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# Good Documentation Practice Sessions 3 & 4





## Good Documentation Practice

### Feedback from session 2

Workshop activity:  
You discussed in groups

- What practical steps do you take to ensure Good Documentation Practice?
  - Decide on top 5 for group
- What is the biggest hurdle to ensuring Good Documentation Practice?
- 20 minute discussion

# Quality Culture and Cultural Excellence





Good Documentation Practice  
Quality Culture and Cultural Excellence

Workshop activity:  
Discuss in groups

- What practical steps do you take in your companies?
- What more could you do?
- 15 minute discussion
- 15 minute feedback

## Top 10 Most cited deficiency groups 2017 Jan to Jun

Ranking	Groups	Critical	Major	Others
1	Quality System	18	202	231
2	Documentation	7	113	223
3	Self Inspection	2	6	14
4	Qualification/Validation	1	133	102
5	Personnel	1	16	47
6	Sterility Assurance	0	101	59
7	Production	0	75	153
8	Premises/Equipment	0	41	144
9	Complaints/Recall	0	39	40
10	Computerised Systems	0	34	23

**Note – Annex 13,** Major deficiencies were identified under Release of Batches

# Data integrity

*The extent to which all data are complete, consistent and accurate throughout the data lifecycle*



# International history

- Publicised data integrity failures date back to early 2000's
- 2013: increased focus on data integrity
  - Increasing failures identified
  - Change in regulatory approach.



# Has this solved the problem?

**No.....**

In 2015:

- 35% EU 'statements of non-compliance' for Data Integrity
- Significant number of USFDA Warning Letters
- MHRA inspection findings\*:
  - 121 Major, 218 Other deficiencies had references relevant to DI
  - 20 Major DI deficiencies in regulatory action cases
  - 10 Major DI deficiencies under compliance management.





# Why is data integrity still an issue?

- Nothing new
  - Requirements in place for many years
  - No change in basic data expectations
    - **Attributable**
    - **Legible**
    - **Contemporaneous**
    - **Original**
    - **Accurate.**



Think of it this way:

has it EVER been acceptable to have unreliable data?

