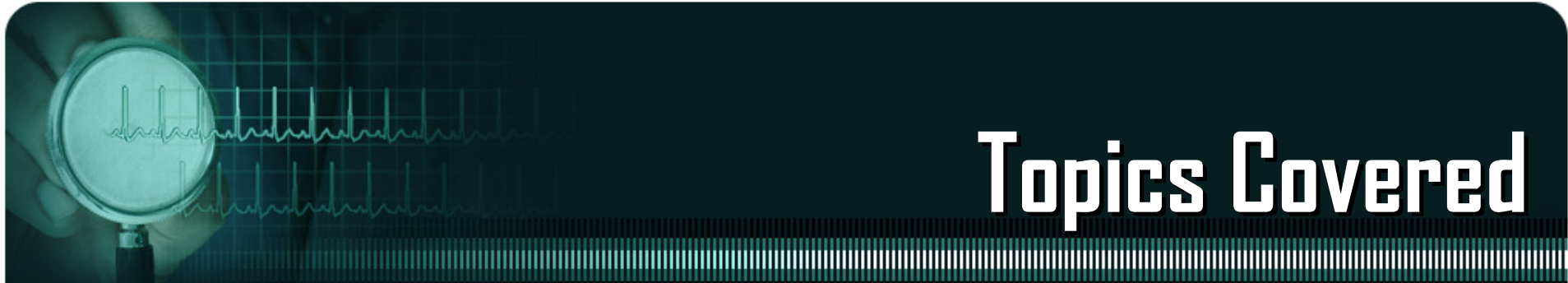


Introduction to ISO 13485

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The ISO 13485 title page says:

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD

Medical devices – Quality management systems – Requirements for regulatory Purposes

It was released in year 2003 to address the specific needs for quality management systems for organizations in the medical devices industry.

ISO 13485 is a Quality Management System

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ISO 13485 provides the requirements for a comprehensive management system for the design and manufacture of medical devices.

ISO 13485 promotes the awareness of and compliance to regulatory requirements as a Management Responsibility.

ISO 13485 provides an outline for a Quality Management System

- When you build a Quality Management System based on ISO 13485, you will be managing your medical device organization as a system of interrelated processes.
- You will need to plan these processes, identify how they relate to each other, set goals, measure the processes and make improvements.

The letters I.S.O. mean International Organization of Standardization

- ISO is an organization that develops Standards for use worldwide.
- ISO 13485 helps companies do their share in protecting consumers and users of medical devices.
- ISO 13485 Outlines criteria for a good Quality Management System (QMS).

QMS criteria are good business practices ...

for example:

- Set Quality goals
- Ensure that regulations and other requirements are understood and met
- Train employees
- Control your production processes
- Purchase from suppliers that can provide products that meet your requirements
- Correct problems and make sure they do not happen again

Once the QMS is in place a Registrar is contracted to work with you and conduct an audit.

- When all the criteria are being followed, the company will be ISO 13485 Registered.
- Registered companies can market and advertise their registration certificate.
- Existing and potential customers will know that you have a good Quality Management System in place for your medical devices.

It is an international standard that describes **Quality Management System requirements for Medical Devices.**

ISO 13485 contains 5 clauses that are numbered 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

- 4 .. Quality management system
- 5 .. Management responsibility
- 6 .. Resource management
- 7 .. Product /service realization
- 8 .. Measurement, analysis and improvement



ISO 13485 Standard

- **Section 1: Scope**
Talks about the standard and how it applies to organizations
- **Section 2: Normative Reference**
References another document that should be used along with the standard
- **Section 3: Terms and Definitions**
Gives definitions related to medical devices