

---

# Managing Product Risk from Cradle to Grave

Ronald J. Makar

E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co., Inc.

2014 World Conference on Quality and Improvement  
M30



# Learning Objectives

---

Risk management basics

A 5 element risk management strategy

Various risk management concepts and techniques

What we are learning

Real life product recalls – Preventable?  
A look at two recent cases

# Background



World Leader - Market Driven Innovation & Science

Diverse Industries

Positioned to Help Solve Worlds Biggest Problems

Regulated Products



# Risk Management Basics

## Hazard

Potential source of a Harm

- Texting while driving (TWD)

## Harm

Injury to people; Damage to property

- Auto accident; bodily injury

## Risk

Probability of harm X Severity of harm

- A near miss (no collision) vs. death



Accident resulting from TWD

# Risk Management Basics

## Probability of Occurrence vs. Severity of Harm

Risk Acceptability Matrix: Probability of Occurrence vs. Severity of Harm						
Probability of Occurrence	Frequent	Yellow	Red	Red	Red	Red
	Reasonably Probable	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red	Red
	Occasional	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red
	Remote	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Red
	Extremely Unlikely	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Red
		Minor	Marginal	Major	Critical	Catastrophic
Severity of Harm						
Risk Acceptability						
Unacceptable						
Permissible						
Broadly Acceptable						

# Murphy's Law



***"If anything can go wrong, it will"***

## **Deceleration sled**

**Edwards Air Force Base 1949**

Named after Capt. Edward A. Murphy, and engineer working on Air Force Project MX981 (a project designed to see how much sudden deceleration a person can stand in a crash).