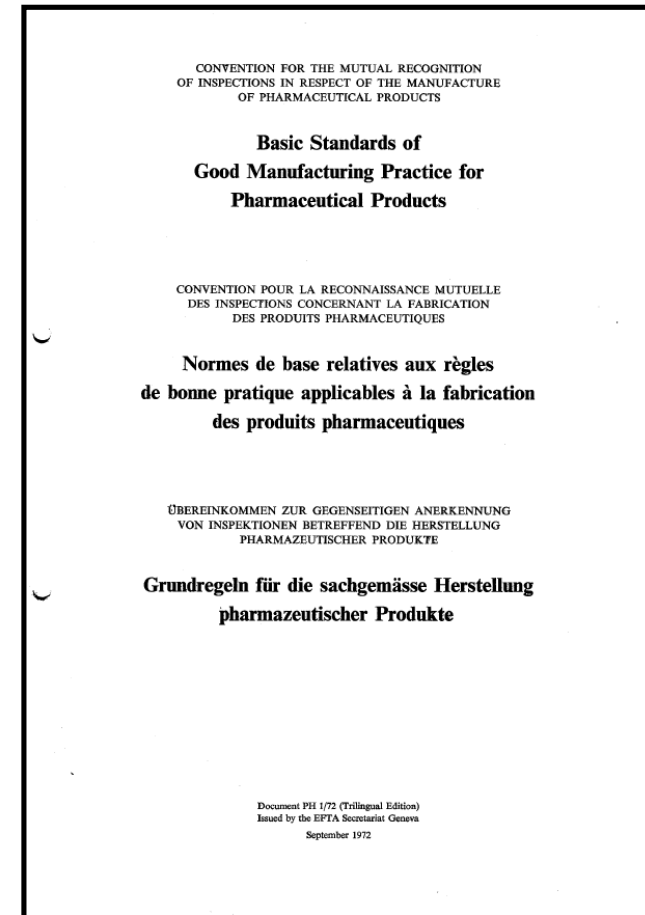
# Existing PIC/S GMP requirements

	Basic Requirements for Medicinal Products (Part I): Chapter 4 (June 2011) Chapter 6 (October 2014)	Basic Requirements for Active Substances used as Starting Materials (Part II): Chapter 6 / Chapter 5 (Sept 2014)	Annex 11 (Computerized Systems) (June 2011)
Attributable	[4.20], [4.21, c & i], [4.29, e]	[6.14], [6.18], [6.52]	[2], [12.4], [15]
Legible	[4.1], [4.2], [4.7], [4.8], [4.9], [4.10]	[5.43] [6.11], [6.14], [6.15], [6.50]	[7.1], [9], [10], [17]
Contemporaneous	[4.8]	[6.14]	[12.4], [14]
Original	[4.9], [4.27], [Paragraph "Record"]	[6.14], [6.15], [6.16]	[8.2], [9]
Accurate	[4.1], [6.17]	[5.40], [5.45], [6.6]	[Paragraph "Principles"], [5], [6], [10], [11]

# Historical expectations

## PIC/S GMP Guide 1972:

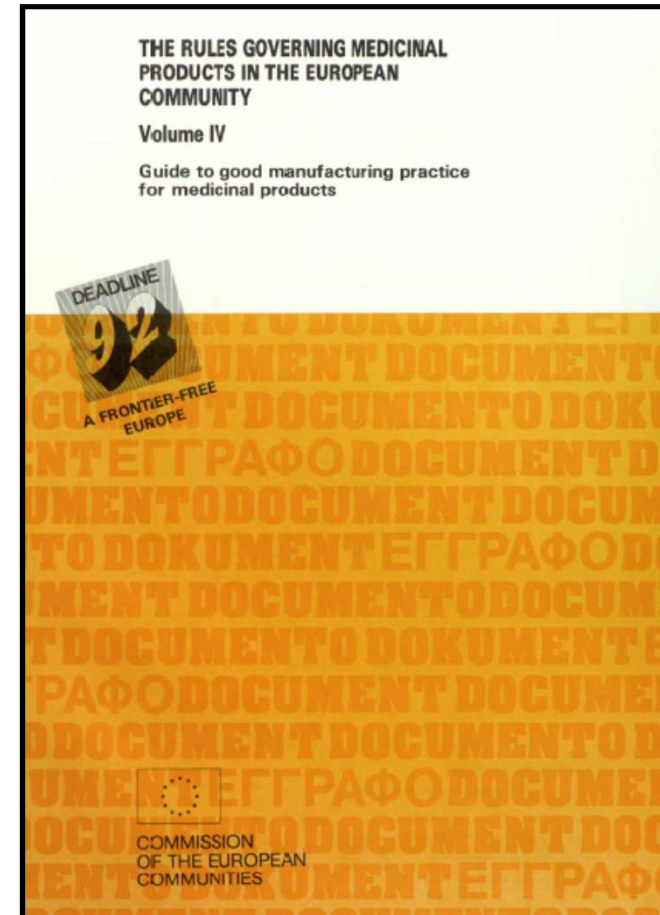
- '[copies of master documents]...which avoids transcription error...'
- records enabling recreation of batch history
- 'all records shall be legibly written....and traceable'
- 'dated signature of the persons who performed each activity'



