



# **IDE RISK DETERMINATION AND BIMO INSPECTIONS**

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HOW  
MEDICAL  
TESTING  
HAS TURNED  
MILLIONS OF  
US INTO ...

# INNOVATION AND *PROTECTION*

HUMAN  
GUINEA  
PIGS



# Objectives



- Define Investigational Device Exemption
- Describe the Risk Classification for medical device studies
- Discuss risk determination case study examples
- How to be ready when the FDA is at your door
  - *Sponsor*
  - *Investigator*

# Investigational Device Exemption

21 CFR 812.1:

*Permits a device that otherwise would be required to comply with a performance standard or to have premarket approval to be **shipped lawfully** for the purpose of **conducting investigations** of that device....”*

**Regulatory submission** that permits clinical investigation of devices

# Studies Subject to the Regulation

To gain initial [safety and effectiveness information](#) to support further study

To [support marketing application](#) [PMA, HDE, 510(k) or *de novo*]

- *New device*
- *New use of legally marketed device (“off-label use”)*

Sponsor-investigator studies of unapproved devices or new intended use of approved device ([even if no marketing application planned](#))

# Three Types Studies

- Significant risk (SR)
- Nonsignificant risk (NSR)
- Exempt studies





# R vs. NSR



**Based on risk of use of the device in the study**

*Information Sheet Guidance For IRBs, Clinical Investigators, and Sponsors  
Significant Risk and Nonsignificant Risk Medical Device Studies*

# Significant Risk (SR)

- A potential for **serious risk** to the health, safety, or welfare of a subject:
  - (1) implant,
  - (2) supporting or sustaining human life,
  - (3) substantial importance in diagnosing, curing, mitigating or treating disease, or otherwise prevents impairment of human health, or
  - (4) otherwise presents a potential for serious risk to the health, safety, or welfare of a subject.



# Significant Risk (SR)

- Misdiagnosis and/or error in treatment caused by inaccurate test results would be considered a significant risk.
- Determine treatment, could inaccurate results:
  - *be life-threatening*
  - *result in permanent functional impairment*
  - *result in permanent structural damage*
  - *necessitate medical or surgical intervention to prevent impairment or damage*



# Non Significant Risk

- A Non Significant Risk (NSR) study does not meet the definition for a significant risk study.

*21 CFR 812.3(m)*

# Noninvasive

## *When applied to a diagnostic device or procedure*

Does not by design or intention:

- Penetrate or pierce the skin or mucous membranes of the body, the ocular cavity, or the urethra, or
- Enter the ear beyond the external auditory canal, the nose beyond the nares, the mouth beyond the pharynx, the anal canal beyond the rectum, or the vagina beyond the cervical os.

Considered Noninvasive

- Blood sampling that involves simple venipuncture
- Use of surplus samples of body fluids or tissues that are left over from samples taken for noninvestigational purposes.

# DE Exempt Studies

- In commercial distribution before May 28, 1976
- Approved/Cleared device that is used or investigated in accordance with the indications in the labeling
- A non-invasive diagnostic device (IVD)
- Consumer preference testing
- Intended solely for veterinary use
- Shipped solely for research on or with laboratory animals and labeled in accordance with [812.5\(c\)](#)
- A custom device

[21 CFR Part 812.2\(c\)](#)



# Risk Determination

- Is the Device Cleared/Approved?
  - *Is device being used per the indication for use?*
- Proposed use of a device in an investigation, not the device alone.
- Consider the nature of the harm that may result from use of the device.
  - potential harm to subjects:
    - life-threatening
    - could result in permanent impairment of a body function or permanent damage to body structure
    - could necessitate medical or surgical intervention to preclude permanent impairment of a body function
      - *permanent damage to body structure*
      - *undergo a procedure*

# NSR Determination

- If the sponsor considers the study is NSR:
  - provide the reviewing IRB an explanation of its determination and any other information that may assist the IRB in evaluating the risk of the study
- Inform the IRB of the FDA's assessment of the device's risk if such an assessment has been made.

# RB NSR

- The IRB should ask the sponsor whether other IRBs have reviewed the proposed study and what determination was made.
- The IRB may ask the sponsor for information a description of the device,
  - reports of prior investigations with the device,
  - the proposed investigational plan,
  - a description of patient selection criteria and monitoring procedures,
  - any other information that the IRB deems necessary to make its decision.
- The IRB may also consult with FDA for its opinion.



