

# Medical Device Reporting (MDR) 21 CFR Part 803



# Objectives

- Review applicable sections of 21 CFR 803 and 21 CFR 820
- Review and explain MDR reporting requirements
- Review FDA-483 observation examples



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- §803.3 MDR Reportable Event means
- An event that user facilities become aware of that reasonably suggests that a device has or may have caused or contributed to a death or serious injury; or



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- §803.3 MDR Reportable Event means
  2. An event that manufacturers or importers become aware of that reasonably suggests that one of their marketed devices;
    - (i) May have caused or contributed to a death or serious injury
    - (ii) Has malfunctioned and that the device or a similar device marketed by the manufacturer or importer would be likely to cause or contribute to a death or serious injury if the malfunction were to recur



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- §803.3 Becomes Aware

An employee of the entity required to report has acquired information that reasonably suggests a reportable event has occurred



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- §803.3 Caused or Contributed

A death or serious injury was or may have been attributed to a medical device, or that a medical device was or may have been a factor in a death or serious injury, including events occurring as a result of: (1) Failure; (2) Malfunction; (3) Improper or inadequate design; (4) Manufacture; (5) Labeling; or (6) User error



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- §803.3 Serious Injury

An injury or illness that:

1. Is life-threatening
2. Results in permanent impairment of a body function or permanent damage to a body structure
3. Necessitates medical or surgical intervention to preclude permanent impairment of a body function or permanent damage to a body structure



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- §803.3 Malfunction

The failure of a device to meet its performance specifications or otherwise perform as intended. Performance specifications include all claims made in the labeling for the device. The intended performance of a device refers to the intended use for which the device is labeled or marketed...





# More on Malfunctions

## Guidance

- Reporters do not need to assess the likelihood that a malfunction will recur. The regulation presumes that the malfunction will recur. Furthermore, FDA believes that once a malfunction has caused or contributed to a death or serious injury, a presumption that the malfunction is likely to cause or contribute to a death or serious injury has been established. This presumption will continue until the malfunction has caused or contributed to no further deaths or serious injuries for two years, or the manufacturer can show, through valid data, that the likelihood of another death or serious injury as a result of the malfunction is remote.
- <http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/ucm094529.htm>



# Who Has to Report an Event?

- User facilities
- Importers
- Manufacturers
- Distributors (maintain records only)



# Manufacturer Reporting Requirements

- Individual adverse event reports no later than 30 calendar days after the day you become aware of a reportable death, serious injury, or malfunction
- Individual adverse event reports no later than 5 work days after the day that you become aware of
  - (i) A reportable event that requires remedial action to prevent an unreasonable risk of substantial harm to the public health, or
  - (ii) A reportable event for which we made a written request



# Manufacturer Reporting Requirements

- Supplemental reports are required if the manufacturer obtains information that was not submitted in the initial report. Must be submitted within 1 month of the day that the information was received
- Generally submitted because the information was unknown at the time of the initial report or to correct information previously submitted



# Manufacturer Reporting Requirements

- Submit required information on FDA Medwatch Form 3500A or in an electronic equivalent as approved
- Medwatch Form 3500A and instructions can be found on the internet at

<http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/getforms.htm>



# Medwatch Form 3500A

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Food and Drug Administration

For use by user-facilities,  
importers, distributors and manufacturers  
for MANDATORY reporting

Form Approved OMB No. 09-10-029-1, Expires 12/31/11  
See OMB statement on reverse

## MEDWATCH

FORM FDA 3500A (1/09)

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Mr Report # \_\_\_\_\_  
UF/Importer Report # \_\_\_\_\_  
FDA Use Only

### A. PATIENT INFORMATION

1. Patient Identifier \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Age at Time of Event: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs  
or \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Sex  Female  Male \_\_\_\_\_ kg  
4. Weight \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
In confidence