<http://www.murphys-laws.com/murphy/murphy-true.html>



ASQ

# Murphy's Law & Risk Management

---

**"If anything can go wrong, it will"**

**Probability of occurrence**

**Potential hazards that can result in harm**

# A Risk Management Strategy

---





# 5 Element Risk Management

Product

- Product Development

Process

- Supply Chain

Business

- Worst Case Scenarios

Product  
Stewardship

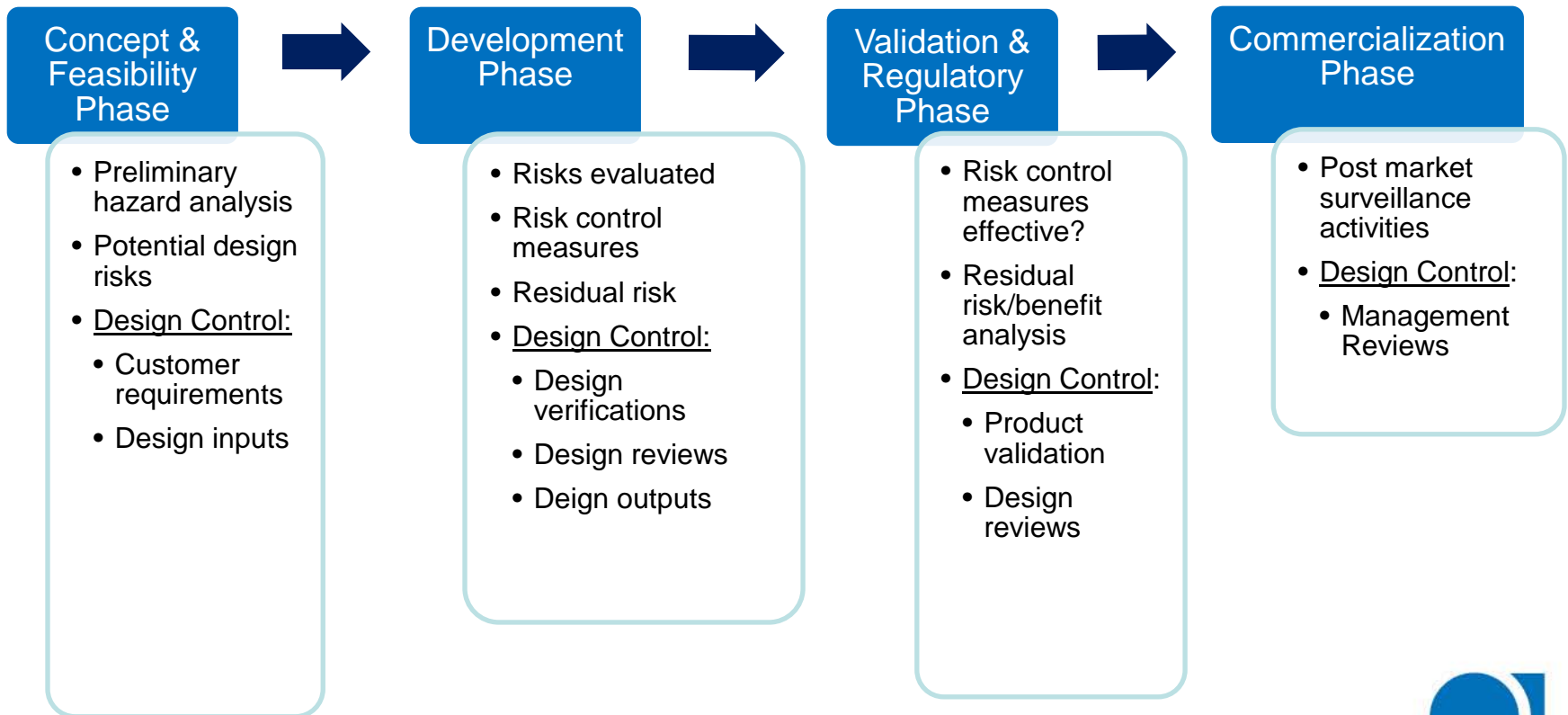
- Safety, Health & Environment

Post Market

- Performance Indicators

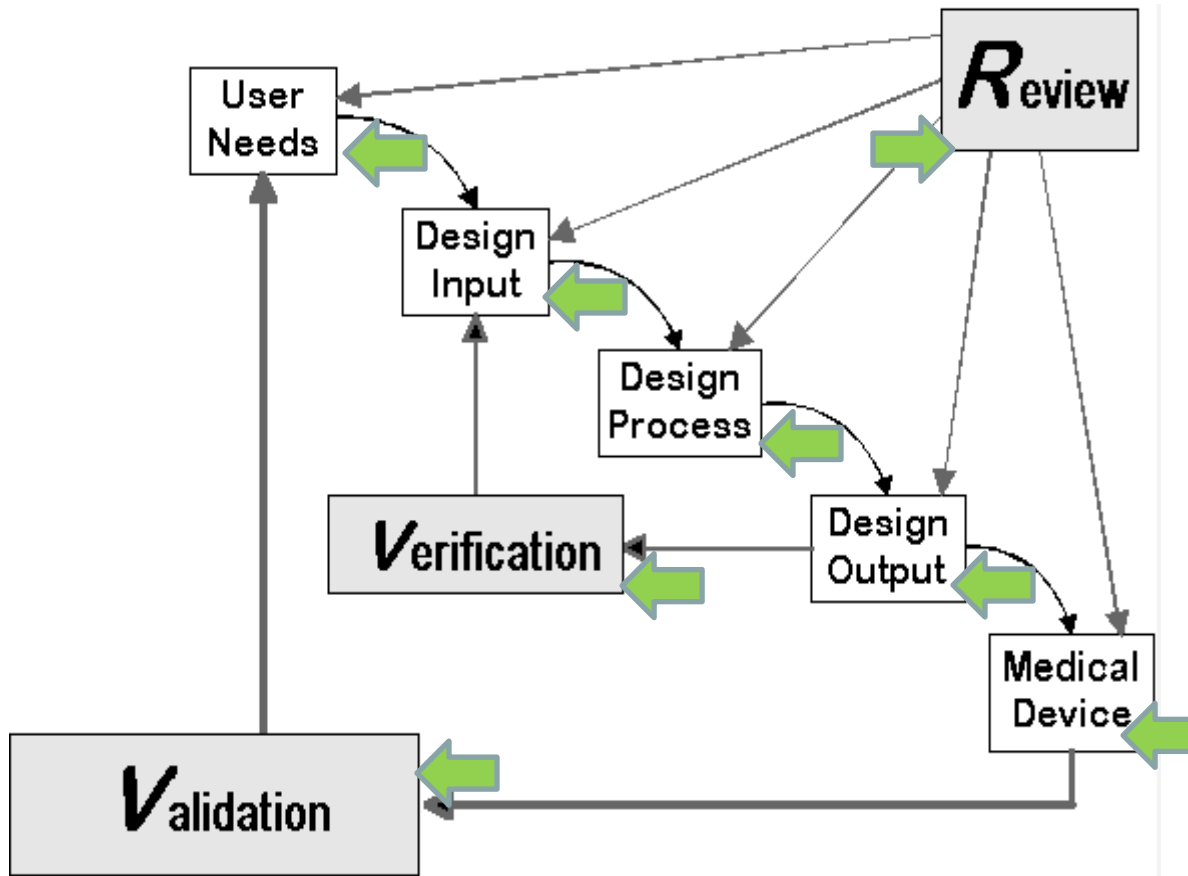
# Product Risk Management

Stage/Phase gated product developed process utilized Risk Mgt. workflow shows key RM and Design Control activities



