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For designers of medical devices, the FDA and ISO requirements are extremely stringent. Designers and researchers feel pressure from management to quickly develop new devices, while they are simultaneously hampered by strict guidelines. The Six Sigma philosophy has solved this dichotomous paradigm for organizations in other fields, and seeks to do

This book elucidates how genetic, biological and medical information can be applied to the development of personalized healthcare, medication and therapies. Focusing on aspects of the development of evidence-based approaches in bioinformatics and computational medicine, including data integration, methodologies, tools and models for clinical and translational medicine, it offers an essential introduction to clinical bioinformatics for clinical researchers and physicians, medical students and teachers, and scientists working with human disease-based omics and bioinformatics. Dr. Xiangdong Wang is a distinguished Professor of Medicine. He is Director of Shanghai Institute of Clinical Bioinformatics, Director of Fudan University Center for Clinical Bioinformatics, Deputy Director of Shanghai Respiratory Research Institute, Director of Biomedical Research Center, Fudan University Zhongshan Hospital, Shanghai, China; Dr. Christian Baumgartner is a Professor of Health Care and Biomedical Engineering at Institute of Health Care Engineering with European Notified Body of Medical Devices, Graz University of Technology, Graz, Austria; Dr. Denis Shields is a Professor of Clinical Bioinformatics at Conway Institute, Belfield, Dublin, Ireland; Dr. Hong-Wen Deng is a Professor at Department of Biostatistics and Bioinformatics, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, USA; Dr. Jacques S Beckmann is a Professor and Director of Section of Clinical Bioinformatics, Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics, Switzerland.

Medical Devices and Regulations: Standards and Practices will shed light on the importance of regulations and standards among all stakeholders, bioengineering designers, biomaterial scientists and researchers to enable development of future medical devices. Based on the authors' practical experience, this book provides a concise, practical guide on key issues and processes in developing new medical devices to meet international regulatory requirements and standards. Provides readers with a global perspective on medical device regulations Concise and comprehensive information on how to design medical devices to ensure they meet regulations and standards Includes a useful case study demonstrating the design and approval process

The book outlines first the importance of Extra Cellular Matrix (ECM), which is a natural surface for most of cells. In the following chapters the influence of biological, chemical, mechanical, and physical properties of surfaces in micro and nano-scale on stem cell behavior are discussed including the mechanotransduction. Biomimetic and bioinspired approaches are highlighted for developing microenvironment of several tissues, and surface engineering applications are discussed in tissue engineering, regenerative medicine and different type of biomaterials in various chapters of the book. This book brings together innovative methodologies and strategies adopted in the research and development of Advanced Surfaces in Stem Cell Research. Well-known worldwide researchers deliberate subjects including: Extracellular matrix proteins for stem cell fate The superficial mechanical and physical properties of matrix microenvironment as stem cell fate regulator Effects of mechanotransduction on stem cell behavior Modulation of stem cells behavior through bioactive surfaces Influence of controlled micro and nanoengineered surfaces on stem cell fate Nanostructured polymeric surfaces for stem cells Laser surface modification techniques and stem cells applications Plasma polymer deposition: a versatile tool for stem cell research Application of bioreactor concept and modeling techniques in bone regeneration and augmentation treatments Substrates and surfaces for control of pluripotent stem cell fate and function Application of biopolymer-based, surface modified devices in transplant medicine and tissue engineering Silk as a natural biopolymer for tissue engineering