### B. ADVERSE EVENT OR PRODUCT PROBLEM

1.  Adverse Event and/or  Product Problem (e.g., defects/malfunctions)  
2. Outcomes Attributed to Adverse Event (Check all that apply)  
 Death (mm/dd/yyyy)  Disability or Permanent Damage  
 Life-threatening (mm/dd/yyyy)  Congenital Anomaly/Birth Defect  
 Hospitalization - initial or prolonged  Other Serious (Important Medical Events)  
 Required Intervention to Prevent Permanent Impairment/Damage (Devices)  
3. Date of Event (mm/dd/yyyy) 4. Date of This Report (mm/dd/yyyy)  
5. Describe Event or Problem

### C. SUSPECT PRODUCT(S)

1. Name (Give labeled strength & inf/label) #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Dose, Frequency & Route Used #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Therapy Dates (If unknown, give duration from/to (or best estimate) #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Diagnosis for Use (indication) #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Event Abated After Use Stopped or Dose Reduced? #1  Yes  No  Doesn't Apply #2  Yes  No  Doesn't Apply  
6. Event Reappeared After Reintroduction? #1  Yes  No  Doesn't Apply #2  Yes  No  Doesn't Apply  
7. Exp. Date #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
8. NDC# or Unique ID \_\_\_\_\_  
10. Concomitant Medical Products and Therapy Dates (Exclude treatment of event)

### D. SUSPECT MEDICAL DEVICE

1. Brand Name \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Common Device Name \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Manufacturer Name, City and State \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Model # \_\_\_\_\_ Lot # \_\_\_\_\_  
Catalog # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_  
Serial # \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Operator of Device  Health Professional  Lay User/Patient  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
6. If Implanted, Give Date (mm/dd/yyyy) 7. If Explanted, Give Date (mm/dd/yyyy)  
8. Is this a Single-use Device that was Reprocessed and Reused on a Patient?  Yes  No  
9. If Yes to Item No. 8, Enter Name and Address of Reprocessor \_\_\_\_\_  
10. Device Available for Evaluation? (Do not send to FDA)  Yes  No  Returned to Manufacturer on: (mm/dd/yyyy)  
11. Concomitant Medical Products and Therapy Dates (Exclude treatment of event)

### E. INITIAL REPORTER

1. Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Health Professional?  Yes  No 3. Occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Initial Reporter Also Sent Report to FDA?  Yes  No  Unk.

Submission of a report does not constitute an admission that medical personnel, user facility, importer, distributor, manufacturer or product caused or contributed to the event.

PLEASE TYPE OR USE BLACK INK

## MEDWATCH

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FDA USE ONLY

### F. FOR USE BY USER FACILITY/IMPORTER (Devices Only)

1. Check One  User Facility  Importer 2. UF/Importer Report Number \_\_\_\_\_  
3. User Facility or Importer Name/Address \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
6. Date User Facility or Importer Became Aware of Event (mm/dd/yyyy)  Initial  Follow-up # \_\_\_\_\_  
7. Type of Report \_\_\_\_\_  
8. Date of This Report (mm/dd/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_  
9. Approximate Age of Device \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Event Problem Codes (Refer to coding manual)  
Patient Code \_\_\_\_\_ Device Code \_\_\_\_\_  
11. Report Sent to FDA?  Yes (mm/dd/yyyy)  No  
12. Location Where Event Occurred  Hospital  Outpatient Diagnostic Facility  Home  Nursing Home  Ambulatory Surgical Facility  Outpatient Treatment Facility  Other: (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
13. Report Sent to Manufacturer?  Yes (mm/dd/yyyy)  No  
14. Manufacturer Name/Address \_\_\_\_\_

### H. DEVICE MANUFACTURERS ONLY

1. Type of Reportable Event  Death  Correction  Serious Injury  Additional Information  Malfunction  Response to FDA Request  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  Device Evaluation  
2. If Follow-up, What Type?  Correction  Additional Information  Response to FDA Request  Device Evaluation  
3. Device Evaluated by Manufacturer?  Not Returned to Manufacturer  Yes  Evaluation Summary Attached  No (Attach page to explain why not) or provide code: \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Device Manufacture Date (mm/yyyy) \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Labeled for Single Use?  Yes  No  
6. Evaluation Codes (Refer to coding manual)  
Method \_\_\_\_\_ Results \_\_\_\_\_ Conclusions \_\_\_\_\_  
7. If Remedial Action Initiated, Check Type  Recall  Notification  Repair  Inspection  Replace  Patient Monitoring  Relabeling  Modification/Adjustment  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
8. Usage of Device  Initial Use of Device  Reuse  Unknown  
9. If action reported to FDA under 21 USC 350(f), list correction/removal reporting number: \_\_\_\_\_  
10.  Additional Manufacturer Narrative and / or 11.  Corrected Data

