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# Elevating User Safety in Medical Devices

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# Session Agenda

- Let's introduce ourselves!
- How Quality Assurance and Human Factors work hand in hand  
Regulatory framework | Overview of the IEC 62366-1 standard | Development | Risk
- Design and Human factors can't be dissociated  
Use error | Formative evaluation | Iteration
- Conclusion and questions

Section 1

Let's introduce ourselves!





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Quality Assurance Director at CLEIO

I work in the Medical Device industry since my beginnings in 2009, supporting Quality Management Systems and Medical Device development projects. My background is in Mechanics and Risk Management. I am thrilled to improve the quality of life of patients through the development of innovative and safe Medical Devices.



## **Maude Leclerc-De Guire**

Senior Human Factors Specialist at CLEIO

I'm a Human Factors specialist at CLEIO. My background is in Industrial Design. I love waking up every morning knowing that my work is helping people feel safe when using medical devices, and it allows me to combine two of my passions, design and human factors.

Question #1

# What Makes a Quality Medical Device?



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Clinical Effectiveness



Performance

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Safety & Security



Regulatory Compliance

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✓ **User Satisfaction**

Section 1

# What is Human Factors (HF)?

## Definition

*The extent to which a product can be used by **specific users** to achieve **specific objectives**, effectively, efficiently and satisfactorily under **real-life conditions**.*

Human Factors standard Practice Document, February 28th, 2020

Division of Human Factors,  
U.S. Consumer Product Safety,  
Commission, Rockville, MD USA

Risk Assessment Division,  
Consumer Product Safety and  
Hazardous Product Safety,  
Health Canada, Ottawa (Ontario)  
Canada

## Section 2

# How Quality Assurance and Human Factors Work Hand in Hand

Their **interrelation within the Development and Risk Management** processes



# The Regulatory Framework

- Rise of **new technologies**
- Integration of **Artificial Intelligence**
- More **complex user interfaces**
- Changes and emergence of **new use environment**
- Evolving **user considerations**
- New and **increasing risk related to Usability:**

*“Medical Devices May Pose Usability Challenges for Home Users, Risking Misuse and Patient Harm”*

ECRI's [Top 10 Health Technology Hazards for 2024](#)



# Applicable Standards

**ISO 13485:2016**  
Medical Devices -  
Quality Management Systems -  
Requirements for regulatory purposes



**US FDA 21 CFR 820**  
Quality System Regulation  
*Section 30 Design controls*



## Risk Management

**ISO 14971:2019**  
Medical Devices -  
Application of Risk Management  
to Medical Devices



**ISO/TR 24971:2019**  
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Guidance on the Application  
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**IEC 60812:2018**  
Procedure for FMEA



