

Thank you to all who joined us for our webinar on **Quality Management System (QMS) Documentation under MDR**, featuring expert presenter Salman Raza. During the session, Salman shared key insights from the perspective of a notified body, providing a detailed breakdown of MDR compliance requirements, particularly focusing on auditing QMS during onsite assessments.

Key Topics Covered:

1. **Auditing QMS Under MDR:** Salman explained the fundamental steps that auditors take when assessing a manufacturer's QMS to ensure it meets MDR requirements, referencing Annex IX of the regulation.
2. **Most Common Non-Conformities:** We discussed common non-conformities identified during audits, such as:
 - a. Lack of documented procedures
 - b. Insufficient controls over subcontracted activities
 - c. Missing unannounced audit procedures
 - d. Inadequate change notification processes
3. **Subcontracted Activities and Unannounced Audits:** A focus was placed on the need to properly document and control subcontracted activities, as well as ensure that procedures are in place for handling unannounced audits.
4. **Change Notification Procedures:** The importance of having clear and effective procedures for notifying notified bodies of significant changes was emphasized.
5. **EU Representative & Contractual Obligations:** An in-depth discussion on the role of the EU representative, their contractual obligations, and the requirements for demonstrating compliance within the QMS.
6. **Post Market Surveillance and Clinical Follow-Up:** We highlighted the importance of a robust post-market surveillance plan and ensuring a clinical follow-up is in place, even when not explicitly required.

Key Takeaways:

- **Process Focus:** Auditors primarily focus on the processes you have in place, not necessarily the content of your documents. Ensuring that processes are well-documented and followed is crucial.
- **Continuous Compliance:** For successful MDR compliance, procedures must be maintained and followed, with emphasis on post-market surveillance, clinical follow-ups, and ensuring compliance with all relevant standards.
- **Regular Audits:** Notified bodies conduct frequent and sometimes unannounced audits to assess compliance, and manufacturers must be prepared.