

# Regulation of SaMD in the U.S.

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## FDA Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH)

 Ensure patients and providers have timely and continued access to safe, effective, and high-quality medical devices and safe radiation-emitting products

• Facilitates medical device innovation by advancing regulatory science, providing industry with predictable, consistent, transparent, and efficient regulatory pathways, and assuring consumer confidence in devices marketed in the U.S.



# How does CDRH promote innovation of digital health technologies?

General regulatory pathways

Digital health-specific approaches

Clinical evaluation tools





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#### Breakthrough Devices Program

#### Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff

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#### Safer Technologies Program for Medical Devices

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- Breakthrough Device Program (BD)
  - Devices providing more effective diagnosis /treatment of life-threatening/irreversibly debilitating disease as compared to available alternatives

- Safer Technologies Program (STeP)
  - Non-breakthrough devices offering safety advantages as compared to available alternatives



# Breakthrough Device/STeP Features

Increased opportunity for communication with CDRH

Early engagement on data development plans

- Devices more likely to involve consideration of:
  - Benefit-risk assessment
  - Creative and flexible clinical study designs
  - Premarket-postmarket balance



# Regulation of Digital Health

DH technologies are regulated similarly to traditional devices

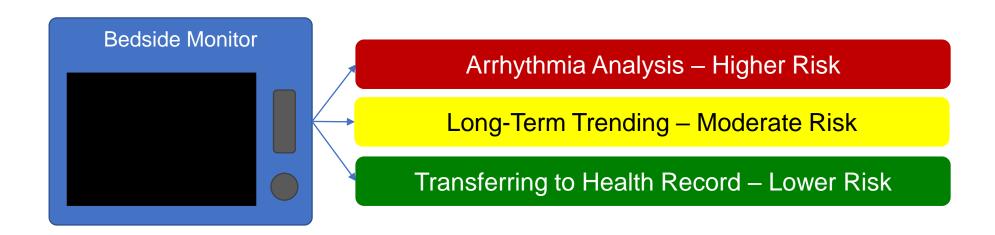


However, some SaMD aspects involve more risk than others



# Software as a Medical Device (SaMD)

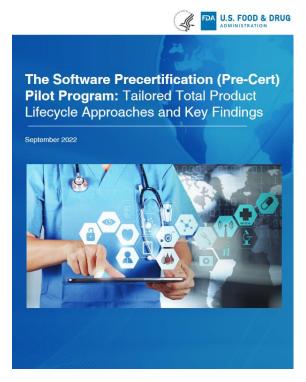
- Take "function-based" approach and regulate functions individually
  - Impact assessment
  - Some functions exempt by law or policy





## Software Pre-Certification Pilot

**Goal:** Provide a streamlined path to market for innovative SaMD products



**Completed September 2022** 

# Artificial Intelligence / Machine Learning (AI/ML)



- Unique challenges associated with growth in AI/ML:
  - Datasets
  - "Black box" algorithms
  - Validation
  - Communicating with clinicians and patients
  - Facilitating innovation and iterative development



## **GMLP** Guidelines

# **Goal:** Facilitate development of Good Machine Learning Practices that address important AI/ML topics





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## Good Machine Learning Practice for Medical Device Development: Guiding Principles

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Good Machine Learning Practice for Medical Device Development: Guiding Principles		
Multi-Disciplinary Expertise are Leveraged Throughout the Total Product Life Cycle	Good Software Engineering and Security Practices are Implemented	
Clinical Study Participants and Data Sets are Representative of the Intended Population.	Training Data Sets are Independent of Test Sets	
Selected Reference Datasets are Based Upon Best Available Methods	Model Design is Tailored to the Available Data and Reflects the Intended Use of the Device	
Focus is Placed on the Performance of the Human-Al Team	Testing Demonstrates Device Performance during Clinically Relevant Conditions	
Users are Provided Essential Information Clearly	Deployed Models are Monitored for Performance and Re-training Risks are Managed	





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#### Predetermined Change Control Plans for Machine Learning-Enabled Medical Devices: Guiding Principles

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Internationally, the medical device community is discussing the use of predetermined change control plans (PCCPs) as a way of managing certain device changes where regulatory authorization before marketing is typically required. PCCPs can be used to help:

- align regulatory processes with the rapid and ongoing approach to change management in MLMDs
- manage risks in a timely and ongoing fashion through monitoring, maintenance, and/or improving device performance
- · uphold high regulatory standards to ensure device safety and effectiveness.

For this document, the term PCCP describes a plan, proposed by a manufacturer, that specifies:

- certain planned modifications to a device
- the protocol for implementing and controlling those modifications and
- the assessment of impacts from modifications.

PCCPs may be developed and implemented in different ways in different regulatory jurisdictions.



# Pre-Determined Change Control Plan (PCCP)

Allows for iterative changes after devices receive marketing authorization

- Signed into law in December 2022
- Not limited to AI/ML devices

DRAFT: For AI/ML Devices		
Description of Modifications	Modification Protocol	Impact Assessment
What are the specific, planned modifications?	<ul> <li>Methods used to develop, validate, and implement proposed modifications.</li> <li>Test methods, analyses, and acceptance criteria.</li> <li>Ensure maintenance of documentation.</li> <li>Ensure risks identified in Impact Assessment.</li> <li>Be least burdensome.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Methods to compare changed device with original device.</li> <li>Benefits/risks of each modification.</li> <li>Rationale for modification protocol.</li> <li>Impact of one modification on others.</li> <li>Collective impact.</li> </ul>



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Marketing Submission Recommendations for a Predetermined Change Control Plan for Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning (AI/ML)-Enabled Device Software Functions

### Draft Guidance for Industry and Food and Drug Administration Staff

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## Utilize DH technologies for:

- Remote monitoring
- Patient-reported outcomes

### Support appropriate use via:

- Verification/validation
- Training (patients and caregivers)

#### Digital Health Technologies for Remote Data Acquisition in Clinical Investigations

Guidance for Industry, Investigators, and Other Stakeholders

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How do international efforts promote DH innovation?



## Global Innovation

Ongoing innovation of medical devices creates additional global value in:

- Aligning regulatory approaches
- Building platforms to better evaluate devices across their lifetimes
- Establishing networks





## Additional Opportunities

 Consider global clinical and regulatory strategies for digital health technologies

- Proactive discussions with global partners can help align approaches and promote access
  - Regulators
  - Industry
  - Outreach to other stakeholders

## Thank You!





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