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# Software as a Medical Device (SaMD)

Framework for Risk Categorization and Corresponding Controls  
IMDRF/WG/N12 Proposed Document (PD1)R5

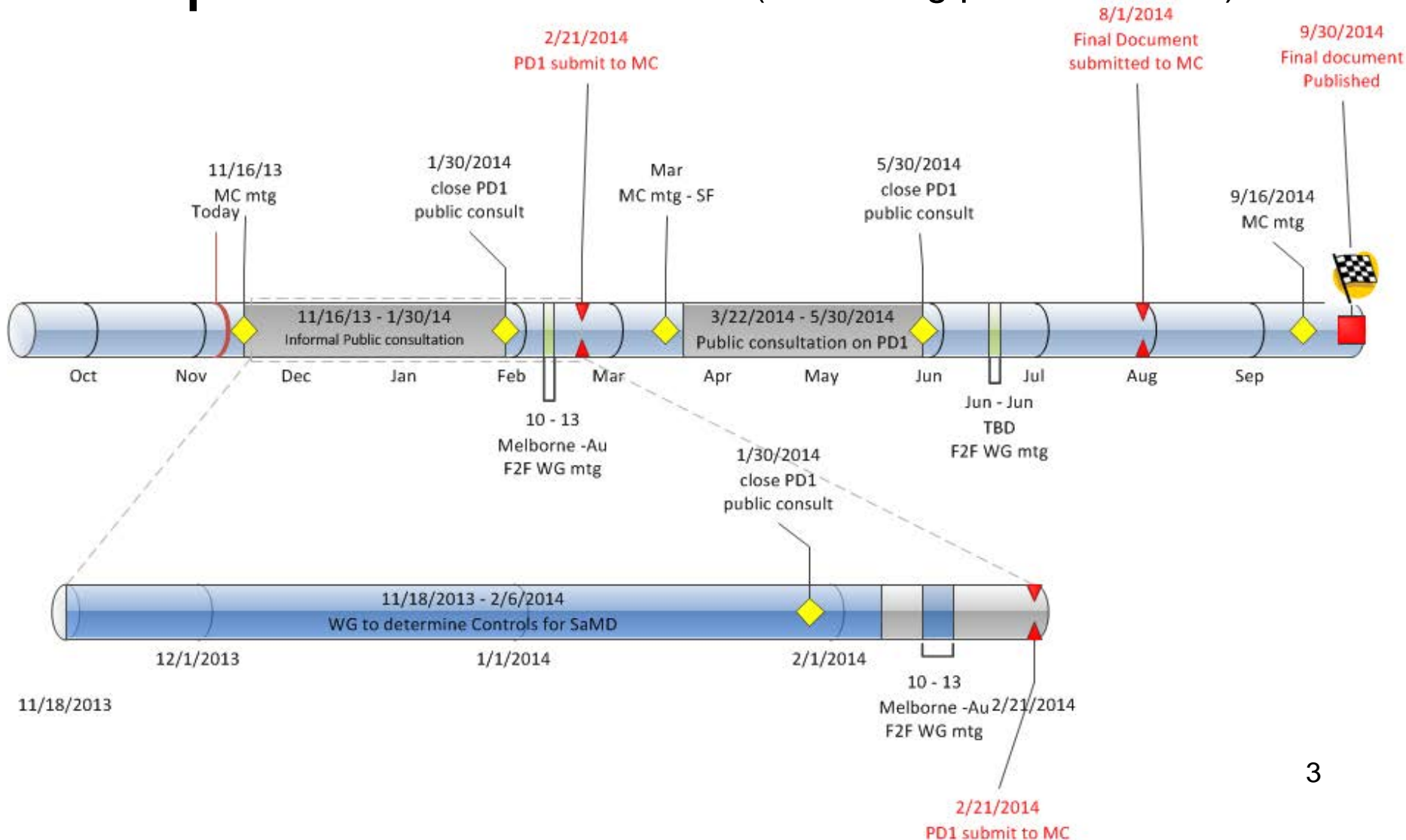


## Goals

- International convergence and common understanding of Software as a Medical Device (SaMD):
  - Generic types of SaMD
  - Generic risks of SaMD that affect public health
  - Expectations of controls required to minimize generic risk
- Establish a framework for regulators to incorporate converged controls into their regulatory paths or classifications.