This volume presents the proceedings of the CLAIB 2014, held in Paraná, Entre Ríos, Argentina 29, 30 & 31 October 2014. The proceedings, presented by the Regional Council of Biomedical Engineering for Latin America (CORAL) offer research findings, experiences and activities between institutions and universities to develop Bioengineering, Biomedical Engineering and related sciences. The conferences of the American Congress of Biomedical Engineering are sponsored by the International Federation for Medical and Biological Engineering (IFMBE), Society for Engineering in Biology and Medicine (EMBS) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), among other organizations and international agencies and bringing together scientists, academics and biomedical engineers in Latin America and other continents in an environment conducive to exchange and professional growth. The Topics include: - Bioinformatics and Computational Biology - Bioinstrumentation; Sensors, Micro and Nano Technologies - Biomaterials, Tissue Engineering and Artificial Organs - Biomechanics, Robotics and Motion Analysis - Biomedical Images and Image Processing - Biomedical Signal Processing - Clinical Engineering and Electromedicine - Computer and Medical Informatics - Health and home care, telemedicine - Modeling and Simulation - Radiobiology, Radiation and Medical Physics - Rehabilitation Engineering and Prosthetics - Technology, Education and Innovation

Medical device regulation in Asia has gained more importance than ever. Governments and regulatory bodies across the region have put in place new regulatory systems or refined the existing ones. A registered product requires a lot of technical documentation to prove its efficacy, safety, and quality. A smooth and successful registration process demands soft skills for dealing with various key stakeholders in the government, testing centers, and hospitals and among doctors. This handbook covers medical device regulatory systems in different countries, ISO standards for medical devices, clinical trial and regulatory requirements, and documentation for application. It is the first to cover the medical device regulatory affairs in Asia. Each chapter provides substantial background materials relevant to the particular area to have a better understanding of regulatory affairs.

This handbook provides the most up to date resource currently available for interpreting and understanding design controls. This handbook is the most exhaustive resource ever written about FDA & ISO 13485 design controls for medical devices with a collection of all applicable regulations and real-world examples. Four-hundred & forty, 8.5" X 11" pages provides an extensive evaluation of FDA 21 CFR 820 and is cross-referenced with ISO 13485 to provide readers with a broad and in-depth review of practical design control implementation techniques. This handbook also covers basic, intermediate and advanced design control topics and is an ideal resource for implementing new design control processes or upgrading an existing process into medical device quality systems. This critical resource also specifically outlines key topics which will allow quality managers and medical device developers to improve compliance quickly to pass internal and external audits and FDA inspections. The author breaks down the regulation line by line and provides a detailed interpretation by using supportive evidence from the FDA design control guidance and the quality systems preamble. Numerous examples, case studies, best practices, 70+ figures and 45+ tables provide practical implementation techniques which

are based on the author's extensive experience launching numerous medical device products and by integrating industry consultant expertise. In addition, bonus chapters include: explanation of medical device classification, compliance to design controls, risk management, and the design control quality system preamble. 20-40 pages are dedicated to each of the major design control topics: Design and Development Planning, Design Input, Design Output, Design Transfer, Design Verification, Design Validation, Design Change and Design History File.

This book explains all of the stages involved in developingmedical devices; from concept to medical approval including systemengineering, bioinstrumentation design, signal processing,electronics, software and ICT with Cloud and e-Healthdevelopment. Medical Instrument Design and Development offers a comprehensivetheoretical background with extensive use of diagrams, graphics andtables (around 400 throughout the book). The book explains how thetheory is translated into industrial medical products using amarket-sold Electrocardiograph disclosed in its design by the GammaCardio Soft manufacturer. The sequence of the chapters reflects the product developmentlifecycle. Each chapter is focused on a specific University courseand is divided into two sections: theory and implementation. Thetheory sections explain the main concepts and principles whichremain valid across technological evolutions of medicalinstrumentation. The Implementation sections show how the theory istranslated into a medical product. The Electrocardiograph(ECG or EKG) is used as an example as it is a suitable device toexplore to fully understand medical instrumentation since it issufficiently simple but encompasses all the main areas involved indeveloping medical electronic equipment. Key Features: Introduces a system-level approach to product design Covers topics such as bioinstrumentation, signal processing,information theory, electronics, software, firmware, telemedicine,e-Health and medical device certification Explains how to use theory to implement a market product (usingECG as an example) Examines the design and applications of main medicalinstruments Details the additional know-how required for productimplementation: business context, system design, projectmanagement, intellectual property rights, product life cycle,etc. Includes an accompanying website with the design of thecertified ECG product (ahref="http://www.gammacardiosoft.it/book"www.gammacardiosoft.it/book/a) Discloses the details of a marketed ECG Product (from GammaCardio Soft) compliant with the ANSI standard AAMI EC 11under open licenses (GNU GPL, Creative Common) This book is written for biomedical engineering courses(upper-level undergraduate and graduate students) and for engineersinterested in medical instrumentation/device design with acomprehensive and interdisciplinary system perspective.