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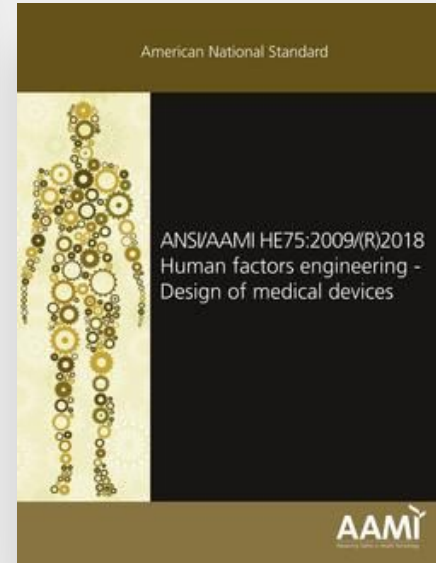
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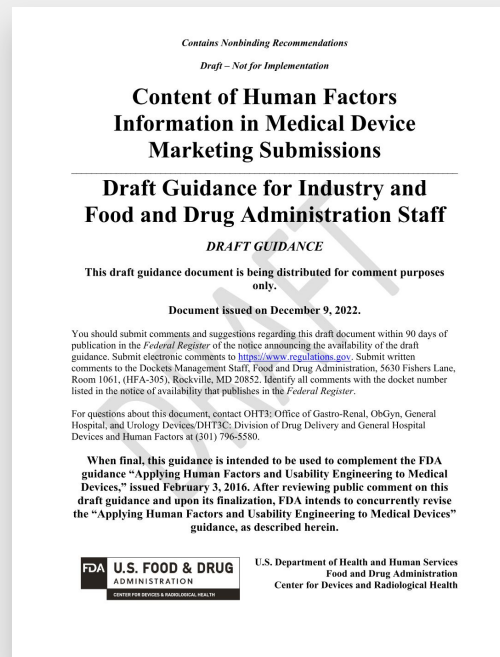
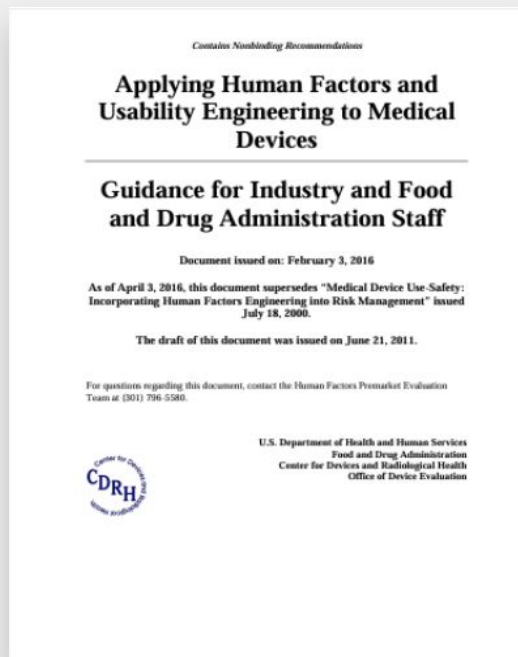
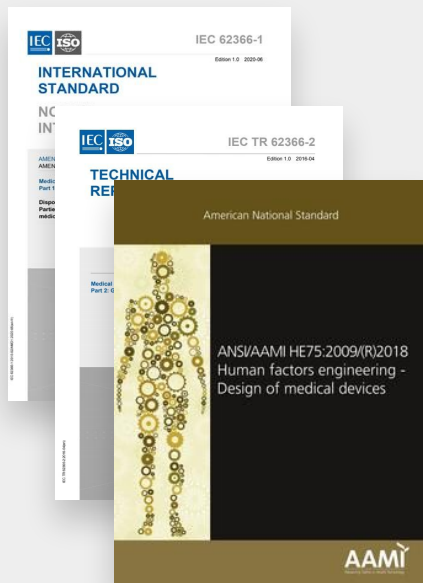
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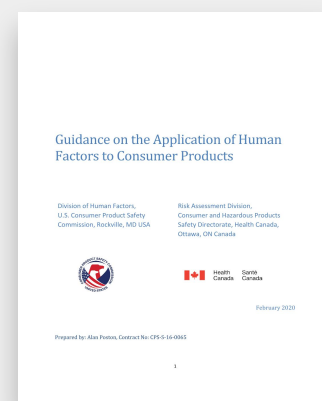
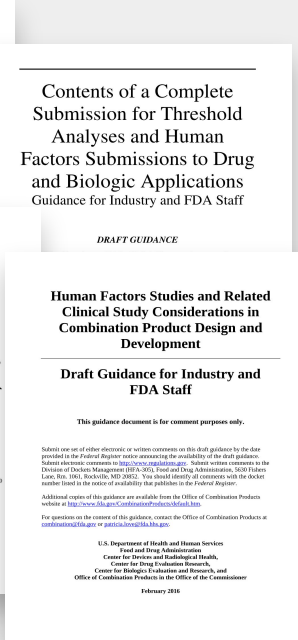
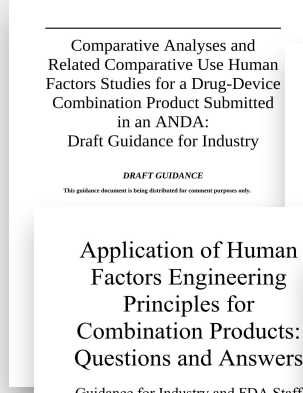
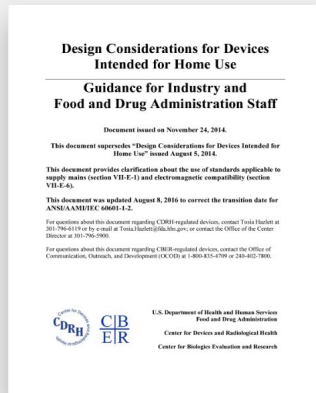
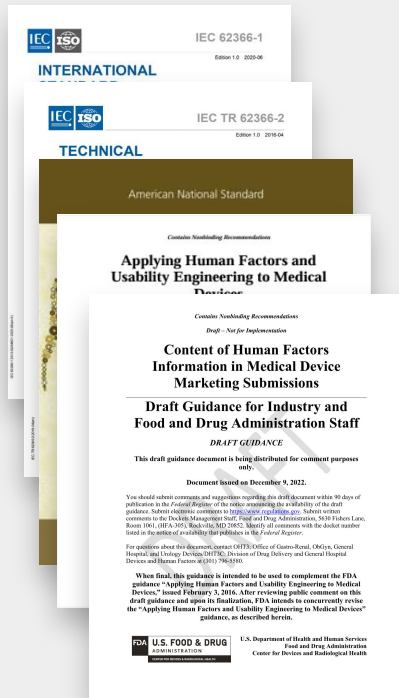
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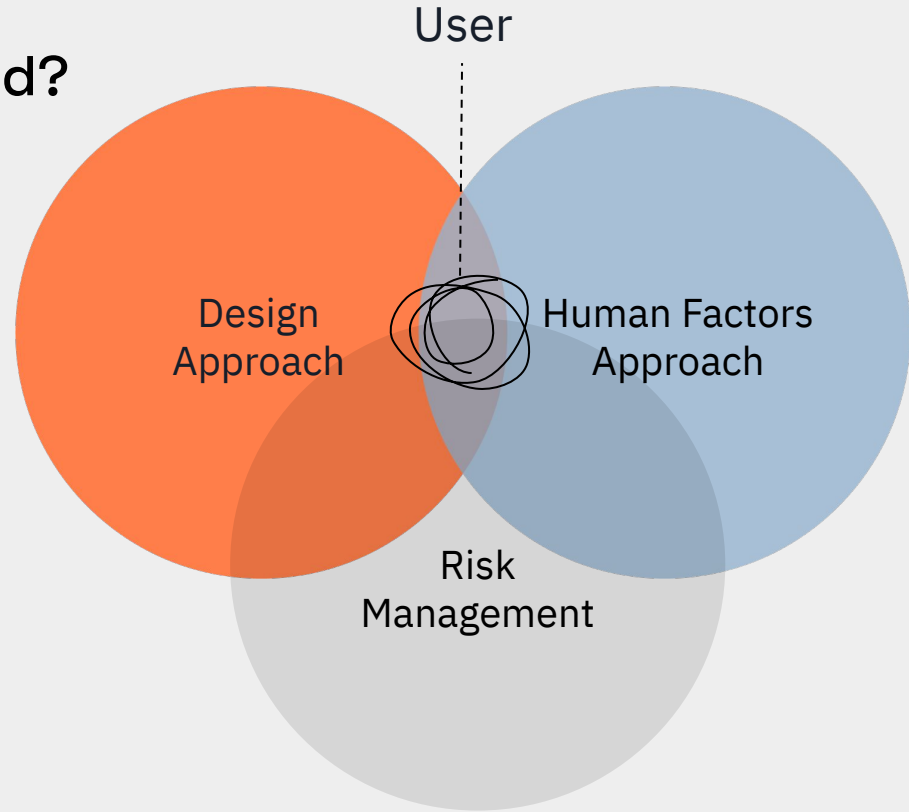
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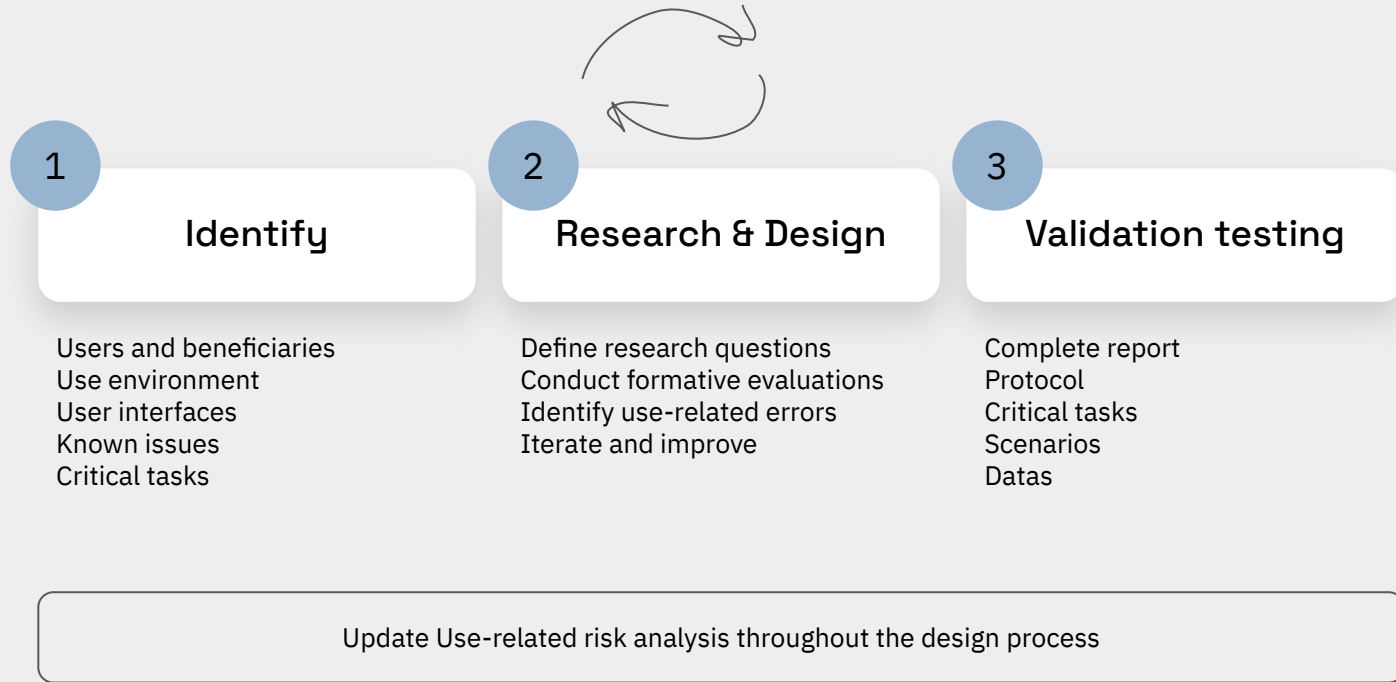