# Application of Risk Mgt.

## Design Control Guidance For Medical Device Manufacturers



### Potential Hazard

- identification
- analysis
- evaluation

applies during  
all phases of  
design control

# Risk Mgt. Tools Utilized

## Potential Hazards Checklists

- Thought provoking queries
- Used to identify potential design risks

## Preliminary Hazard Analysis Checklists

- Identify, e.g. biological, energy, environmental, incorrect use, etc.

## Preliminary Hazard Analysis Worksheets

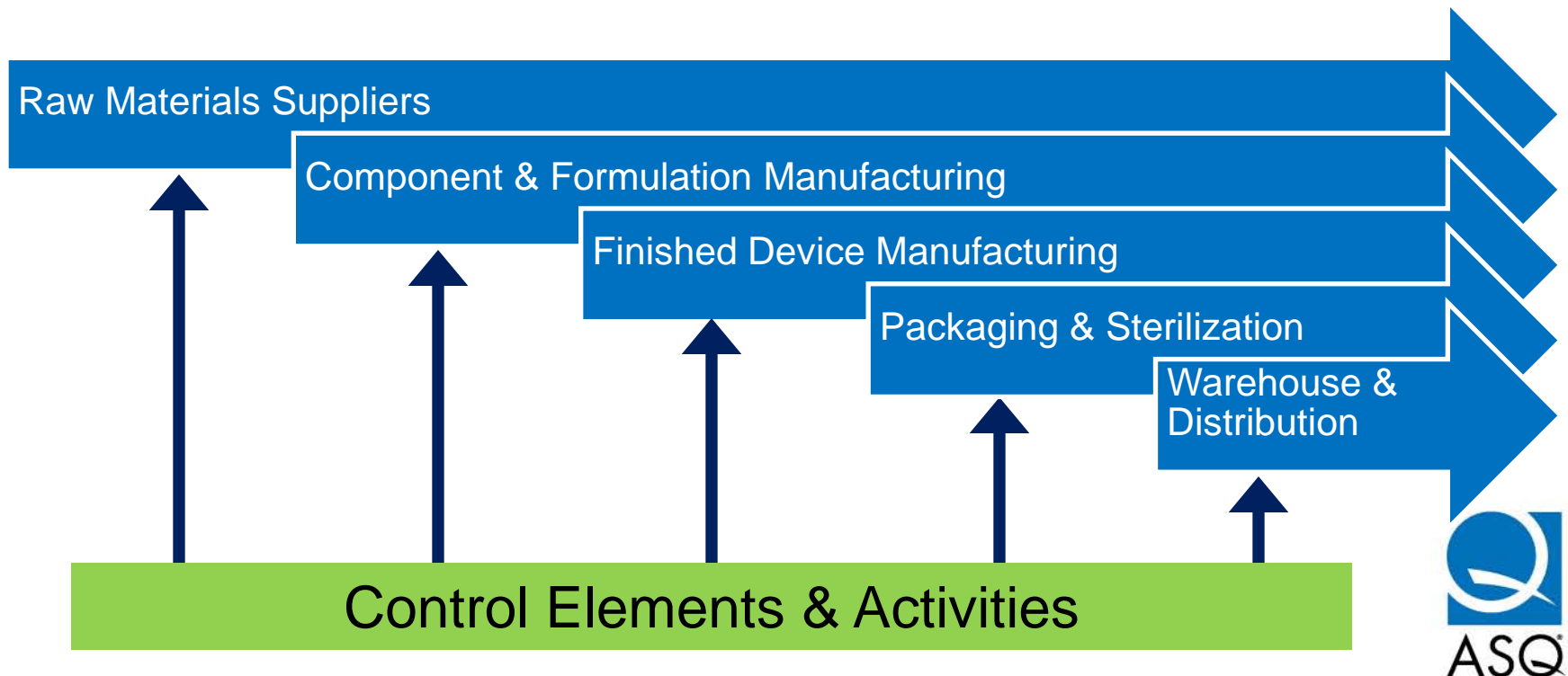
- Potential failure modes?
- Likely causes? System level effects?
- Potential risk control measures?