Safety Risk Management for Medical Devices, Second Edition teaches the essential safety risk management methodologies for medical devices compliant with the requirements of ISO 14971:2019. Focusing exclusively on safety risk assessment practices required in the MedTech sector, the book outlines sensible, easily comprehensible, state-of the-art methodologies that are rooted in current industry best practices, addressing safety risk management of medical devices, thus making it useful for those in the MedTech sector who are responsible for safety risk management or need to understand risk management, including design engineers, product engineers, development engineers, software engineers, Quality assurance and regulatory affairs. Graduate-level engineering students with an interest in medical devices will also benefit from this book. The new edition has been fully updated to reflect the state-of-the-art in this fast changing field. It offers guidance on developing and commercializing medical devices in line with the most current international standards and regulations. Includes new coverage of ISO 14971:2019, ISO/TR 24971 Presents the latest information on the history of risk management, lifetime of a medical device, risk management review, production and post production activities, post market risk management Provides practical, easy-to-understand and state-of the-art methodologies that meet the requirements of international regulation

Risk management principles are effectively utilized in many areas of business and government, including finance, insurance, occupational safety, and public health, and by agencies regulating these industries. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and its worldwide counterparts are responsible for protecting public health by ensuring the safety and effectiveness of the drugs and medical devices. Regulators must decide whether the benefits of a specific product for patients and users outweigh its risk, while recognizing that “absolute safety” (or zero risk) is not achievable. Every product and every process has an associated risk. Although there are some examples of the use of quality risk management in the FDA-regulated industry today, they are limited and do not represent the full contribution that risk management has to offer. The present FDA focus on risk-based determination is requiring that the regulated industries improve dramatically their understanding and capability of hazard control concepts. In addition, the importance of quality systems has been recognized in the life sciences industry, and it is becoming evident that quality risk management is a valuable component of an effective quality system. The purpose of this book is to offer a systematic and very comprehensive approach to quality risk management. It will assist medical and food product manufacturers with the integration of a risk management system or risk management principles and activities into their existing quality management system by providing practical explanations and examples. The appropriate use of quality risk management can facilitate compliance with regulatory requirements such as good manufacturing practices or good laboratory practices. The content of this book will provide FDA-regulated manufacturers with a framework within which experience, insight, and judgment are applied systematically to manage the risks associated with their products. Manufacturers in other industries may use it as an informative guidance in developing and maintaining a risk management system and process. The two appendices add even more insight: Appendix A contains general examples of risk management, while Appendix B includes 10 case studies illustrating real examples of the quality risk management process across the medical product arena.

Handbook of Biomaterials Biocompatibility is a systematic reference on host response to different biomaterials, taking into account their physical, mechanical and chemical properties. The book reviews recent progress in the design and study of biomaterials biocompatibility, along with current understanding on how to control immune system response. Sections provide the fundamental theories and challenges of biomaterials biocompatibility, the role of different biomaterials physicochemical surface properties on cell responses, cell responses to different physicochemical properties of polymers, ceramics, metals, carbons and nanomaterials, and biomaterials in different tissues, such as the cardiac, nervous system, cartilage and bone. This resource will be suitable for those working in the fields of materials science, regenerative engineering, medicine, medical devices and nanotechnology. Reviews the fundamental theories and challenges of biomaterials biocompatibility, including an overview of the standards and regulations Provides an overview on the cellular and molecular mechanisms involved in host responses to biomaterials Systematically looks at cellular response and tissue response to a wide range of biomaterials, including polymers, metals, ceramics, alloys and nanomaterials

