

WHEN DESIGN INPUT REQUIREMENTS GO WRONG

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Greg Sommer, CEO & Co-founder Sandstone Diagnostics, Inc.

"Greenlight Guru has enabled us to implement our quality system across the company and accelerate product development"



Ryan Shelton, CEO PhotoniCare

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Linda Cox, Senior Vice President QA

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WE'LL BE DISCUSSING...

- Common Design Mistakes
- Regulatory Requirements
- Art of Defining Design Inputs
- Sources for Design Inputs
- Best Practices for Becoming a Design Input Artist
- Real-life Example Case Study
- Q&A Session



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THE ART OF DEFINING DESIGN INPUTS

DESIGN INPUTS

also known as...

- Design & Development Inputs
- Design Input Requirements
- Requirements
- Design Requirements
- Product Requirements
- Requirements Specifications



WHY ARE DESIGN INPUTS IMPORTANT?

- **Design Inputs** are widely regarded as the most important design control element (FDA says so too in their guidance document).
- **Design Inputs** drive product development.
- Design Inputs have first degree relationships to User Needs, Design Outputs, and Design Verification.



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DEFINING DESIGN INPUTS

- Expect it to be an iterative process.
- First iteration will likely be ambiguous and vague.
- It is your job to figure out how to define these so that all are clear and objective.

TIP : A good practice is to make a prototype and to do some informal bench testing to help make design inputs clear and objective.

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GOALS TO CONSIDER WHEN APPROACHING DESIGN INPUTS

- Capture all functional, performance, safety, and regulatory requirements
- Build upon user needs and intended use
- Make them clear and objective
- State them in a way that allows you to prove or disprove them

DESIGN INPUT REQUIREMENTS FOR FDA 21 CFR 820 & ISO 13485:2016



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FDA 21 CFR 820.30(c)

(c) *Design Input*. Each manufacturer shall establish and maintain procedures to ensure that the design requirements relating to a device are appropriate and address the intended use of the device, including the needs of the user and patient. The procedures shall include a mechanism for addressing incomplete, ambiguous, or conflicting requirements. The design input requirements shall be documented and shall be reviewed and approved by a designated individual(s). The approval, including the date and signature of the individual(s) approving the requirements, shall be documented.

ISO 13485:2016 SECTION 7.3.3

7.3.3 Design and development inputs

Inputs relating to product requirements shall be determined and records maintained (see 4.2.5). These inputs shall include:

- a) functional, performance, usability and safety requirements, according to the intended use;
- b) applicable regulatory requirements and standards;
- c) applicable output(s) of risk management;
- d) as appropriate, information derived from previous similar designs;
- e) other requirements essential for design and development of the product and processes.

These inputs shall be reviewed for adequacy and approved.

Requirements shall be complete, unambiguous, able to be verified or validated, and not in conflict with each other.

NOTE Further information can be found in IEC 62366-1.

QUTOES FROM FDA DESIGN CONTROLS GUIDANCE

"Risk management begins with the development of the design input requirements. As the design evolves, new risks may become evident. To systematically identify and, when necessary, reduce these risks, the risk management process is integrated into the design process. In this way, unacceptable risks can be identified and managed earlier in the design process when changes are easier to make and less costly." (page 5)

"Design input is the starting point for product design. The requirements which form the design input establish a basis for performing subsequent design tasks and validating the design. Therefore, development of a solid foundation of requirements is the single most important design control activity." (page 13)











SOURCES FOR DESIGN INPUTS

PRIMARY SOURCE: PREVIOUSLY DEFINED USER NEEDS



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ADDITIONAL SOURCES TO CONSIDER WHILE DEFINING DESIGN INPUTS:

- Industry standards
- Regulations
- Previous projects or products
- Competitor products
- End users
- Prototypes

BEST PRACTICES FOR BECOMING A DESIGN INPUT ARTIST







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WHO'S INVOLVED IN THE PROCESS?

- There is not a *single person* who should be solely responsible for design inputs.
- When a team is involved, everyone should contribute—it will make the effort that much stronger.

GOALS OF DESIGN INPUTS

- ✓ To be clear and objective
- To be stated in a measurable way so that you can prove or disprove them later during design verification
- To be comprised of your user needs and intended use
- To capture all performance, regulatory, functional, and safety requirements



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