## Failure Modes & Effects Analysis

- Probability vs. Severity (SPN)
- Detectable (RPN)

# Process Risk Management

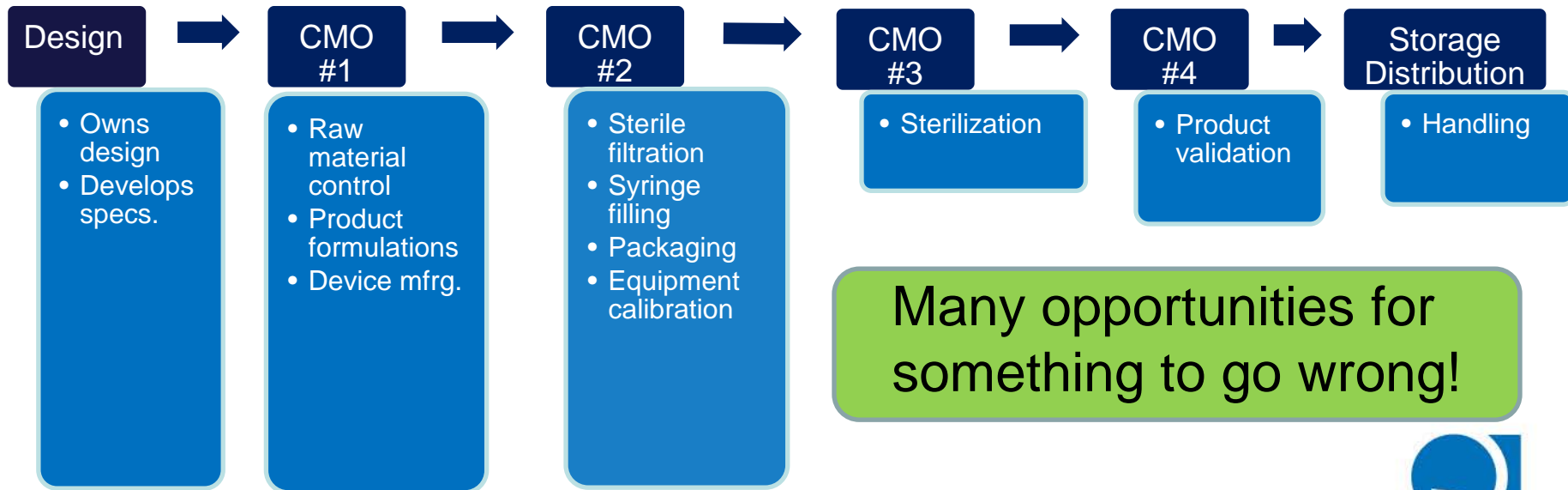
- Consider supply chain from raw materials to customer (and everything in between)
- All manufacturing in company owned plants/facilities?
- All production at contract manufacturing organizations?