This is the second edition of the classic book An Introduction to Bioceramics which provides a comprehensive overview of all types of ceramic and glass materials that are used in medicine and dentistry. The enormous growth of the field of bioceramics is due to the recognition by the medical and dental community of the importance of bioactive materials to stimulate repair and regeneration of tissues. This edition includes 21 new chapters that document the science and especially the clinical applications of the new generation of bioceramics in the field of tissue regeneration and repair. Important socioeconomic factors influencing the economics and availability of new medical treatments are covered with updates on regulatory procedures for new biomaterials, methods for technology transfer and ethical issues. The book contains 42 chapters that offer the only comprehensive treatment of the science, technology and clinical applications of all types of bioceramic materials used in medicine and dentistry. Each chapter is written by leaders in their specialized fields and is a thorough review of the subject matter, unlike many conference proceedings. All chapters have been edited to reflect the same writing style, making the book an easy read. The completeness of treatment of all types of bioceramics and their clinical applications makes the book unique in the field and invaluable to all readers.

This concise book is broadly divided into 3 manageable parts. The first part introduces the standard ISO 13485 and the basics of Quality management systems. Part two then examines the key area of Design

controls and there application to medical devices. Finally, an overview of Quality Risk management is provided. In the first instance, providing safe and effective medical devices depends on a sound basis' of design. However, how we see and rate risks also impacts the safety of products produced. A holistic approach to medical device manufacturing ensures Quality from design conception to commercial manufacturing. Following the principles within this short book will put the reader on the right track. An ideal reference for industry or academics or those wishing to have a physical resource.

As the generic pharmaceutical industry continues to grow and thrive, so does the need to conduct efficient and successful bioequivalence studies. In recent years, there have been significant changes to the statistical models for evaluating bioequivalence, and advances in the analytical technology used to detect drug and metabolite levels have made

A complete resource, this handbook presents current knowledge on concepts and methods of human factors and ergonomics, and their applications to help improve quality, safety, efficiency, and effectiveness in patient care. It provides specific information on how to analyze medical errors with the fundamental goal to reduce such errors and the harm that potentially ensues. Editor Pascale Carayon and an impressive group of contributors highlight important issues relevant to healthcare providers and professionals and their employers. They discuss the design of work environments and working conditions to improve satisfaction and well-being, and the reduction of burnout and other ailments often experienced by healthcare providers and professionals. It is a remarkably comprehensive account offering readers invaluable knowledge from individuals who are some of the most respected in the field.

Bioactive Glasses: Materials, Properties and Applications, Second Edition provides revised, expanded and updated content on the current status of this unique material, including its properties, technologies and applications. The book is suitable for those active in the biomaterials and bioengineering field, and includes eight new chapters that cover material types, computational modeling, coatings and applications. Chapters deal with the materials and mechanical properties of bioactive glass and the applications of bioactive glasses, covering their uses in wound healing, maxillofacial surgery and bone tissue engineering, among other topics. With its distinguished editor and expert team of international contributors, the book is an invaluable reference for researchers and scientists in the field of biomaterials, both in academia and industry. Provides a detailed review of bioactive glasses, their properties, technologies and applications Comprehensively covers the materials and mechanical properties of bioactive glass and their further applications, including wound healing, maxillofacial surgery and bone tissue engineering Suitable for those active in the biomaterials and bioengineering field

Bioresorbable Polymers for Biomedical Applications: From Fundamentals to Translational Medicine provides readers with an overview of bioresorbable polymeric materials in the biomedical field. A useful resource for materials scientists in industry and academia, offering information on the fundamentals and considerations, synthesis and processing, and the clinical and R and D applications of bioresorbable polymers for biomedical applications. Focuses on biomedical applications of bioresorbable polymers Features a comprehensive range of topics including fundamentals, synthesis, processing, and applications Provides balanced coverage of the field with contributions from academia and industry Includes clinical and R and D applications of bioresorbable polymers for biomedical applications