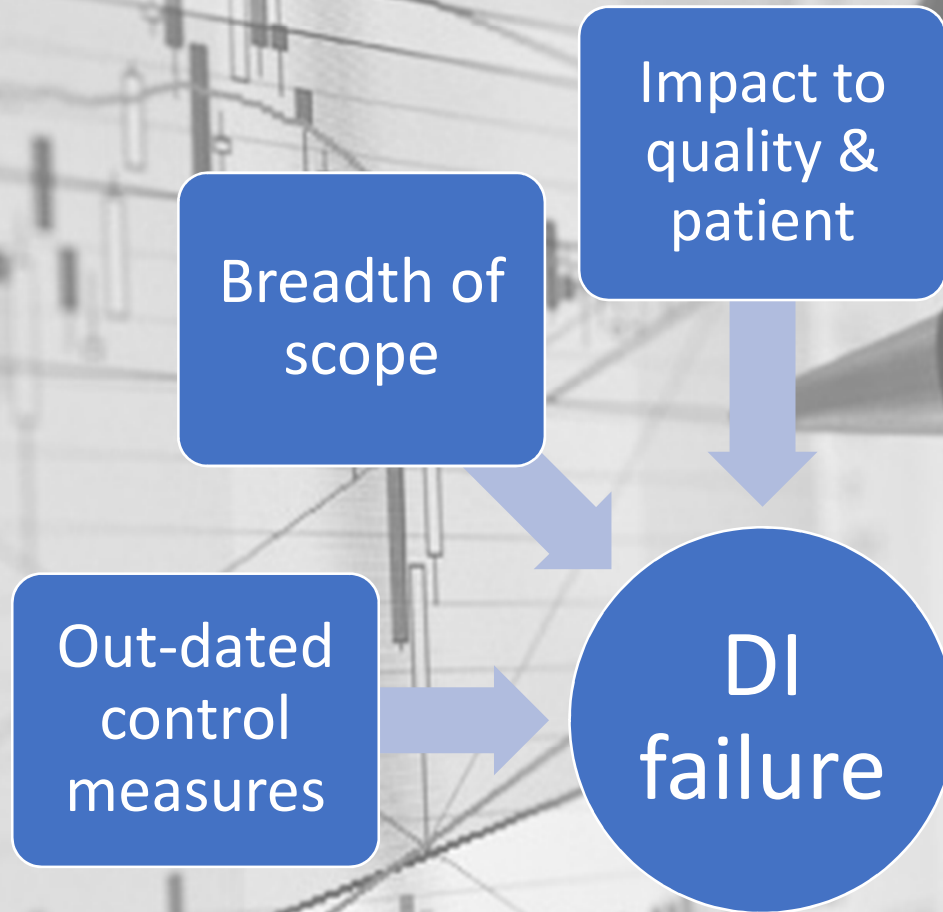
# Historical expectations

EU GMP January 1989:

- “...entries made in clear indelible handwriting...”
- “[alterations]...signed and dated...permit reading of original...reason recorded”
- “...records completed at the time each action taken...”
- “...accuracy of records should be checked...”
- “...name of persons carrying out activities...”.