# From the Very Beginning!

# Why Human Factors and Design can't be dissociated?



# A Bird's-Eye View of Human Factors in the Development Process



# Overview of Human Factors in the Development Process

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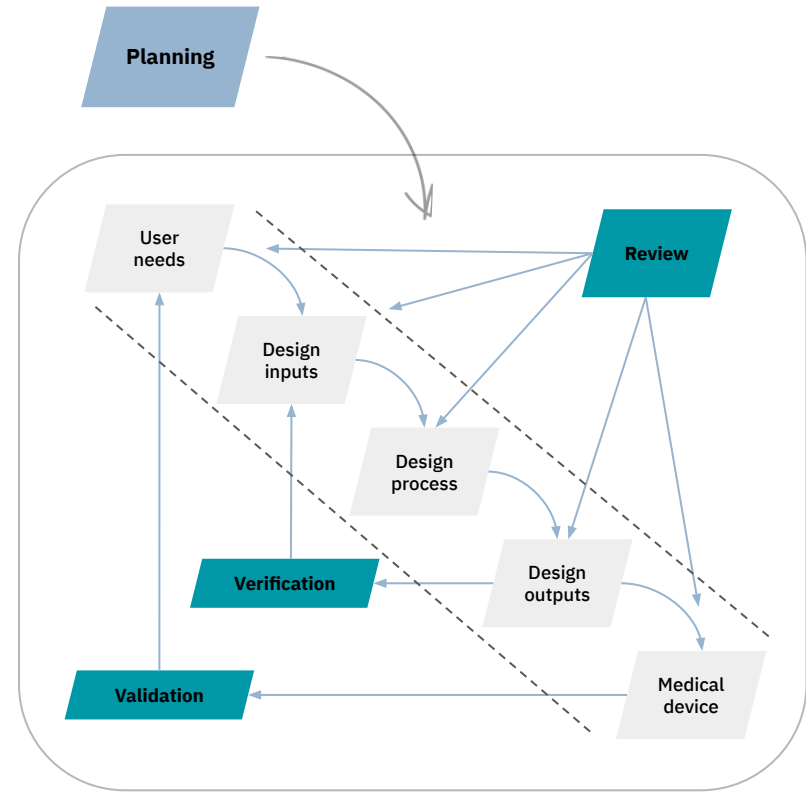
→ Usability plan