Advances in Systems Safety contains the papers presented at the nineteenth annual Safety-Critical Systems Symposium, held at Southampton, UK, in February 2011. The Symposium is for engineers, managers and academics in the field of system safety, across all industry sectors, so the papers making up this volume offer a wide-ranging coverage of current safety topics, and a blend of academic research and industrial experience. They include both recent developments in the field and discussion of open issues that will shape future progress. The 17 papers in this volume are presented under the headings of the Symposium’s sessions: Safety Cases; Projects, Services and Systems of Systems; Systems Safety in Healthcare; Testing Safety-Critical Systems; Technological Matters and Safety Standards. The book will be of interest to both academics and practitioners working in the safety-critical systems arena.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 12th International Conference on Software Process Improvement and Capability Determination, SPICE 2012, held in Palma de Mallorca, Spain, in May 2012. The 21 revised full papers presented and 14 short papers were carefully reviewed and selected from numerous submissions. The papers are organized in topical sections on organizational process improvement; SPI in small and very small enterprises; process models; SPI in automotive software and security; SPI in medical and safety critical systems; short papers.

Many companies limp along from day-to-day treating the quality side of the business as a necessary evil, and doing only what is minimally necessary for compliance to regulations. This kind of approach to compliance almost always results in inefficiencies and sometimes can result in a curious kind of noncompliance. Documentation created with compliance as the sole consideration often ends up confusing the employees who must use the documentation. This book looks beyond what is necessary for compliance alone to address what makes a quality management system (QMS) both effective and efficient. This book also never forgets that real people must make any QMS work; the book provides a blueprint for creating a QMS that real people will find useful. After a review of the challenges that any medical device company faces in the world of today—the multiple sources of QMS requirements—the book poses a question: are we satisfied with the QMS we have now, or could we do better? If we want to do better, this book can help. This book offers: Advice that will lead to an effective and efficient QMS. Detailed guidance on the key decisions to be made regarding the quality system being established. Detailed ideas on how to execute those decisions. Up-to-date information on compliance to current regulations and standards and guidance on staying up to date. Specific examples of procedures. Information regarding requirements for combination products, such as a drug + device combination. Advice on incorporating risk management in the QMS.

Clinical Engineering: A Handbook for Clinical and Biomedical Engineers, Second Edition, helps professionals and students in clinical engineering successfully deploy medical technologies. The book provides a broad reference to the core elements of the subject, drawing from a range of experienced authors. In addition to engineering skills, clinical engineers must be able to work with both patients and a range of professional staff, including technicians, clinicians and equipment manufacturers. This book will not only help users keep up-to-date on the fast-moving scientific and medical research in the field, but also help them develop laboratory, design, workshop and management skills. The updated edition features the latest fundamentals of medical technology integration, patient safety, risk assessment and assistive technology. Provides engineers in core medical disciplines and related fields with the skills and knowledge to successfully collaborate on the development of medical devices, via approved procedures and standards Covers US and EU standards (FDA and MDD, respectively, plus related ISO requirements)

Includes information that is backed up with real-life clinical examples, case studies, and separate tutorials for training and class use Completely updated to include new standards and regulations, as well as new case studies and illustrations

While the prevalence of plastics and elastomers in medical devices is now quite well known, there is less information available covering the use of medical devices and the applications of polymers beyond medical devices, such as in hydrogels, biopolymers and silicones beyond enhancement applications, and few books in which these are combined into a single reference. This book is a comprehensive reference source, bringing together a number of key medical polymer topics in one place for a broad audience of engineers and scientists, especially those currently developing new medical devices or seeking more information about current and future applications. In addition to a broad range of applications, the book also covers clinical outcomes and complications arising from the use of the polymers in the body, giving engineers a vital insight into the real world implications of the devices they’re creating. Regulatory issues are also covered in detail. The book also presents the latest developments on the use of polymers in medicine and development of nano-scale devices. Gathers discussions of a large number of applications of polymers in medicine in one place Provides an insight into both the legal and clinical implications of device design Relevant to industry, academic and medical professionals Presents the latest developments in the field, including medical devices on a nano-scale