### G. ALL MANUFACTURERS

1. Contact Office - Name/Address (and Manufacturing Site for Devices) \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
3. Report Source (Check all that apply)  Foreign  Study  Literature  Consumer  Health Professional  User Facility  Company Representative  Distributor  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
4. Date Received by Manufacturer (mm/dd/yyyy) 5. (AJNDA # \_\_\_\_\_ IND # \_\_\_\_\_ STN # \_\_\_\_\_ PMA# 510(k) # \_\_\_\_\_)  
6. If IND, Give Protocol # \_\_\_\_\_  
7. Type of Report (Check all that apply)  5-day  30-day  7-day  Periodic  10-day  Initial  15-day  Follow-up # \_\_\_\_\_  
8. Manufacturer Report Number \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Adverse Event Term(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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Office of Chief Information Officer  
1350 Piccard Drive, 420A  
Rockville, MD 20850  
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# Manufacturer Requirements

- 820.198(a)(3) – Complaint procedure shall ensure that:
  - Complaints are evaluated to determine whether the complaint represents an event which is required to be reported under part 803



# Manufacturer Requirements

- 820.198(d)
  - Any complaint which must be reported shall be promptly reviewed, evaluated, and investigated
  - Maintained in separate portion of complaint files or otherwise identified





# Manufacturer Requirements

- 820.198(d)
- When a complaint is reportable the complaint file shall contain:
  - Information required under 820.198(e)
  - Whether device failed to meet specifications
  - Whether the device was being used for treatment or diagnosis
  - The relationship of the device to the event



# Manufacturer MDR Requirements

- §803.17 Must develop, maintain, and implement written MDR procedures
  - Ensure timely and effective identification and evaluation
  - A standardized review process for reportability
  - Timely transmission of reports (5 or 30 days)
- §803.18 Must establish and maintain MDR event files
- Investigate to obtain required information and evaluate cause
- Document investigation, information and decisions in MDR event files



# FDA-483 Observations

- Numerous citations in related to MDR's  
These include complaint cites, specific MDR cites, and servicing records cites
- Most used cite is 803.17  
“Written MDR procedures have not been [developed] [maintained] [implemented.]”



# FDA-483 Observation Examples

- 21 CFR 803.50(a)(2) Report of Malfunction

An MDR report was not submitted within 30 days of receiving or otherwise becoming aware of information that reasonably suggests that a marketed device has malfunctioned and would be likely to cause or contribute to death or serious injury if the malfunction were to recur.

Specifically, the firm received a report of a side rail latch failing to perform as intended leading to an injury of a patient on 3/9/07. All 142 complaints of malfunctions of the side rail latch which occurred after that incident should have been reported as MDRs.



# FDA-483 Observation Examples

- 21 CFR 803.50(b)(1) **Providing Incomplete or Missing Information**

An MDR report submitted to FDA did not include all information that was reasonably known to the manufacturer.

Specifically, your firm did not provide complete information from reports submitted by user facilities, distributors, and initial reports. The reports are: 1) Facility Report 0533000000-1993-0001 dated 1/23/94  
2) Facility Report 0034030-1995-0001 dated 8/03/95



# FDA-483 Observation Examples

- 820.200(c) **Servicing**

Service reports that represent MDR reportable events were not automatically considered complaints and processed in accordance with the requirements of 21 CFR 820.198.