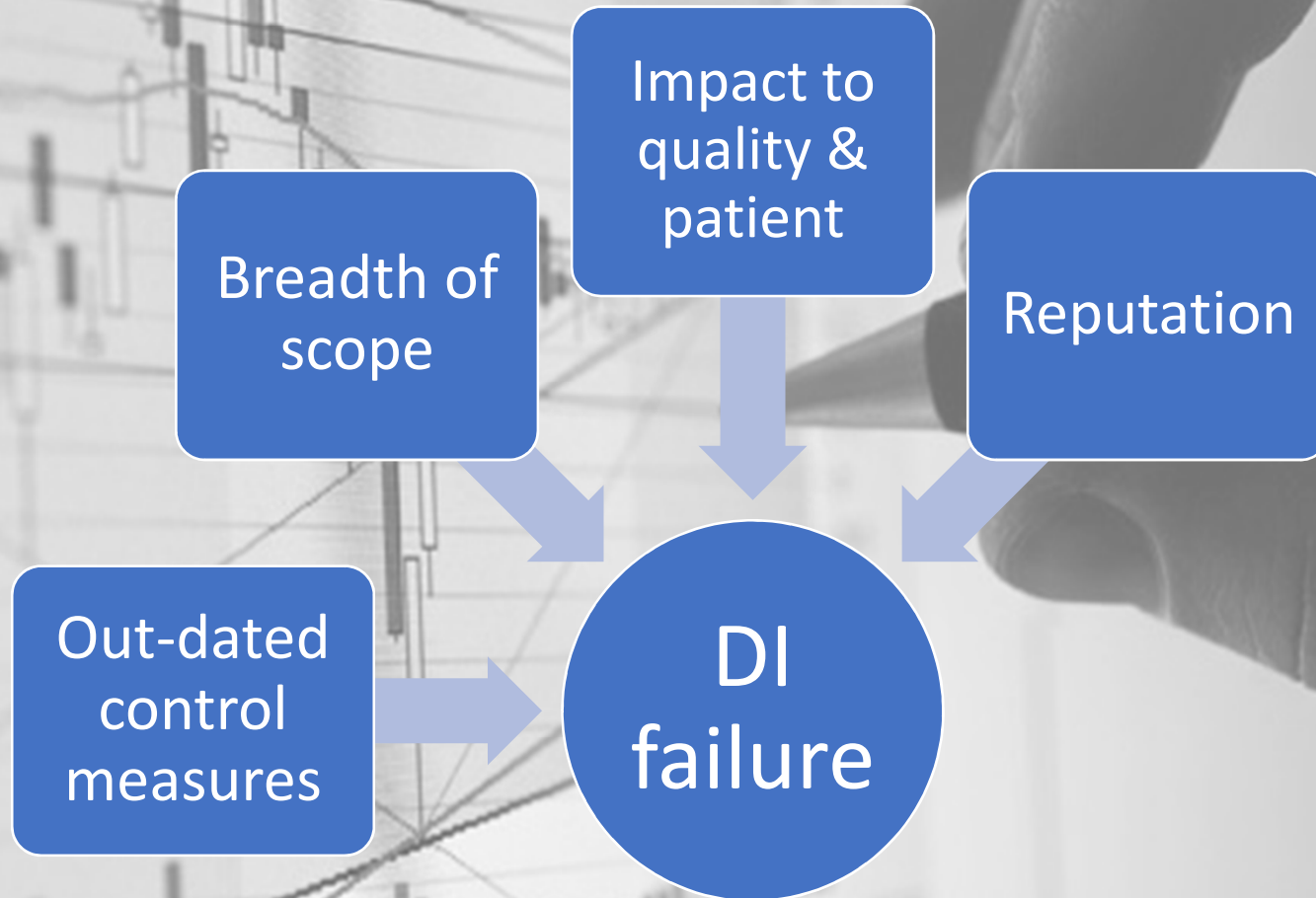
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## Impact to quality and patient

- Important daily decisions regarding safety, efficacy and quality of medicines are based on data
- Unreliable data is a significant barrier to providing safe and effective medicines
  - “Precision guesswork”
- Safety / efficacy risks from substandard or falsified medicines.

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# DI failure vs defect: reputational impact



## **Alleged falsification of emissions data**

- €26bn (~20%) loss in share value
- 4.8% global reduction in 2015 sales; first drop in 11 years
- (General Motors increased 8%)
- €1bn cut in investment