As medical devices become even more intricate, concerns about efficacy, safety, and reliability continue to be raised. Users and patients both want the device to operate as specified, perform in a safe manner, and continue to perform over a long period of time without failure. Following in the footsteps of the bestselling second edition, Reliable D

How have recent changes in domestic and international regulations affected quality management in the development and marketing of medical devices in the US and abroad? Consultants Daniel and Kimmelman take a close look at the Quality System Regulation (QsReg), the ISO 13485: 2003 standard and the ISO/TR 14969: 2004 guidance document as well as a number of US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Global Harmonization Task Force (GHTF) guidance documents. The authors provide extensive commentary and notes an update their material to include such topics as the incorporation of principles of risk management into the medical device organizations' quality management systems (QMSs) and considerations of combination products. Daniel and Kimmelman include full coverage of the QSReg requirements, descriptions of comparable requirements in the ISO documents, excerpts of the FDA's responses to the QSReg preamble and excerpts from FDA guidance documents related to QMSs.

This book provides a multidisciplinary overview of the design and implementation of systems for remote patient monitoring and healthcare. Readers are guided step-by-step through the components of such a system and shown how they could be integrated in a coherent framework for deployment in practice. The authors explain planning from subsystem design to complete integration and deployment, given particular application constraints. Readers will benefit from descriptions of the clinical requirements underpinning the entire application scenario, physiological parameter sensing techniques, information processing approaches and overall, application dependent system integration. Each chapter ends with a discussion of practical design challenges and two case studies are included to provide practical examples and design methods for two remote healthcare systems with different needs.

Providing scientific and technical in-depth information in a clear format with a homogeneous structure, this text is suited for educational and self-teaching purposes as well as a reference on titanium for biomedical applications. It covers the whole area relevant to the use of titanium for implants, devices and instruments in medicine: material and surface science, physics, chemistry, biology, medicine, quality and regulatory aspects.

This volume constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 21st EuroSPI conference, held in Luxembourg, in June 2014. The 18 revised papers presented together with 11 invited papers in this volume were carefully reviewed and selected. They are organized in topical sections on SPI and very small entities; process improvement frameworks; testing and improvement issues; SPI and people issues; SPI and quality issues; software processes in various contexts. The volume also contains selected keynote papers from EuroSPI workshops and invited papers covering the topic of creating environments supporting innovation and improvement.

This book will be a substantial revision, which will reflect the new version of the ISO 13485:2016. This represents the standard protocols that all medical device manufacturers must follow, in the fabrication of their products. It will focus on changes in the structure of the quality management system; change in the documentation for quality managemeent systems and finally, present the different methods of implementation of the standard requirements within the organization.This new version was initiated in 2016, thus all apprpriate enterprises using the old standard must convert to the new version, now available.The Second Edition will clarify, explain and demonstrate the new version.

Pharmaceutical Care in Digital Revolution demonstrates how blending human and digital pharmaceutical care can establish optimal Apothecary Intelligence (AI). Organized into four parts, it examines digital health advances that will synergize the pharmaceutical care process and prepares stakeholders for a dynamic future, fueled with innovation. Beginning with the global picture on health care systems, patients’ expectations, and current pharmaceutical care practices, the book covers details of relevant digital technologies as well as compliance, ethical, educational, and cultural aspects to take successful steps towards digital pharmaceutical care. The text includes links to lectures and technology facts, tutorials on how to implement advances in your own working environment, and examples of stakeholders who are successful in building synergy between digital and pharma. Pharmaceutical Care in Digital Revolution is a practical resource to equip pharmaceutical care stakeholders, such as pharmacists, physicians, pharmacy technicians, and students as well as those in surrounding ecosystems like payers or regulators. It is a crucial reference to understand how technological innovation is changing the paradigm in which we provide current and future pharmaceutical care and how to keep it accessible, affordable, and sustainable. Learn about advances in digital health technology and apply them as a change leader to create circular pharmaceutical care Provides insights on future pharmaceutical care and implement essential conditions to create the best outlook for patients Access links, QR codes, and explanatory animations as educational material to the book