## Activities:

- Define the main HF activities
  - Use Specifications
  - Use-Related Risk Analysis
  - User Interface Specifications
  - Formative evaluations
  - Summative evaluations
- Define Roles & Responsibilities (HF, UX/UI, Industrial Design)

*Top Tips*

**Define your regulatory strategy early to have more accurate planning.**



Development Process

# The User Needs

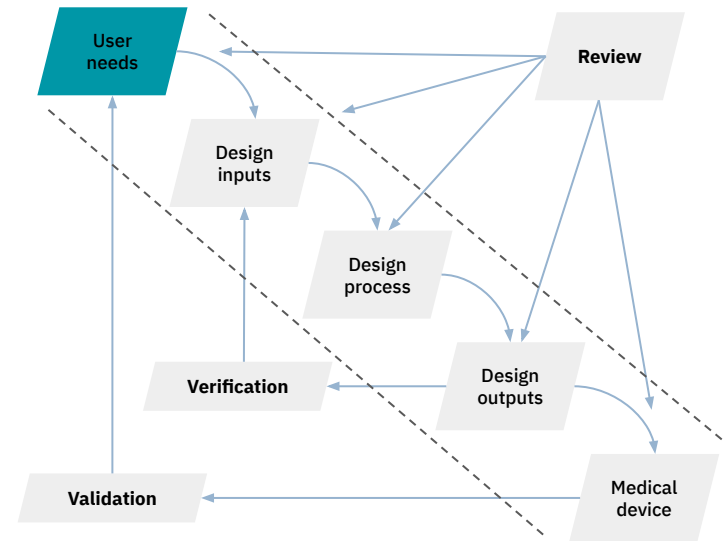
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- Use Specifications & Intended Use

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- Define User Profiles / Use Environment / Patient populations
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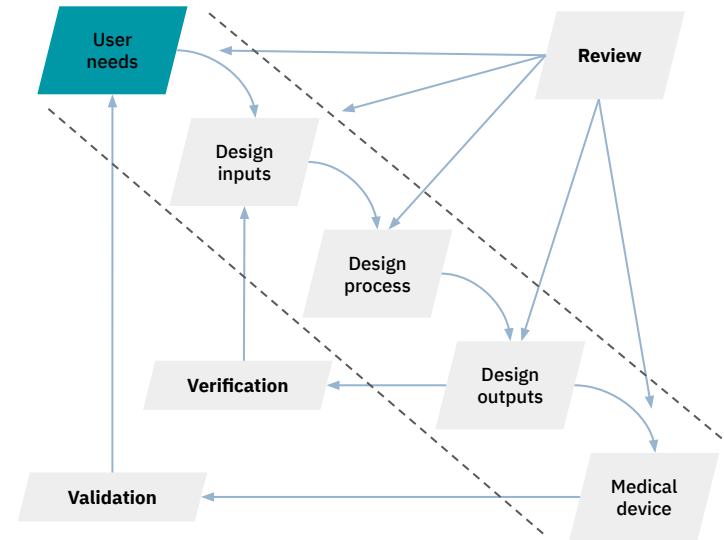
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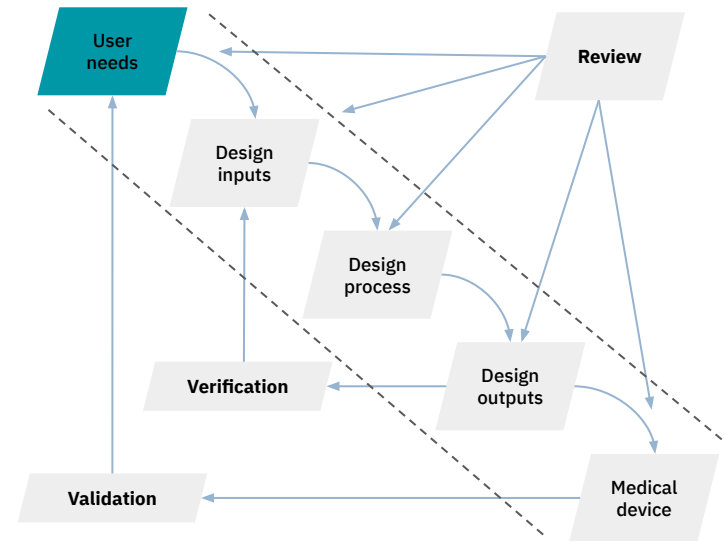
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- Participate in User Needs Definition



# User Needs in the Development Process

## *Top Tips*

- **Share the Use Specifications with all stakeholders.** It will help them to have a good understanding of the product.
- **Bonify the Use specifications by conducting different kind of user research activities** (Interviews, Field Observations & Shadowing, Surveys).

## Pitfalls

- **Do not start to define these specifications too late in the process** since the Use specifications have a key role in the product definition.
- **As a manufacturer, you cannot define alone the user needs.** The needs shall come from the users themselves.

