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Foreword

Orlando López is a well-recognized name in the realm of computer system e-compliance and validation.

Regulatory agencies have published many new or revised regulations and guidance relating to electronic/automated systems and any data created or managed within these. It can be quite a task following these regulatory documents and, even more so, to interpret them. At the same time, the regulated healthcare industry continues to increase their use of automated systems, for reasons of efficiency, cost, business need, and finally compliance. As a consequence, the integrity of electronic data/records is of paramount importance to industry, or else consequences can be dire.

This book is, therefore, a useful tool for those working in the field and those with just an academic interest. Orlando covers the subject from a variety of viewpoints: regulators, industry, suppliers, and technology in the 24 chapters of this book. It therefore definitely has something of interest for everyone.

Given that in the experience of regulatory agencies and many an auditor, the industry is still a long way from having full and commendable controls over electronic records integrity, this book should be an excellent aide to advance the state of compliance. I wish it all the success it deserves.

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Preface

Data integrity (1) (DI) has been one of the foundations of the Current Good Manufacturing Practice (2) (CGMP) principles for years.

As an example, the European Union (EU) Commission

Directives 91/412/EEC (1991) and 003/94/EC (1994) in Article 9 item 2, and the 21 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 211.68 (1976) contain the requirements associated with DI in the EU and United States (US), respectively.

Falsification of data is considered by the regulatory agencies and competent authorities a critical deficiency to the regulated entity (3).

On the other hand, the information properly recorded is the basis for manufacturers to assure product identity, strengths, purity, and safety (4). The collected electronic records (e-records (5)) also demonstrate that the manufacturing process adheres to the CGMP, including instructions.

All data (paper and electronic) generated throughout a product's lifecycle must be accurate, auditable, in conformance with data definitions, complete, consistent, with integrity, provenance, and valid. This includes data generated during clinical or pre/post-approval stages.

Multiple DI citations during the last years have been reported by the US Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) investigators and European inspectors. A sample of EU Non-Compliance Reports referencing DI issues can be found in Appendix VI. Many US FDA Warning Letters (WL) and EU Non-Compliance Reports deal with serious DI violations.

DI questions have been and will continue to be the focus of many CGMP inspections. Consequently, the main international authorities and

Because the data have broad public health significance, they are expected to be of high quality and integrity.

US FDA, Pharmaceutical CGMP for the 21st Century – A Risk-Based Approach, Final Report," September 2004.

organizations – CEFIC, CFDA, EMA, EU Annex 11, EU OMLC, Health Canada, ICH E6, MHRA, PIC/S, SIDGP, TGA, US FDA, and WHO – published documents describing the regulatory expectations with DI.

Although all guidelines are not intended to impose an additional regulatory burden to the regulated companies, a lot of hesitation predominates the pharmaceutical industry on how to implement these requirements into the daily business and how to integrate suppliers' involvement.

The objective of this book is to provide solutions to the regulated user pertinent to the e-records integrity situations. Some chapters update the information provided in my first book about e-records integrity (6).

Data integrity refers to whether data is trustworthy. Just because data is trustworthy does not mean it is also useful (7). The usefulness of data is achieved by implementing data quality into the practices of data handling (8).

Each chapter in this book provides practical information to enable compliance with e-records integrity while highlighting and efficiently integrating worldwide regulation into the subject. The ideas presented in this book are based on many years of experience in the regulated industries in various computer systems development, maintenance, and quality functions. Based on risk assessment principles, a practical approach is presented to guide the readers around the technical, design, and testing aspects of the e-records integrity controls recommended in worldwide regulations and guidelines.

As in my first book about e-records integrity, out of the scope of this one is the behavioral aspects of regulated life science industries that knowingly employ unreliable or unlawful activities.

Enjoy the reading. If you have any suggestion for improvement or any question, send it to olopez6102@gmail.com.

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SME – E-records Quality

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Chapter 1

Introduction

DI is a critical aspect to the design, implementation, and usage of any system which stores, processes, or retrieves data. The overall intent of any DI technique described in this book is the same: ensure data is recorded exactly as intended and upon later retrieval, ensure the data is the same as it was when it was originally recorded. Any alteration to the data is traced to the person who performed the modification.

Any possible concern related to the reliability of data must be identified and understood for appropriate controls to be put in place.

The responsibility regarding accurately handling electronic records (e-records) and the integrity of such e-records lies with the manufacturer or distributor undergoing inspection. These entities have full responsibility to assess their data handling systems for potential vulnerabilities and take steps to design and implement good e-records governance practices to ensure that e-records integrity is maintained (1).

Since the publication of my first book about DI (2) in 2017, the information about DI in the regulated industry has increased by the multiple publications drafted and finalized.

Records should be maintained to demonstrate that the quality system has operated effectively and that the specified requirements have been met.