## Proposed Timeline (combining phase II and III)





## Approach



**Phase I**

- SaMD Key definitions

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Combined effort for


**Phase II**

N12/PD1

**Phase III**

- What factors of SaMD affect public health risk?
- What generic types of SaMD exists?
- What are the generic risks for the types of SaMD?

- What are the controls/expectations



Informal input from stakeholders



**SaMD Framework  
IMDRF/N12/PD1-R5**



## Framework Overview

### Common SaMD definition statement:

- Medical purpose
- Context of use
- Core functionality

Risk Categorization

Conditions (1 -7) based on definition statement and risk.

Type I , II, III, IV are groupings by similarity in risk profile

Risk Categorization

Corresponding controls

Type

I

II

III

IV

Common process expectation

Level of independent oversight

Corresponding controls



## SaMD Definition Statement

A clear and strong statement enables common alignment in to appropriate SaMD type

Includes the following key information:

- **The medical purpose** of the SaMD: how it meets the definition of a medical device.
- The **Context of use** of the SaMD: who is it for, how used, patient condition, target population, target disease, limitations of SaMD output.
- A **Description of the SaMD's core functionality**: what features/functions are essential to the intended medical purpose and context of use.



## SaMD Categorization and Types

### Categorization conditions based on:

- The information included in the Definition Statement (purpose, context of use)
- Risk profile:
  - The importance of the information to the user:
  - The impact of an invalid result

### Types based on similarity of risk

Type	Impact Level	examples
I	Very High	Skin cancer diagnosis
II	High	analyzes rhythm to detect if a patient condition under intensive care has critically deteriorated
III	Medium	presents heart rate or other physiological parameters during routine checkups to track long term progression of a condition
IV	Low	Used by patients to monitor their physiological health on a daily basis



## Types of SaMD

For a disease or condition when the information is used...	Type I Very High Impact	Type II High Impact	Type III Medium Impact	Type IV Low Impact
as a primary or the only information (sole determinant) to treat or to diagnose:	In a Critical or imminent life threatening or life sustaining situation	In a Serious situation	In a Non-Serious situation	
to drive clinical management which includes information that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• aids in treating, diagnosing or screening;</li> <li>• aids in predicting or risk scoring;</li> <li>• aids in monitoring</li> </ul>		To prevent or mitigate in a Critical situation	To prevent or mitigate in a Serious situation	To prevent or mitigate in a Non-Serious situation
to inform clinical management which includes information that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• prevents / mitigates;</li> <li>• supplements clinical management</li> </ul>			In a critical situation	In a serious or non-serious situation





# Key Highlights of Corresponding Controls

- Specifically, the recommended controls for all types of SaMD are:
  - a quality management system (QMS), including
  - a system for post-market surveillance,
  - technical documentation.
- All manufacturers are recommended to
  - Utilize international standards to perform risk management and quality management practices.
  - Be transparent in their labeling (including information used in the definition statement)
  - Follow general principles for Clinical Evaluation in GHTF SG5/N2R8:2007, and document as appropriate clinical safety, effectiveness, and performance data.



# Independent Oversight Corresponding to SaMD Types

Summary of Controls	Type I	Type II	Type III	Type IV
Risk Management – ISO 14971	X	X	X	X
Software development lifecycle – IEC 62304 class A requirements			X	X
Software development lifecycle – IEC 62304 class B requirements		X		
Software development lifecycle – IEC 62304 class C requirements	X			
Labeling accompanying the device	X	X	X	X
Clinical effectiveness	X			
Clinical safety and performance	X	X		
Clear clinical efficacy statement accompanying the SaMD may be based on bench test, simulated, or already available set of data.			X	X



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Thank You