# RB Decision

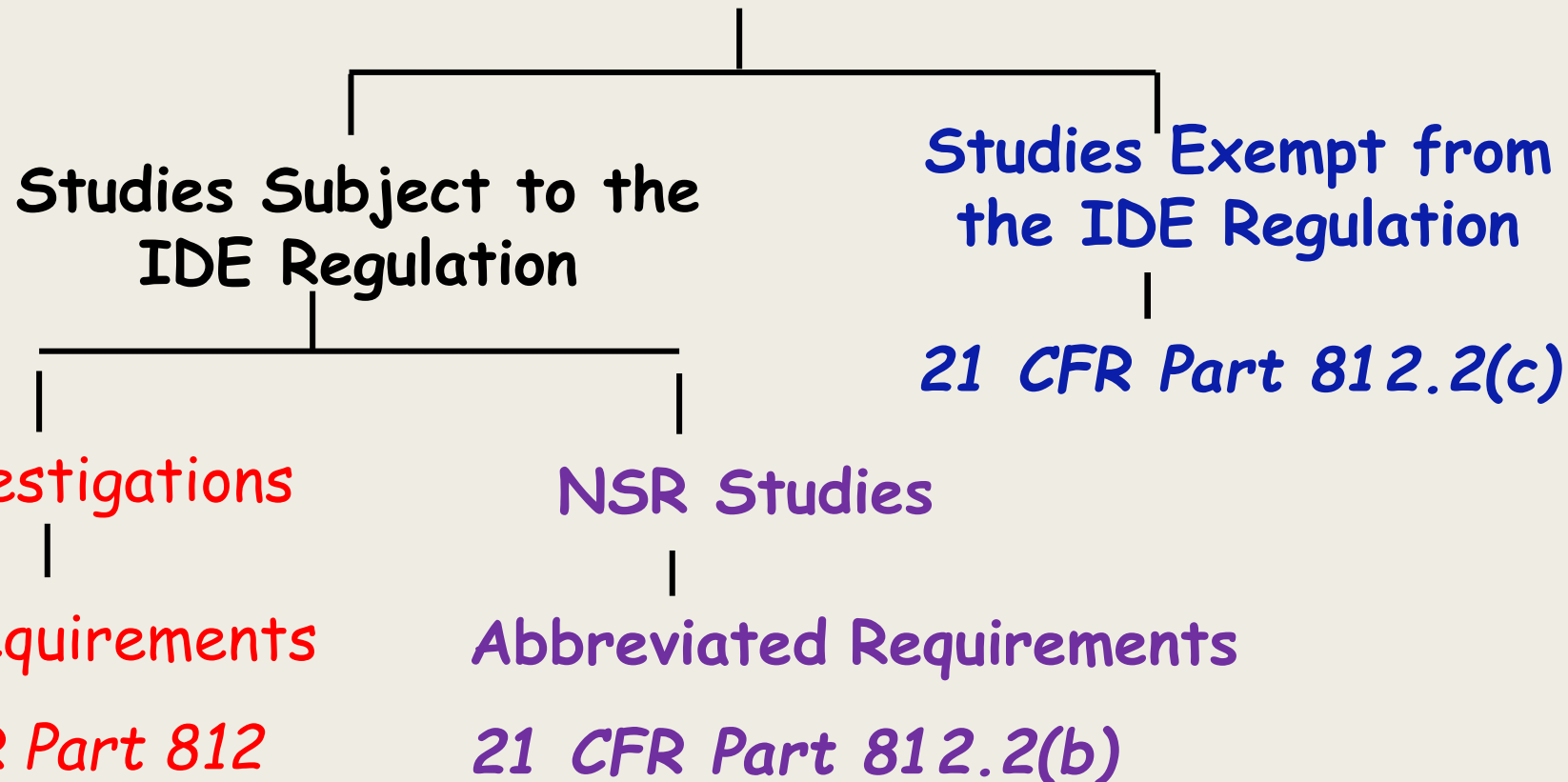
- The IRB may **agree or disagree** with the sponsor's initial NSR assessment.
  - **Agrees and approves** the study, the study may begin without submission of an IDE application to FDA.
  - **Disagrees**, the sponsor must notify FDA that a SR determination has been made. Following FDA approval of an IDE application and IRB approval of the protocol the study can be conducted at that institution as a SR investigation.