# Process Risk Management

A supply chain example:

- ✓ Product designed and developed by small start-up
- ✓ Manufacturing outsourced to Contract Mfrg. Orgs.
- ✓ Small start-up needs to ensure I/O to CMOs controlled



# Business Risk Management

---

Consists of:

Scenario planning: Identification and assessment

Provide awareness of risks

Likelihood of occurrence

Degree of potential impact on strategic objectives

Identification of mitigation and control actions

# Business Risk Management

## Examples of scenario contingency planning

Risk Category	Scenario Planning
Product Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unable to meet requirements</li><li>• Final product too expensive vs. business plan</li></ul>
Supply Chain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Single source suppliers</li><li>• Unable to meet sustainability requirements</li><li>• Out of spec product not detected by QA/QC</li></ul>
Registration & Compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Delays in country specific registrations</li><li>• Clinical trials shows product unsafe and ineffective</li><li>• Unable to obtain quality system certifications</li></ul>
Marketing & Sales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased competition</li><li>• Product liability claims</li></ul>



# Business Risk Management

## Qualitative analysis of various scenarios

Likelihood of Occurrence (Remote → Probable)	Impact (\$ → (\$\$\$\$))	Exposure	Priority Risk	Response	Risk Response Details
Very Low Low Medium High Very High	Very Low Low Medium High Very High	Low Medium High	No Yes	Reduce Accept	Actions indicated for each scenario.

Exposure = Impact X Likelihood of Occurrence.

Priority Risk and Response determined by management and project teams

All scenarios reexamined throughout product development



# Product Stewardship Risk Management

Product Stewardship is:

Management of product throughout its life cycle

Focus on health, safety and environmental issues

Requires good communication among all team members

Work with customers to develop risk management actions

Address emerging needs, e.g. training, web



# Product Stewardship Risk Management

Considerations throughout the lifecycle of a medical device

## Examples of Product Stewardship Considerations

- Product trail
- New hazard identification & characterization
- Product composition
- Physical hazards
- Human toxicity hazards & effects
- Environmental effects & impact
- Shipping & storage requirements
- Import & export controls
- Packaging & labeling concerns

# Post Market Surveillance

Examination of commercial product performance

A regulatory requirement for medical devices

A key element of continual improvement practices

PMS assessment outputs:

- Discussed at Management Reviews
- Compared against previous risk assessments
- Mitigation actions effective? (Y/N)
- New or potential hazards identified? (Y/N)

# Post Market Surveillance

## Examples of Sources (Input) to PMS Reviews Include:

- Follow-up actions from earlier PMS reviews
- Known manufacturing problems
- Product quality improvements
- Changes to risk analysis
- Knowledge of changing performance trends
- Feedback on indications of use; instructions for use
- Feedback on customer satisfaction
- Vigilance reports
- Knowledge of ways in which is misused
- Feedback on continuing market viability

# What Are We Learning?

Risk Management is a continuous process  
(Post Market Surveillance)