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# The Design Inputs

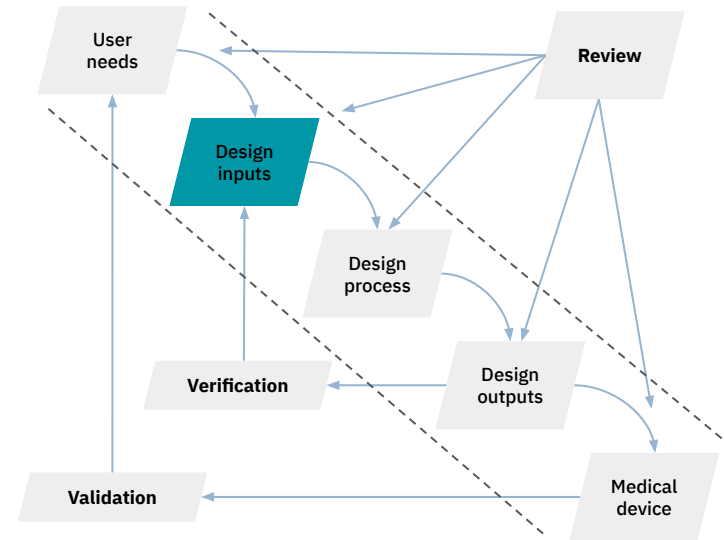
# Design Inputs in the Development Process

## Activities:

- Translate User Needs into Design Inputs (user interface)
- Task Analysis
- Analyze the Use-Related Hazards

## Deliverables:

- Use Related Design Inputs
- User Interface Specifications
- Use-Related Risk Analysis (URRA)



# Design Inputs in the Development Process

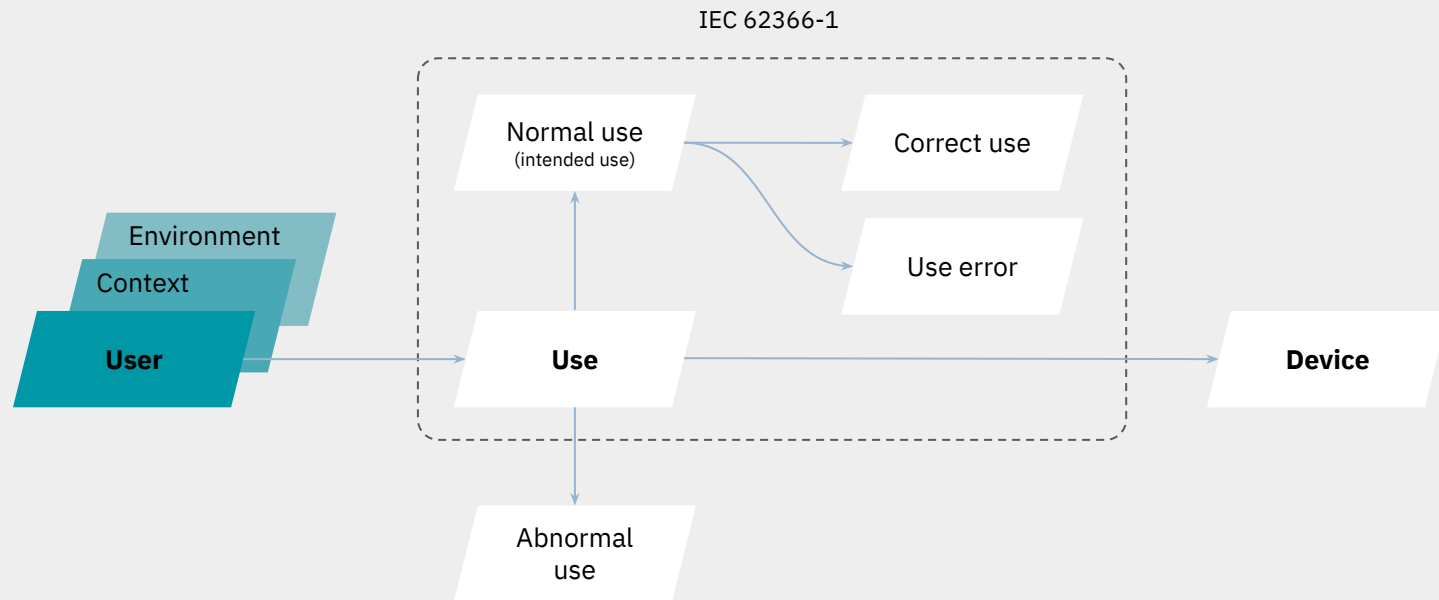
## *Top Tips*

- **A Task analysis is a great way to identify the user interface characteristics related to safety**, as well as Annex A of ISO/TR 24971 (A.2.31).
- **Do not hesitate to involve designers or engineers in this activity.** It is valuable for them to have a clear understanding of the task analysis and the potential risks derived from it.

## Pitfalls

- **During your Task analysis, try to maintain a reasonable level of detail.** Do not fall into the trap of over-branching your tasks.
- **Don't try to be creative here!** Known or foreseeable hazards should come from analytical and factual sources: Use specifications, adverse events from similar devices and use errors.

# Meticulous Attention to Risks that Arise During Use



Definition

## What is a Use Error?

*It is an **incorrect or omitted action** by the user that results in a different outcome than the **manufacturer's intent** or the **user's expectation**.*



# The types of Use Errors



## Perception

Difficulty to see visual information or hear auditory information.