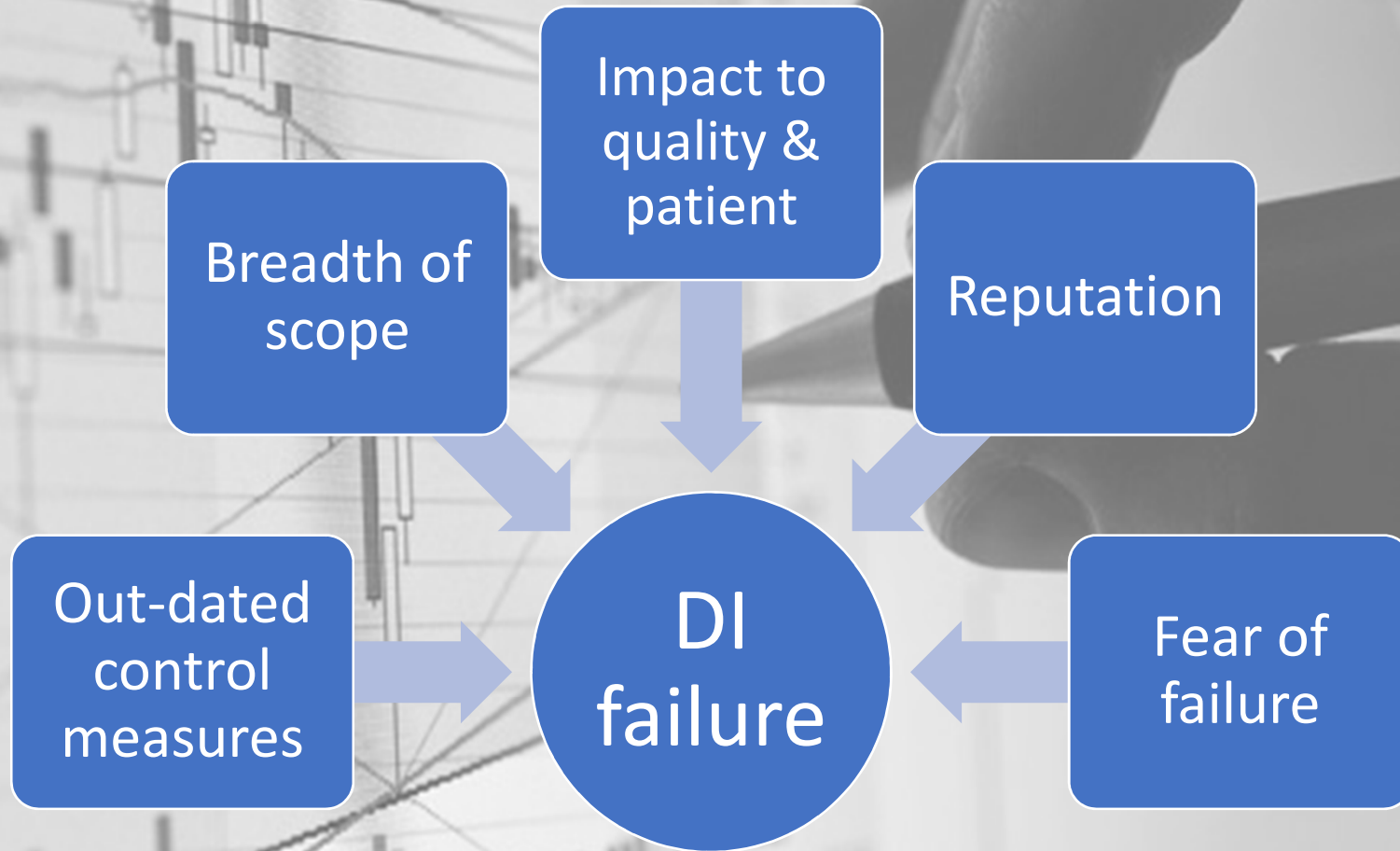


## **Software fault: engine stops and all electrics fail while vehicle in motion**

- 59,000 cars recalled in 40 markets
- Transient impact to share price (-3%)
- Share price continues upward trend.