Significant time in early stages required to design  
out potential hazards

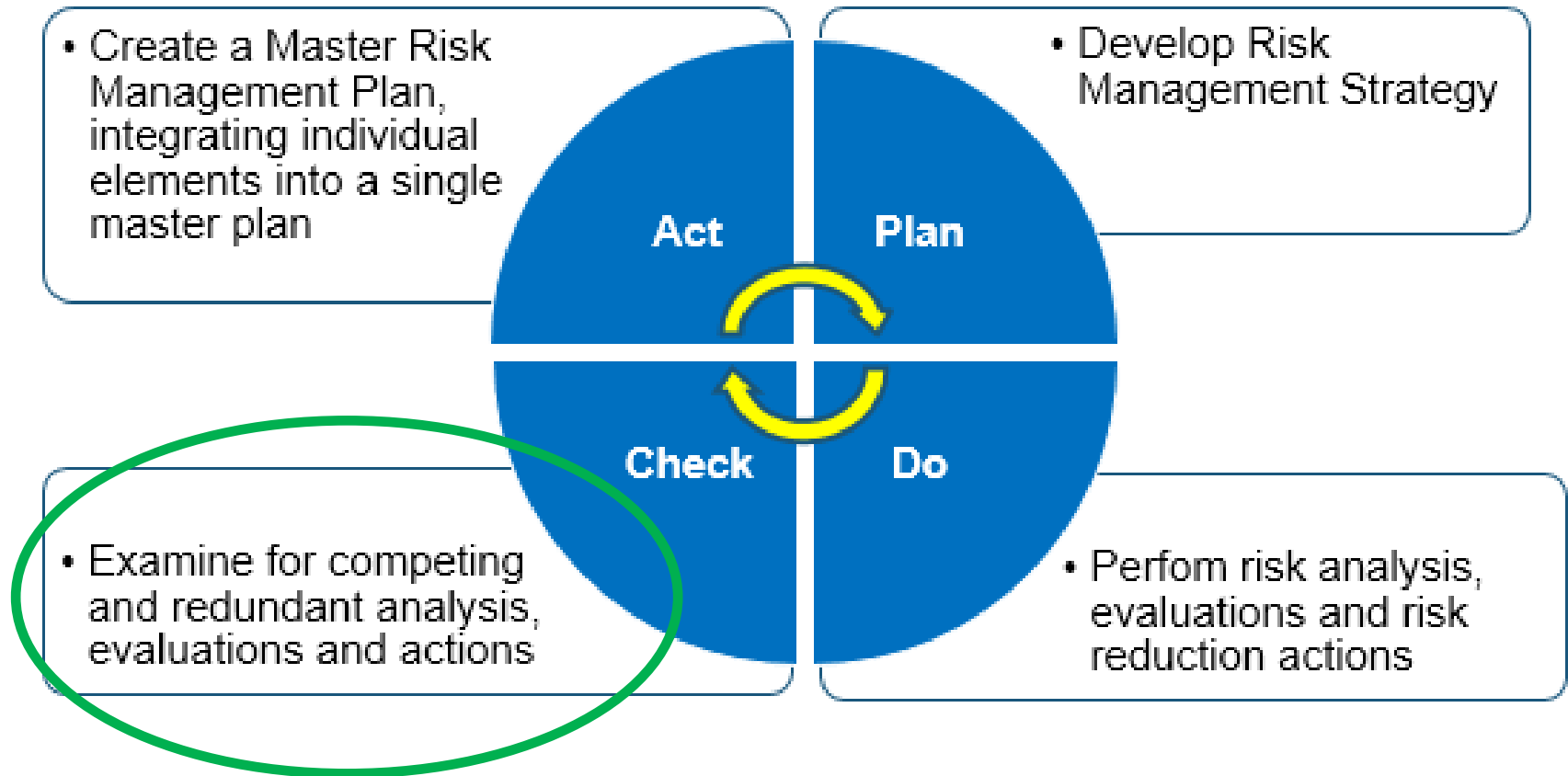
Unintended events (harms) will occur

Risk Management • • • • • • • • • • 1

Competing, overlapping risks identified among the  
5 elements in this strategy

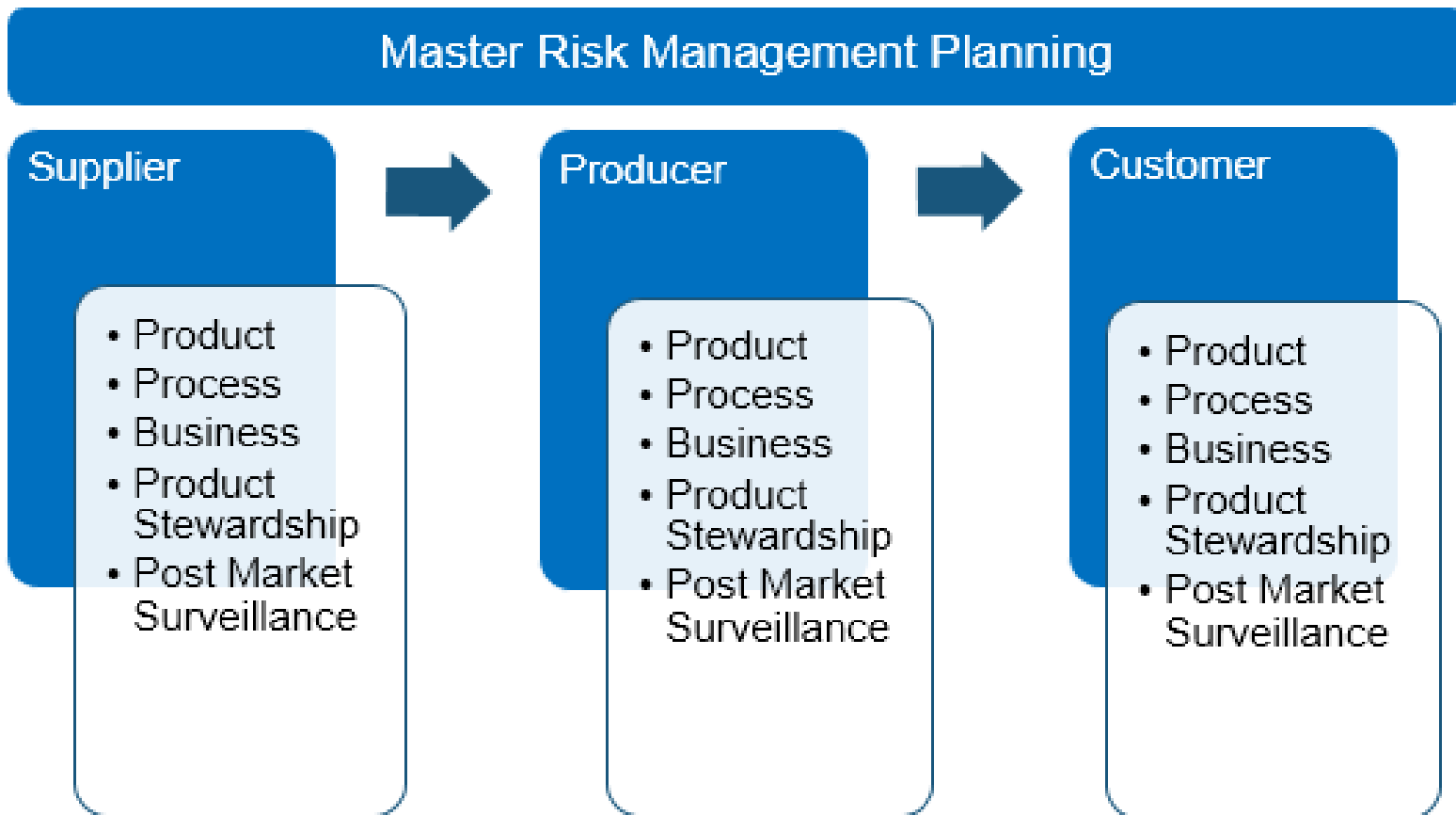
[1The Growth of Risk Management](#)

# Check: Where to Improve?



# Act: Process Improvements

- Create a Master Risk Management Plan
- Integrate 5 elements into each supply chain operation
  - ✓ To eliminate redundant, overlapping, competing analysis





# Real Life Product Recalls

---

Two recent cases

Were they preventable?

You decide! (Monday morning risk management)

Sources:

U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)  
Recalls, Market Withdrawals & Safety Alerts

<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/default.htm>

# For Further Information ....

Please see technical paper available on the 2014 WCQI web site and in the ASQ Knowledge Center

**Managing Product Risk from Cradle to Grave;  
Application of Risk Management in the Development of Medical Devices**

Ronald J. Makar  
ASQ Senior Member  
ASQ CBA, CHA, CMQ/QE, CQA, CQE  
E. I. DuPont de Nemours & Co., Inc.  
Wilmington, DE  
+1-302-494-5978  
[ron.makar@dupont.com](mailto:ron.makar@dupont.com)

## **Summary**

A Risk Management strategy was developed for a DuPont business dedicated to the development of medical devices. This strategy took into consideration five different forms of risk: Risk associated with product development, risk associated with the manufacturing process, risk associated with business scenarios, risk associated with stewardship of the product and risk associated with post-market surveillance.

## **Keywords**

Risk management; Product development; ISO 14971:2007; ISO 13485:2003; Medical devices



---

# Questions?

Ronald J. Makar

DuPont

Phone: (302) 695-3348

Email: [ron.makar@dupont.com](mailto:ron.makar@dupont.com)

(Yes, I am on LinkedIn)