**Australian Code of Good
Manufacturing Practice for human
blood and blood components, human
tissues and human cellular therapy
products, April 2013.**

The new/updated publications since 2017 are:

- Health Canada Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) Guidelines, Version 3 (GUI-0001), February 2018
- MHRA, GxP Data Integrity Guidance and Definitions, March 2018
- Russia Federal State Institute of Drugs and Good Practices (SIMGP), Data integrity and validation of computerized systems, August 2018
- PICS, Good Practices for Management and Integrity in Regulated GMP/ GDP Environments (PI 041–1 (Draft 3)), November 2018
- US FDA, Data Integrity and Compliance with Drug CGMP. December 2018
- CEFIC, Practical risk-based guide for managing data integrity, March 2019
- WHO, Guideline on Data Integrity (Draft), October 2019
- US FDA and MHRA, Data Integrity in Global Clinical Trials, December 2019
- IPEC, Data Integrity for Pharmaceutical Grade Excipients, April 2020
- OECD, Advisory Document on GLP Data Integrity (Draft), August 2020
- NMPA (former CFDA), “Drug Data Management Practices Guidance,” December 2020

All guidance documents can be found at <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1pB9XE29MuFpCBmNpQq0iG8RubmOCPe-u?usp=sharing>

The industry has paid more attention to DI as a result of the regulatory agencies’ publications. In addition, the amount of materials published by regulated users is massive.

DI continues to be globally a major concern to all regulatory agencies.

This book is divided into 24 chapters and 5 appendices relevant to production systems and quality control systems and pertinent to medicine manufacturers.

This book updates previous written practical information to enable a better understanding of the controls applicable to e-records. It highlights the e-records suitability implementation and associated risk-assessed controls, and e-records handling (3).

Chapter 2, “E-records Lifecycle Revisited,” updates the electronic e-records lifecycle by adding two new phases to the typical lifecycle covered in the regulatory guidelines. These two new phases are related to the design of the e-records set. These two new phases are implemented before starting to collect e-records.

Chapter 3, “Data and E-records Lifecycles – A Comparison,” discusses the correlation between data and e-records lifecycle.

Chapter 4, “MHRA Guidance – Revisited,” is an analysis of the most recent revision (March 2018) guidance document of the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA, United Kingdom (UK) medicines and medical devices regulatory agency).

The key expectations of EU CGMPs inspectors in the area of e-records integrity can be found in Chapter 5, “E-records Integrity Expectations of EU GMP Inspectors.”

Based on a presentation I did in August 2018 (4), Chapter 6, “Comparison of Health Authority E-records Integrity Expectations,” highlights the e-records integrity-related guidance documents published by Health Authorities only.

Chapter 7, “Maxims of E-records Integrity,” discusses the e-records integrity principles applicable to medicine manufacturing operations. The lifecycle, the validity and fidelity, and the reliability of e-records integrity depend on maxims or fundamental rules for the effective handling of e-records integrity.

The vulnerabilities of e-records may be used to undermine the quality of records and may ultimately undermine the quality of medicinal products (1). Chapter 8 examines the typical vulnerabilities of e-records. The risk assessment performed at the beginning of a records handling implementation uncovers these vulnerabilities. Based on Chapter 8, Chapters 9 and 10 discuss the risk assessment and the handling, respectively, of e-records vulnerabilities.

Chapter 11, “Security Service,” focuses on the security controls expected by worldwide regulatory agencies and competent authorities. Focal items include access control, password policy, and audit trails.

The required controls on computer-generated raw data in medicine manufacturing operations are discussed in Chapter 12, “Defining and Managing Manufacturing Data.”

Transient data controls are discussed in Chapter 13.

Chapter 14 considers the critical issue of date and timestamping in digital environments.

E-records migration is the process of transferring e-records and related metadata between one durable storage location, format, or computer system to another. This subject is addressed in Chapter 15.

Chapter 16, “Ensuring E-records Integrity of Cloud Service Providers,” provides the activities which the regulated entity and the cloud service provider must implement to safeguard the integrity of e-records.

Hybrid situations include combinations of paper records (or other non-electronic media) and e-records, paper records and electronic signatures,

or handwritten signatures executed to e-records. Chapter 17 addresses the issues associated with records of hybrid systems.

Centered on information security, Chapter 18, “Technologies Supporting E-records Integrity,” provides a broad overview of the cryptographic technologies that can keep e-records integrity for any CGMP-regulated activity.

Chapter 19 describes the integration of the computer system and e-records lifecycles.

Chapter 20 covers miscellaneous e-records integrity issues such as BaaS, audit trails reviews, testing audit trails, database integrity, testing the retention of e-records, and e-records integrity in wireless environments.

A manufacturing-related e-records remediation project is re-examined in Chapter 21.

My advice on how to design e-records integrity into your practices is offered in Chapter 22.

Data integrity refers to the trustworthiness of data. Evidently, just because data is trustworthy, it does not mean it is also useful. The usefulness of data is achieved by implementing data quality into practices of data handling. Elements to consider in data quality are presented in Chapter 23. The objective of this chapter is to modify the mind frame in our industry and establish data quality in our practices.

The emphasis in this book is e-records integrity in medicine manufacturing practices regulations.

To bring up to the reader additional information, this book refers to relevant regulations/guidance. Some descriptions are based on listed guidance, but judicious editing was necessary to fit the context of this book.

It is not the intention of this book to develop a standard for the regulated industry. This book intends to guide how the industry can effectively manage e-records integrity vulnerabilities and raise basic compliance in this area.

Except for the definition of DI, this book is consistent with the UK MHRA (5) and the Pharmaceutical Inspection Convention and Pharmaceutical Inspection Co-operation Scheme (PIC/S) (6) DI guidance documents.

The recommendations to implement e-records controls, as described in this book, are purely from the standpoint and opinion of the author and should serve as a suggestion only. They are not intended to serve as the regulators’ official implementation process.

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