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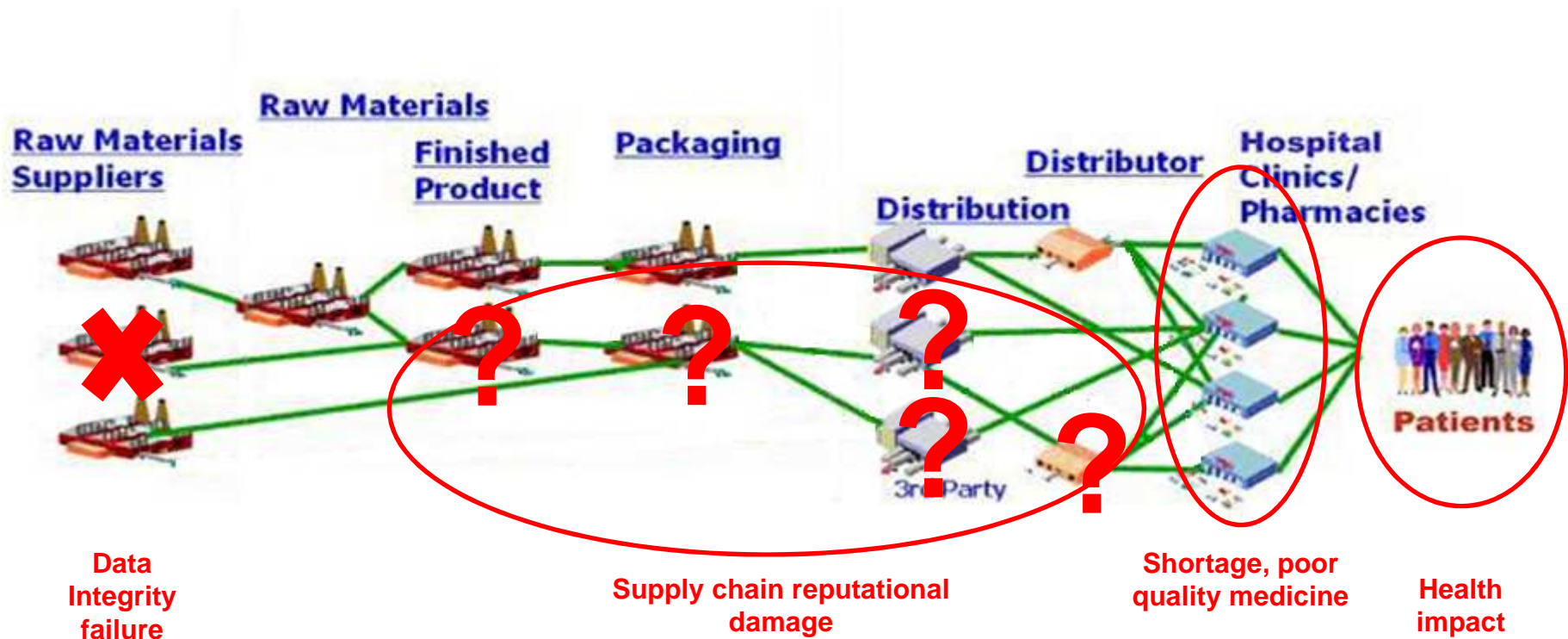


# DI failure: Fear of failure

- Causes the wrong behaviour
  - Panic
  - Disproportionate management action: 'zero tolerance'
- Complexity of proposed remediation
  - Aspirations vs action
- Quality Risk Management approach
  - Risk identification, mitigation and communication
  - Balanced with other GMP priorities
  - Perfection is a barrier to progress.

# Data Integrity in the Global Supply Chain

# Supply chain: Influence of others around me



# Supply chain: data integrity considerations

- Global supply chain requires a global approach to data governance
  - Interaction between contract giver and acceptor
  - Verifying equivalence of data management systems
  - Challenges of remote data verification.

# Supply chain: can we trust summary reports?

- **Audit / self inspection scope - focus on data integrity**
  - Summary documents can be reviewed off line
  - Capacity vs output
  - Where contracts permit, perform horizontal checks
    - Across batches, across products
- **What is the company's approach:**
  - Data lifecycle and risk management
  - Data governance.

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