## Cognition

Failure to remember, incorrect application of a rule, or error due to lack of knowledge (improvisation or misinterpretation).



## Action (Manipulation)

Inability to reach a command, contact with the wrong element, inappropriate force applied, failure to activate a monitor.

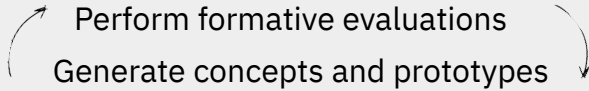
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# The Design Process

# Design process in the Development

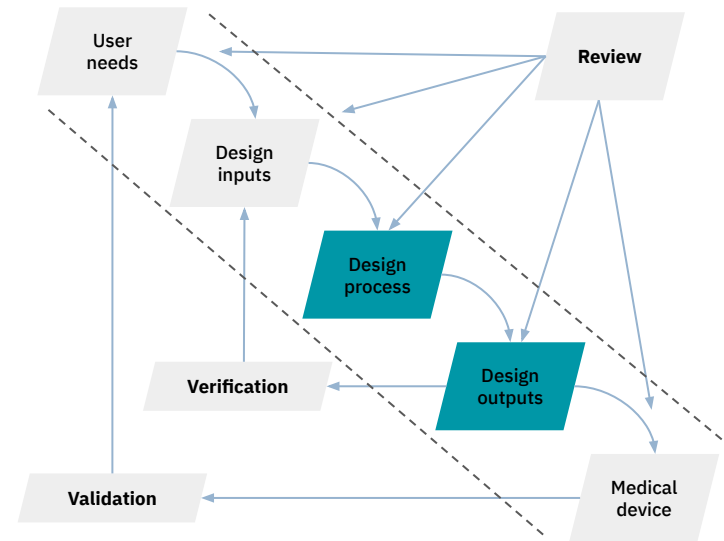
## Activities:

- Design the user interface
- Iterative & collaborative process



## Deliverables:

- Formative evaluation protocols and reports
- Refined Design Inputs
- User Interface Specifications (incl. labeling and IFU)
- Updated URRRA (Use-Related Risk Analysis)

