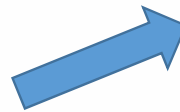


# Typical Data Flow in Chromatographic Analysis



# Example Audit Trail Summary

**System Level**  
User Activity (login/logoff/failure login attempts/privilege changes)



Logged in as QA Reviewer			
File	Edit	View	Records Help
	Action	Change Date	User
1	Successfully Logged On	3/22/2018 10:41:17 AM EDT	Groupleader
2	Unsuccessful Logon Attempt	3/22/2018 10:42:52 AM EDT	Analyst A
3	Successfully Logged On	3/22/2018 10:42:56 AM EDT	Chemist
4	Unsuccessful Attempt to Confirm Identity	3/22/2018 10:45:02 AM EDT	Groupleader
5	Unsuccessful Logon Attempt	3/22/2018 11:05:03 AM EDT	Analyst A
6	Unsuccessful Logon Attempt	3/22/2018 11:05:15 AM EDT	Analyst A
7	Unsuccessful Logon Attempt	3/22/2018 11:05:38 AM EDT	Analyst A
8	Successfully Logged On	3/22/2018 11:20:28 AM EDT	Chemist
9	Successfully Logged On	3/22/2018 11:31:03 AM EDT	Chemist
10	Unsuccessful Attempt to Confirm Identity	3/22/2018 11:31:58 AM EDT	Chemist
11	Successfully Logged On	3/22/2017 11:34:02 AM EDT	Groupleader

**Application Level**  
User activities (login/logoff/failure login attempts/privilege changes)  
Data creation/modification/deletion/publishing/restoring  
Methods creating/modification/deletion

**Product/Molecule Folder Level**  
Summary of sequence, methods, result audit trails  
Data acquired system details

**Method**  
Creation/modified details  
Each modification identified by version number

**Sequence**  
Sequence modification during and after execution

**Result**  
Calculated Value  
Processing history (Integration type, result number, calibration curves and modification of sample details), publishing details



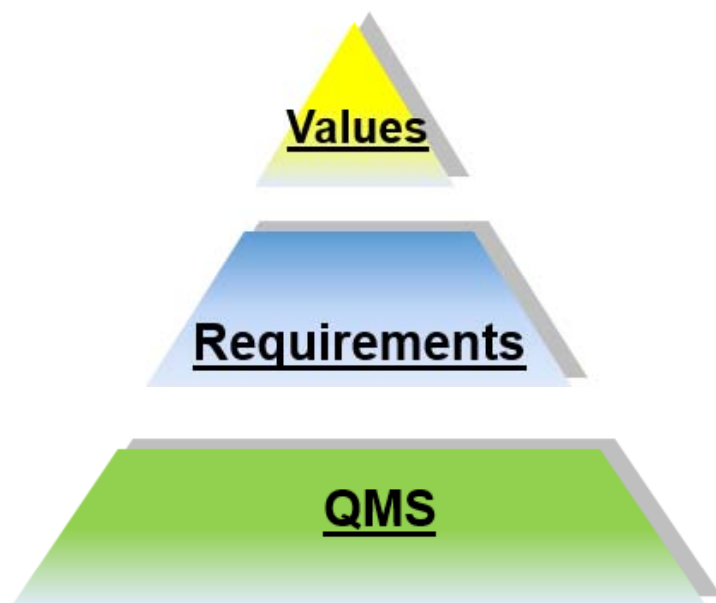
**Sample Set Method Report Summary**  
Sample Set Name QCE\_680\_007\_Inj      Sample Set Id 3784  
Linearity\_SSM

Peak Results				
SampleName	Vial	Date Acquired	Instrument Method Id	User
1 Blank (Mobile Phase)	1	2/3/2017 11:22:34 AM EST	1003	Chemist
2 Caffeine (0.06 mg/mL)_5µL	2	2/3/2017 11:26:13 AM EST	1003	Chemist
3 Caffeine (0.06 mg/mL)_20µL	2	2/3/2017 11:29:56 AM EST	1003	Chemist
4 Caffeine (0.06 mg/mL)_40µL	2	2/3/2017 11:33:51 AM EST	1003	Chemist
5 Caffeine (0.06 mg/mL)_80µL	2	2/3/2017 11:38:00 AM EST	1003	Chemist
6 Caffeine (0.06 mg/mL)_100µL	2	2/3/2017 11:42:21 AM EST	1003	Chemist

Peak Results						
	Result Comments	Altered	Result #	Injection ID	Date Acquired	Result ID
1	Process Injection	No	1	3786	2/3/2017 12:15:39 PM EST	3821
2	Process Injection	No	1	3792	2/3/2017 12:15:40 PM EST	3822
3	Process Injection	No	1	3798	2/3/2017 12:15:40 PM EST	3823
4	Process Injection	No	1	3804	2/3/2017 12:15:41 PM EST	3824
5	Process Injection	No	1	3810	2/3/2017 12:15:41 PM EST	3825
6	Process Injection	No	1	3816	2/3/2017 12:15:42 PM EST	3826

Specific Result number  
Denotes sample name alteration ("Yes" if name altered)

# Role of the Quality Management System



**Values:** Integrity and honesty are at the core of data integrity. A company code of conduct (or equivalent) that captures the values of integrity and honesty related to data integrity will lay a solid foundation in support of procedural controls and fosters quality behavior.