# Non-Significant Risk (NSR)

- No IDE application to FDA
- Considered to have IDE
- Abbreviated requirements

# SR, NSR, Or Exempt

## All Device Investigations



A person is lying down, wearing a black sports bra, while a laser treatment device is applied to their abdomen. The device has multiple white cylindrical applicators with gold-colored tips. The background is dark and moody. There are white decorative bars: a horizontal bar on the top left and an L-shaped bar on the bottom right.

# CASE STUDY

Body Shaping Laser

# Body Shaping Laser

Modification to a cleared device

- *New technology- violet laser vs red laser*
- *Increase intensity laser*

Designed for client's seeking noninvasive circumference reduction without invasive surgery.

Allows the patient to continue their daily activities without interruptions from surgery, pain, wounds or garments.

Works by emulsifying adipose tissue which then releases into the interstitial space



# Study Design

Open-label single-arm design to evaluate the efficacy of application of the Body Shaping OTC violet laser application to that of application of the Body Shaping OTC red laser for the reduction of body circumference.

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# What is the Risk Determination of the study?

*A. Exempt*

*B. NSR*

*C. SR*

A young boy with light brown hair and blue eyes is shown from the chest up. He has a shocked expression, with his mouth wide open and his hands covering his mouth. The image is darkened with a semi-transparent black overlay. The text "HOW TO BE PREPARED WHEN FDA KNOCKS ON DOOR" is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the center of the image. There are three white L-shaped graphic elements: one in the top-left corner, one in the bottom-right corner, and one on the right side of the image.

# HOW TO BE PREPARED WHEN FDA KNOCKS ON DOOR

# Who Does FDA Inspect?

## COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS:

CP 7348.811 - Clinical Investigator (CI)

CP 7348.810 - Sponsor/Monitor/CRO

CP 7348.809 - Institutional Review Board (IRB)

CP 7348.808 - Good Laboratory Practices (Nonclinical Laboratories)

*Compliance Program Manual*

[www.fda.gov/ICECI/ComplianceManuals/ComplianceProgramManual/default.htm](http://www.fda.gov/ICECI/ComplianceManuals/ComplianceProgramManual/default.htm)



# FDA Arrival

- Greeting FDA
- Credentials and contact number
- Issue Form FDA 482
  - *Notice of Inspection*
- Initial questions to ask FDA Inspector
  - *Why?*
  - *How long?*



**DURING THE  
INSPECTION**

# lements of an Inspection

- Interviews with research staff
- Tour
- Review of the written procedures
- Review of records
- Exit interview (Form FDA 483)

ILL OUT PEOPLE



HANDLING IT

# During The Inspection

- Have a place for the inspector to review records
- Escort
  - *who?*
- Breaks/lunch
- Responsible person
  - *knowledgeable about the study*
  - *policy on who speaks and answers questions*
- Note taking



# During The Inspection



- “War Room”
- Managing copies of documents
- Corrections

# Can the FDA request to copy records during an inspection?

A) Yes

B) No

C) It Depends

## 21 CFR 821.50(b)

b) Records and information referenced in paragraph (a) of this section **shall be available to FDA personnel for purposes of reviewing, copying, or any other use** related to the enforcement of the act and this part. Records required to be kept by this part shall be kept in a centralized point for each manufacturer or distributor within the United States.

# What FDA Reviews Sponsor/CRO

Protocols (original & revisions)

Signed Investigator Agreements

Sponsor/IRB/FDA/CI  
Correspondence

Device Distribution Records

- Monitoring Plan
- Training Records
- Case report forms (CRFs)
- Adverse device effect records
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

# What FDA Reviews Clinical Investigator

Protocol	■ Hospital records
SOPs	■ Radiological Files
Informed Consent Forms	■ Laboratory Reports
Case Report Forms	■ Device Accountability Records
CI Progress Reports	■ Monitoring Logs
Adverse Effects	■ Sponsor/IRB/FDA correspondence

# Conclusion of the Inspection



- Closeout discussion with management
- FDA may issue Form FDA 483
  - most responsible person