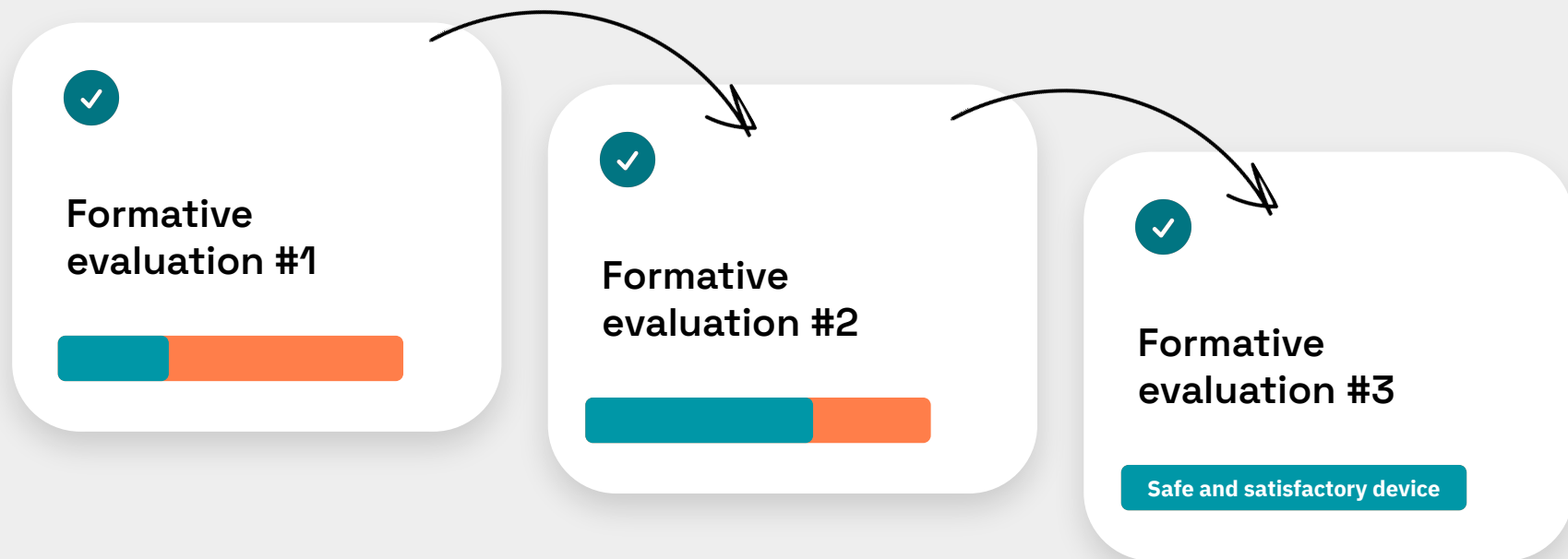


Definition

## What is a Formative Evaluation?

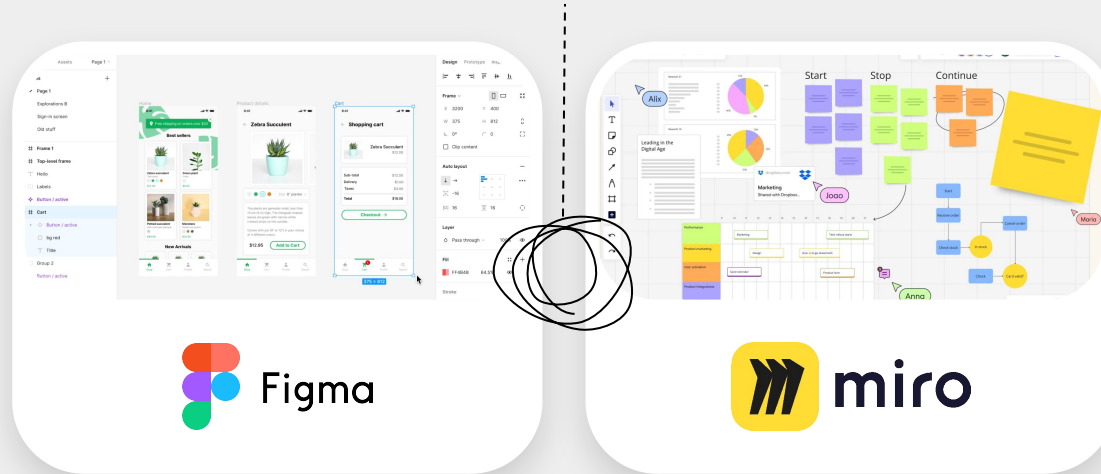
*The aim of a formative evaluation is to  
**iteratively improve a product's  
user interface.***

## Reducing Use Risks with Formative Evaluations



# Collaborative Tools in the Development Process

## User interface specifications



<https://help.figma.com/pt-br/en-us/articles/360041064814-Explore-the-canvas>

<https://miro.com/about/>

Behind the Scenes

# Example of a Real Formative Evaluation

of an Innovative Console for  
Calcified Artery Disease Treatment

## Design/Formative Evaluations



## Final Result



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# The 3 Golden Rules of Formative Evaluations

1

**One formative evaluation is not enough, iterate!**

2

Include **people with a user centered approach** during test

3

Even if use risk identification is crucial, **take a broader approach by testing the user experience as a whole**

*Top Tips*

**Sweet spot sample size: approximately 5-8 participants per evaluation.**

HE75:2009 (R2018) Human Factors Engineering - Design Of Medical Devices

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# Verification

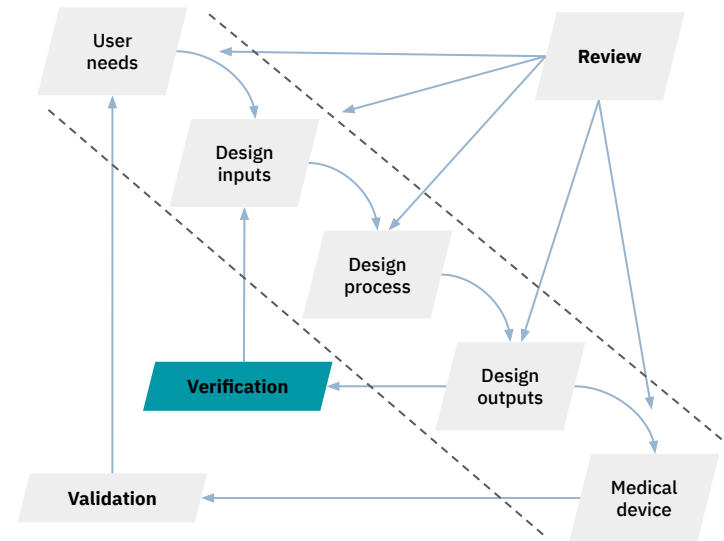
# Verification in the Development Process

## Activities:

- Verify User Interface and Use-related DI & Risk controls
- Verification test cases based on Use Scenarios
- Methods: Expert review, cognitive walkthrough and inquiries

## Deliverables:

- Usability test protocols & reports



# Verification in the Development Process

*Top Tips*



**Think about verification early in the development process.** Establish Design Inputs to ease their verification.

Pitfalls



**Formative evaluations are not used for verification** but way earlier in the development process.

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# Validation

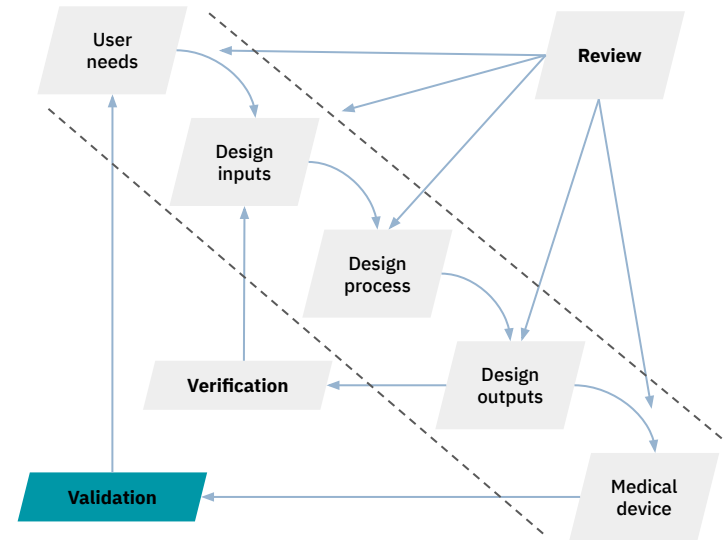
# Validation in the Development Process

## Activities:

- Summative evaluation
- Define critical tasks and select use scenarios
- Establish training requirements