Plastics in Medical Devices: Properties, Requirements, and Applications, Third Edition provides a comprehensive overview on the main types of plastics used in medical device

applications. The book focuses on the applications and properties that are most important in medical device design, such as chemical resistance, sterilization capability and biocompatibility. The roles of additives, stabilizers and fillers as well as the synthesis and production of polymers are covered and backed up with a wealth of data tables. The book also covers other key aspects in detail, including regulations, compliance, purchasing controls and supplier controls, and process validation. This updated edition has been thoroughly revised with regard to new plastic materials, applications and requirements. This is a valuable resource for engineers, scientists and managers involved in the design and manufacture of medical devices. Presents detailed coverage of commercially available plastics used in medical device applications, organized by polymer type and supported by data Includes up-to-date regulatory requirements and practical information on purchasing and supplier controls, process validation and risk management Supports the development, marketing and commercialization of medical devices and materials for use in medical devices

The regulation of potentially hazardous substances has become a controversial issue. This volume evaluates past efforts to develop and use risk assessment guidelines, reviews the experience of regulatory agencies with different administrative arrangements for risk assessment, and evaluates various proposals to modify procedures. The book's conclusions and recommendations can be applied across the entire field of environmental health.

Worldwide, the population ageing is a reality. The concept of Active Ageing, adopted by the World Health Organization, aims to guarantee quality ageing and appears as a strategy to solve this demographic challenge. The technological solutions might have a key role in the promotion of human functioning and in the mitigation of disabilities, particularly those resulting from the natural ageing process. This perspective is evident in the development of Ambient Assisted Living (AAL) solutions. In this context, it is relevant to know about the recent developments in AAL and discuss future trends and challenges in this area. One of the objectives of this book is to do a systematic literature review on AAL, not only considering the technology used, but also the health condition that is intended to improve. For this purpose, we consider the human functioning, in particular the conceptual model of International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health (ICF). Considering that the ICF conceptual framework is accepted within the healthcare domain, the use of its concepts and terminologies to promote multidisciplinary approaches for AAL solutions development processes can help to overcome difficulties of communication between users, careers and technological developers. AAL solutions must consider in their development the needs of the person that will use AAL solutions. The development must be user-centred and usability questions cannot be forgotten. In addition, the acceptance of the AAL solutions is closely related to the quality of the systems, so it is necessary to appropriately assess these solutions.

The ASQ Certified Medical Device Auditor Handbook (formerly The Biomedical Quality Auditor Handbook) was developed by the ASQ Medical Device Division (formerly Biomedical Division) in support of its mission to promote the awareness and use of quality principles, concepts, and technologies in the medical device community. It principally serves as a resource to candidates preparing for the Certified Medical Device Auditor (CMDA) certification exam. The fourth edition of this handbook has been reorganized to align with the 2020 certification exam Body of Knowledge (BoK) and reference list. The combination of this handbook with other reference materials can provide a well-rounded background in medical device auditing. Updates to this edition include: • A discussion of data privacy, data integrity principles, and the Medical Device Single Audit Program (MDSAP) • Current information about federal and international regulations • New content regarding human factors and usability engineering, general safety and performance requirements, labeling, validation, risk management, and cybersecurity considerations • A thorough explanation of quality tools and techniques

This volume constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 22st EuroSPI conference, held in Ankara, Turkey, in September/October 2015.The 18 revised papers presented together with 9 selected key notes and workshop papers were carefully reviewed and selected from 49 submissions. They are organized in topical sections on SPI themed case studies; SPI approaches in safety-critical domains; SPI in social and organizational issues; software process improvement best practices; models and optimization approaches in SPI; SPI and process assessment; creating environments supporting innovation and improvement; social aspects of SPI: conflicts, games, gamification and other social approaches; risk management and functional safety management.