**Requirements:** Requirements for data quality and integrity attribute should be incorporated into policies, standards, and user requirements. Management engagement and sponsorship is key to data integrity.

**QMS:** The quality management system for pharmaceuticals is described in the international harmonized standard ICH Q10. It is important to

Ensure the integrity of the data in the QMS for decision making

Use the QMS to manage data integrity

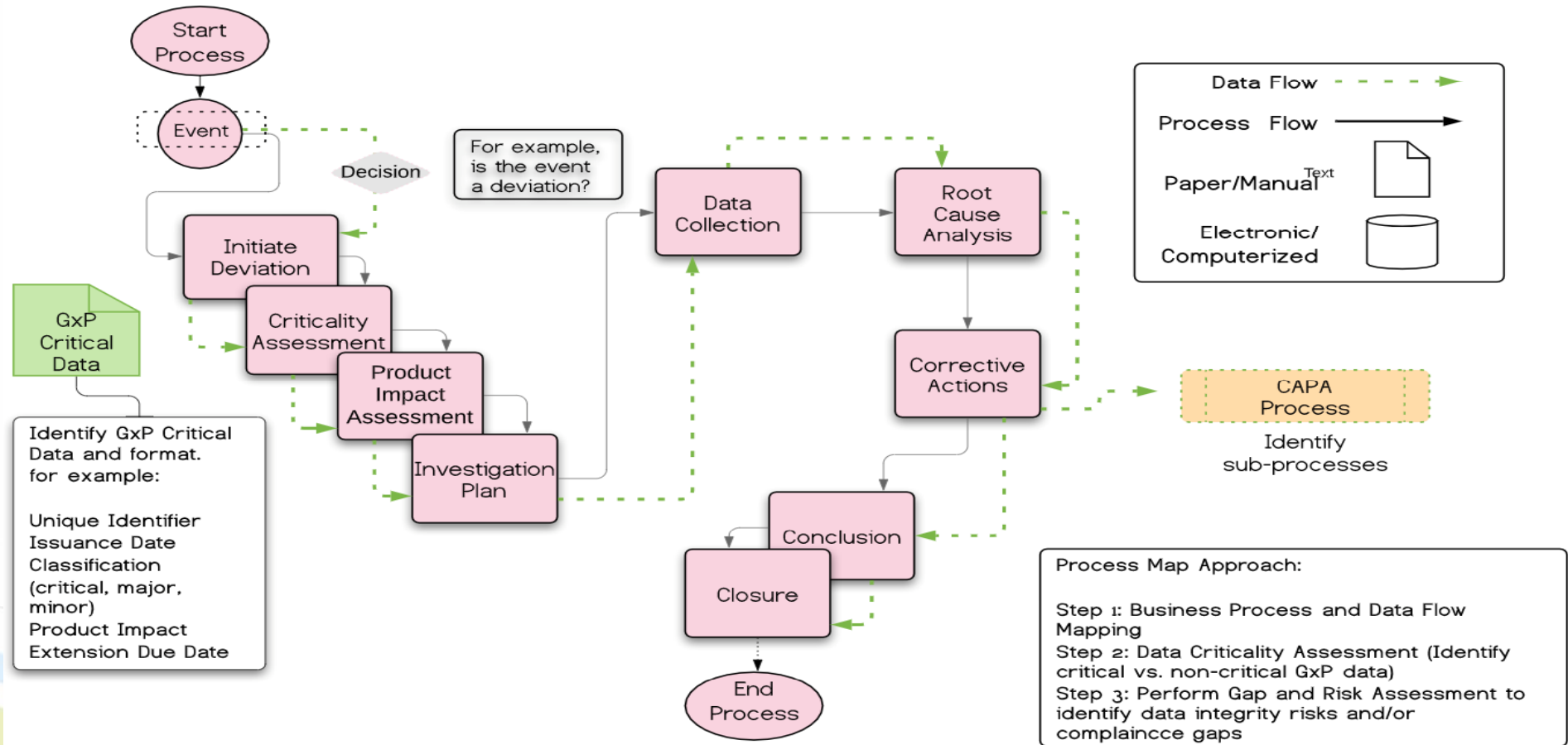
## Role of the QMS in Data Integrity and Data Controls

QMS Element	Role in Data Integrity Management
Standards/requirements	Define the expectations that must be adhered to/met. These must be incorporated into SOPs, business process, and monitoring mechanisms.
Documentation	Provides requirements, SOPs and doc mgt to mitigate risk of DI
Deviation & CAPA	Provides process to investigate DI, develop and implement CAPAs
Change mgt	Provides formal process to manage change to minimize risk of DI
Training	Provides process to develop and deploy systematic training on DI
Auditing	Provides structured program to assess / identify DI issues
Management review	Provides mechanisms to monitor, review that controls are appropriate and effective
User requirements and validation	Provide the mechanism to identify the attributes that must be met and demonstrated capability.

# Detection of Data Integrity Issues

- Document & Data Review
- Trending
- Corporate Level Controls
- Management and Supervisory activities
- Audits & Assessments
- Surveillance & Oversight
- Manual & Computerized Modes of Detection
- Specialized Training to detect

# Process Mapping Deviation Management Process



# Resources

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## PDA Points to Consider: Best Practices for Document/Data Management and Control and Preparing for Data Integrity Inspections

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