# S/M Common Deficiencies

- Failure to secure investigator compliance
- Inadequate Monitoring
- Failure to maintain records
  - Correspondence
  - Device Accountability
  - Signed Investigator Agreements
  - SR/NSR Determination
  - UADE
- Failure to submit annual report IDE
- Failure to submit IDE to FDA



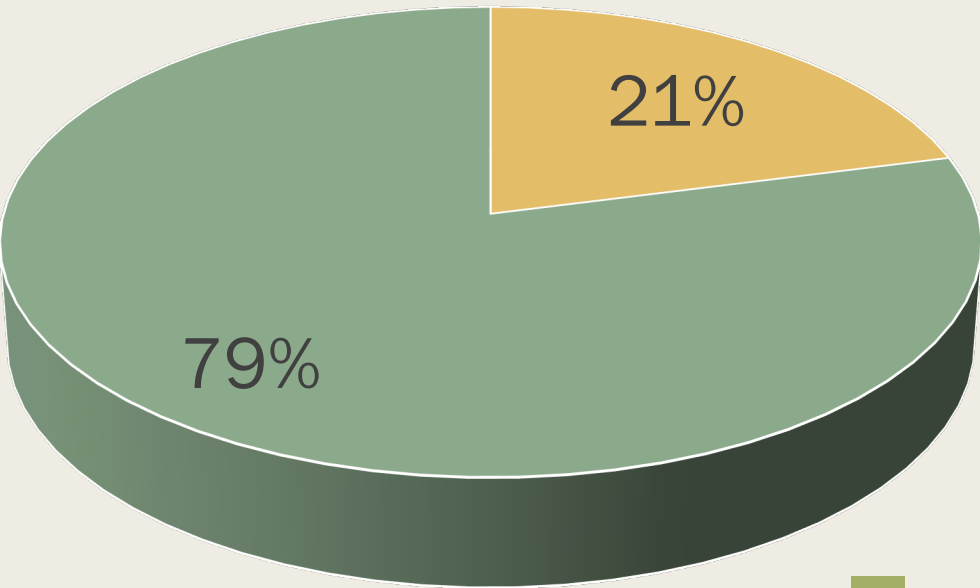


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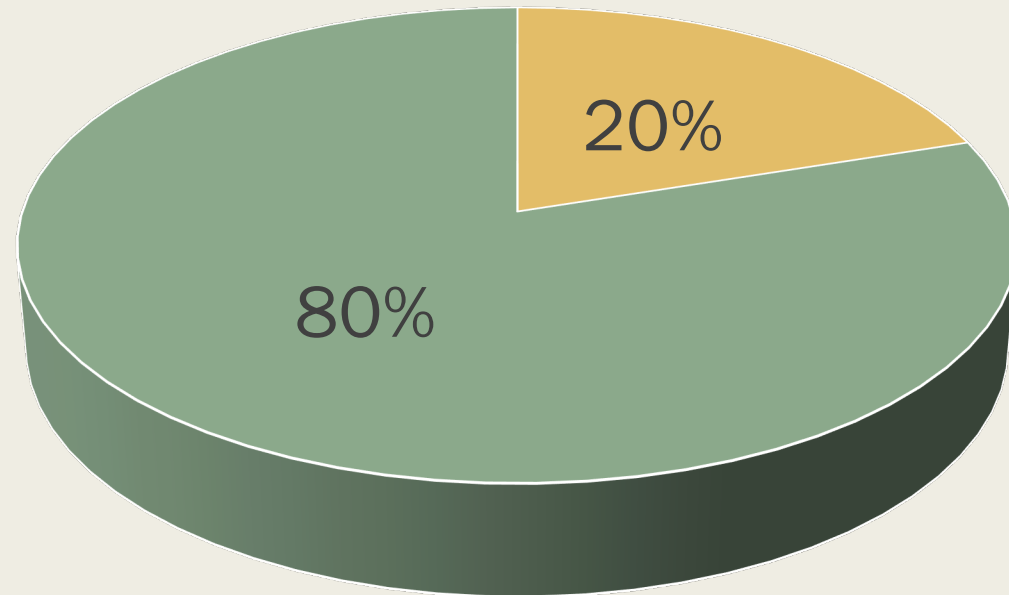


- Failure to Follow Protocol
- Inaccurate Case histories
- Failure to Report Adverse Effects
- Failure to Obtain IRB Approval
- Inadequate Product Accountability
- Informed Consent

## CI Issued 483



## Sponsor Issued 483



■ No 483 Issued

■ 483 Issued

# Response to 483

- Entity may respond in writing **within 15 days**
  - *not required, strongly suggested*
  - *opportunity to provide clarifications, corrective action, preventive actions, etc.*

# Example of Inadequate Response

Failure to adequately supervise the conduct of the study.