## Deliverables:

- List of critical tasks (URRA)
- Summative evaluation plan and report



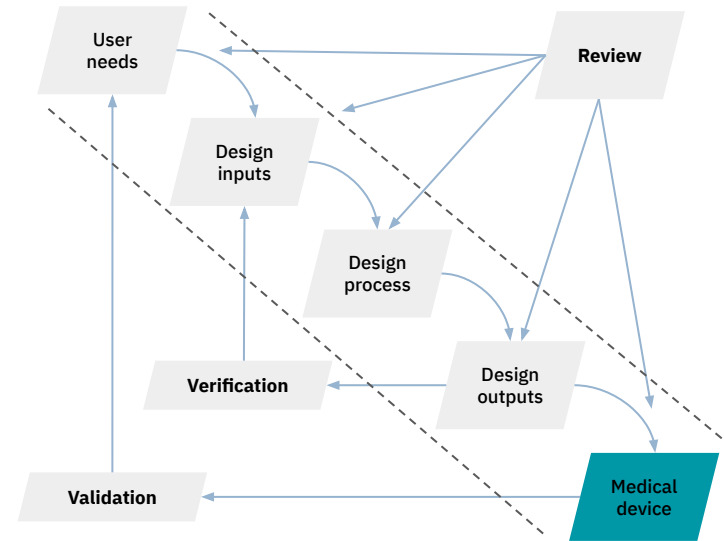
# Summative Evaluation Guidelines

- ✓ Focus your attention on the **critical tasks**
- ✓ If possible, carry out the test in the **actual use environment**
- ✓ Sample size: a minimum of **15 users per user group**
- ✓ If training is part of the protocol, include a **waiting period between the training session and the summative evaluation** to allow for representative learning decay

# Medical Device in the Development Process

## Deliverables:

- Use specifications
- URRRA & Critical tasks
- User interface specifications
- User interface evaluation plan
- Formative evaluation report(s)
- HF validation report
- HFE report
- IFU & Training



*Top Tips*

**Involve Human Factors in design reviews**  
to bring the user perspective and maintain a user-centered approach.



## Why is Usability Important?

*A medical product that is safe to use is important... but, a product that is **safe and pleasant** to use is even more important!*

## Definition

*“Characteristics of the user interface that facilitates use and thereby establishes **effectiveness, efficiency** and **user satisfaction** in the intended use environment.”*

*Top Tips*

**All aspects of usability can either increase or decrease safety.**

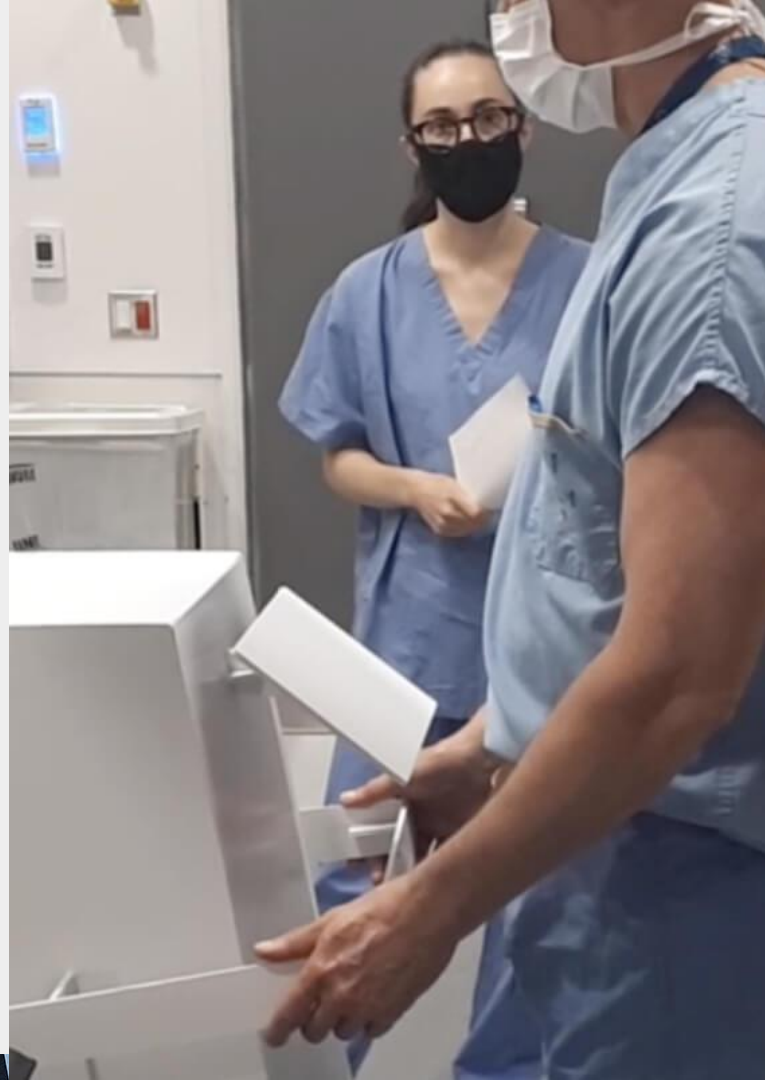
Medical devices - Part 1: Application of Usability Engineering to Medical Devices (IEC 62366-1:2015 + IEC 62366-1:2015/A1:2020)

# Conclusion

- Human Factors brings value to risk controls by **reducing** use-related errors
- Incorporating Human Factors **early in the design** of medical devices is crucial for achieving inherent safety by design
- The benefits are above and beyond **user safety**

# Additional Benefits of Human Factors

- ✓ Better **Cost & Time Management**
- ✓ **Easier, Faster & Safer Onboarding**
- ✓ Reduced Needs for **Technical Support**
- ✓ Higher **Utilization Rates**
- ✓ Increased **Sales & Revenues**
- ✓ Stronger **Regulatory Records**





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Product Design Companies

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