Specifically, the firm performed service on a hospital bed rail which collapsed and caused a patient to fall and hit his head, resulting in a concussion and laceration requiring 15 stitches. The firm did not file a complaint or an MDR



# Compliance Program Guidance Manual

- The district should consider a Warning Letter when the following MDR violation(s) was/were disclosed during the inspection. This list only provides examples and is not all-inclusive.
  - Firm fails to report, within five workdays, after becoming aware that a reportable MDR event necessitates remedial action to prevent an unreasonable risk of substantial harm to the public health.
  - Firm fails to submit an MDR death report.
  - Firm fails to submit an MDR serious injury report.
  - Firm fails to develop, maintain and implement written MDR procedures.
- When the firm has already received a Warning Letter for MDR violations and still fails to comply with the MDR regulation, then the district should consider recommending a seizure, injunction, civil money penalty or prosecution.
- All failures to comply with MDR should be listed on the FDA-483.



## Warning Letter Examples

Failure to submit an MDR within 30 days of receiving or otherwise becoming aware of information that reasonably suggests that a marketed device may have caused or contributed to a death or serious injury, as required by 21 CFR 803.50(a)(1).

For example, your firm received information through its Service Report \*\*\*\*\*, dated October 5, 2010, of a patient that fell over the side rails of your firm's bed and sustained a broken hip. Your firm reported this event in its complaint file as \*\*\*\*, dated October 8, 2010. Your firm's MDR evaluation determined, "Serious injury not caused/contributed by product," and no report was submitted to FDA.





## Warning Letter Examples

- Failure to submit a report to FDA no later than 30 calendar days of receiving information that reasonably suggests that your marketed devices may have caused or contributed to a death or serious injury, as required by 21 C.F.R. 803.50(a)(1). For example:

Complaint \*\*\*\* contains documentation that the bone fractured after insertion of the Trial, and that the surgeon was required to use a suture on the bone, which is information your firm became aware of on May 21, 2008. This information reasonably suggests that your device may have caused or contributed to a reportable serious injury. After the inspection, you submitted a Serious Injury MedWatch report for Complaint \*\*\*\* on March 8, 2010. This MDR was submitted approximately 620 days late.



## Warning Letter Examples

- 1. Failure to submit a report to FDA after receiving information that reasonably suggested that a marketed device may have caused or contributed to a death or serious injury, as required by 21 CFR 803.50(a)(2).

For example, you were notified of an occurrence, which you recorded as Complaint \*\*\*\*, on August 12, 2009, which involved the service loop disconnecting from the tissue mold at the distal end of the device allowing the metal helical retractor to dangle. Subsequently, your complaint report states the side of the helical retractor "caught the esophageal 1/3 of the way out" during attempted removal of the device requiring a biopsy forceps to loosen the helical retractor enough for removal of the device.



The information in the complaint files indicates that your firm was in possession of information that reasonably suggested that your marketed device malfunctioned and this device would be likely to cause or contribute to a death or serious injury, if the malfunction were to recur. Your firm failed to submit this report to FDA within the required 30 day timeframe as required by 21 CFR 803.50(a)(2).



## Warning Letter Examples

Failure to ensure that all complaints are evaluated to determine whether the complaint should be filed as a Medical Device Report (MDR). [21 CFR 820.198(a)(3)]

Specifically, 4 of the 25 complaints reviewed by the investigator had not been evaluated to determine if they were medical device reportable events. For example, Complaint \*\*\*\* states that a patient claimed [redacted] was shocked and burned on the top of her head while being scanned in the \*\*\*\* system. The complaint was not evaluated to determine if it was a medical device reportable event.



# Useful Links

- MDR Preamble
  - <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-1995-12-11/html/95-29906.htm>
- Compliance Program Guidance Manual
  - <http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/ucm072753.htm>
- CDRH Learn
  - <http://www.fda.gov/Training/CDRHLearn/default.htm>
- eMDR Guidance
  - [http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/ucm175805.htm?utm\\_campaign=Google2&utm\\_source=fdaSearch&utm\\_medium=website&utm\\_term=MDR%20Guidance&utm\\_content=2](http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/ucm175805.htm?utm_campaign=Google2&utm_source=fdaSearch&utm_medium=website&utm_term=MDR%20Guidance&utm_content=2)



# Useful Links

- MDR Guidance
  - <http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/GuidanceDocuments/ucm094529.htm>



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# Questions?