Response: *“I am not, nor ever have been involved with any data collection or entry in any study. If my life depended on it, I could not access data. I do not know how. I do not know which patients are enrolled in the current FDA study.”*

# Example of Inadequate Response

Failure to ensure that the current, IRB-approved version of the informed consent was executed by each of the subjects in that the 38 unapproved consent forms signed by study subjects were missing basic elements required by regulation to be in an informed consent document.

Response: “*you cited us on a technicality.*”

# BUILD QUALITY INTO DEVICE CLINICAL STUDY:



- From the start
- Every step of process

# Steps to Quality Study- Sponsor



- Collaborate, Communicate
- Select Qualified Investigators and Study Sites
- Provide Training
- Adequate Monitoring
- Secure Compliance

# Steps to Quality Study- Investigator

- Follow signed investigator agreement, investigational plan and protocol
- Obtain IRB/IEC approval
- Obtain Informed Consent
- Control investigational devices



***21 CFR 812.100***

<https://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfCFR/CFRSearch.cfm?CFRPart=812&showFR=1&subpartNode=21:8.0.1.1.9.5>



# Reporting

Type Report	To FDA	To all Reviewing IRBs	To Other Investigational Sites
Unanticipated Adverse Device Effects	X	X	X
Withdrawal of IRB approval	X	X	X
Withdrawal of FDA approval	X	X	X
Investigator List	X		
Annual Progress Report	X	X	X
Recall and Device Disposition	X	X	X
Final Report	X	X	X
Use of Device Without Informed Consent	X		
Significant Risk Determination	X	X	X
Protocol Amendments	X	X	X
Protocol Deviations	X	X	
Other Reports requested by FDA or IRBs	X	X	

# Industry Education Resources

## Three Resources

### CDRH Learn – Multi-Media Industry Education

over 200 modules

videos, audio recordings, power point presentations, software-based “how to” modules

mobile-friendly: access CDRH Learn on your portable devices

<http://www.fda.gov/Training/CDRHLearn>

### Device Advice – Text-Based Education

comprehensive regulatory information on premarket and postmarket topics

[www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance](http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance)

### Division of Industry and Consumer Education (DICE)

Contact DICE if you have a question

Email: [DICE@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:DICE@fda.hhs.gov)

Phone: 1(800) 638-2014 or (301) 796-7100 (Hours: 9 am-12:30 pm; 1 pm-4:30pm EST)

Web: [www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/ContactUs-DivisionofIndustryandConsumerEducation/default.htm](http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/ContactUs-DivisionofIndustryandConsumerEducation/default.htm)

# Inspection Resources

## Investigator Operations Manual

<https://www.fda.gov/inspections-compliance-enforcement-and-criminal-investigations/inspection-references/investigations-operations-manual>

## FDA Form 483 Frequently Asked Questions

<https://www.fda.gov/inspections-compliance-enforcement-and-criminal-investigations/inspection-references/fda-form-483-frequently-asked-questions>

## FDA Data Dashboard

<https://datadashboard.fda.gov/ora/index.htm>

## Inspections

<https://datadashboard.fda.gov/ora/cd/inspections.htm>

## Compliance Actions

<https://datadashboard.fda.gov/ora/cd/complianceactions.htm>

## FDA Warning Letters

<https://www.fda.gov/inspections-compliance-enforcement-and-criminal-investigations/compliance-actions-and-activities/warning-letters>



# Call to Action

- Consider how device is used in study to make risk determination
- Submit Risk Determination Q Submission
- Comply roles and responsibilities of conducting clinical research
- Build quality into every step of process
- **For questions contact DICE**  
Email: [DICE@FDA.HHS.GOV](mailto:DICE@FDA.HHS.GOV)  
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**QUESTIONS?**

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