

Standardizing Quality Submissions and Assessments: PQ/CMC and KASA

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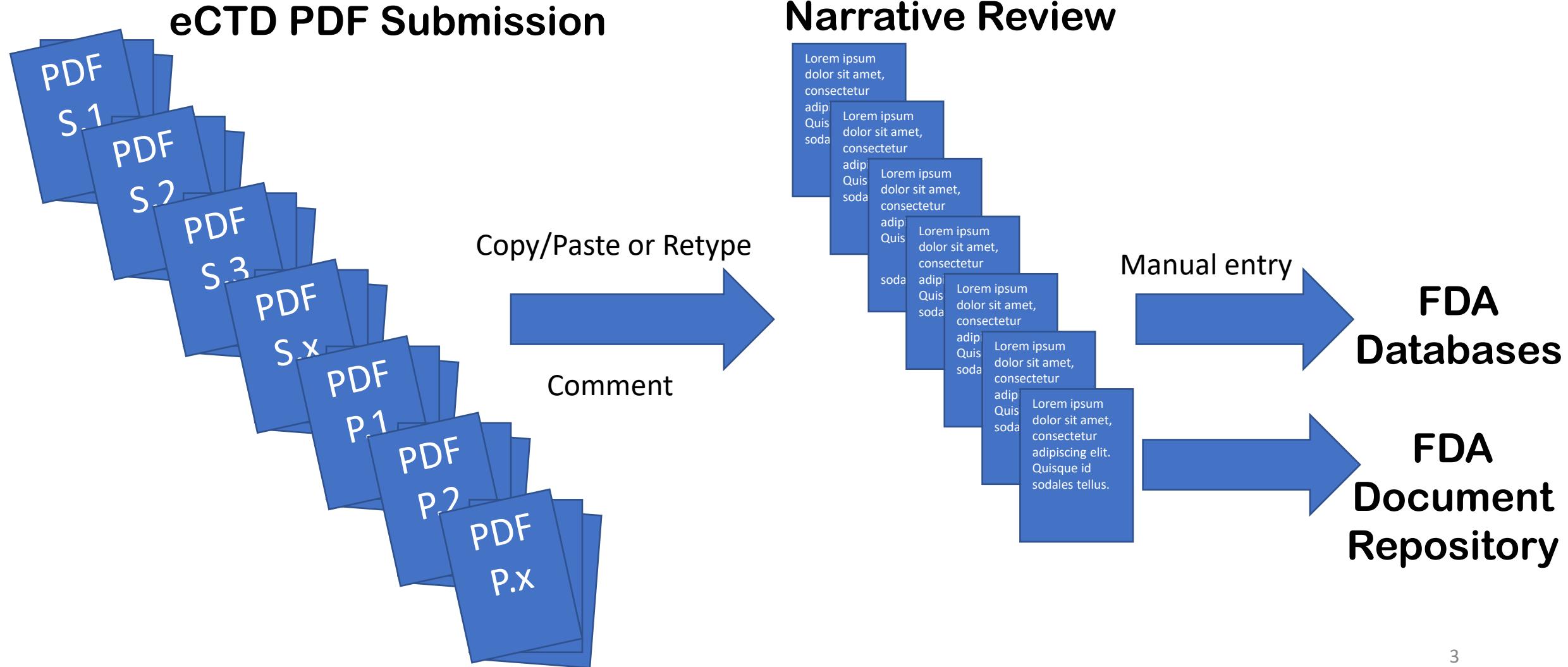
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Learning Objectives

- Describe the PQ/CMC vision
- Explain what's been done so far
- Describe the role of ICH and the ISO IDMP standards
- Explain the ongoing work & its challenges
- Describe what applicants might do to prepare for the future of structured applications

Current Module 3 Submission Model



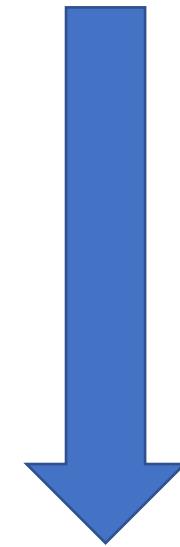
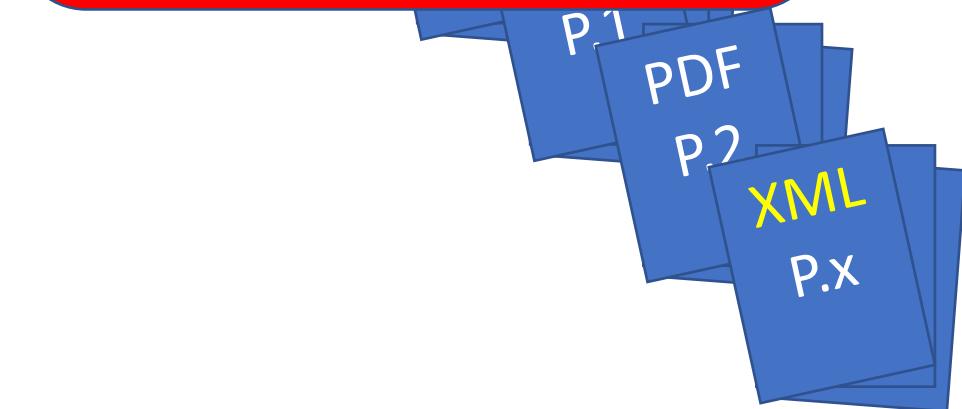
Possible Future Module 3 Submission Model

eCTD “M3 structured data & document Submission”



FDA
Document
Repository

Will become a required format under FD&C Act Section 745A, 2-years after publication of a final guidance



Auto-populate FDA
Databases & Systems
(e.g., KASA, Facilities, Unit Operations)

PQ/CMC and KASA

- PQ/CMC (Pharmaceutical Quality/Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls
 - Standardize & structured eCTD **submissions**
 - XML, JSON and HL7 FHIR
 - Controlled vocabularies for drop-down lists
- KASA (Knowledge-Aided Assessment and Structured Application System:
 - Pre-populated structured **assessments**
 - Risk-ranking algorithms
 - Pre-analyzed data, e.g., linear regression of stability data
 - Data analytics
 - Comparison to historical data
 - Lifecycle knowledge management
- Implementation of PQ/CMC will significantly enhance the KASA system, by removing manual data entry

What we've done

- Assembled SMEs across CDER, CBER & CVM
- Modeled Specification, Components and Composition, Impurities, Batch Analysis and Stability
- Standardized terminology and definitions
- Tested proof of Concept with 5 PhRMA firms
- Harmonized data elements with the KASA system
- Collaborated with stakeholders and other interested parties

What we've Published

- Federal Register
 - 2017 FR Notice*: Phase 1 PQ/CMC Terms and Definitions
 - Main comments: Our Response
 - Effort should be international: Response (next slide)
 - Terminology should conform to ISO IDMP**: Response
 - Completed a 157-page mapping document
 - Held a collaborative mapping webinar with PhRMA
 - 2022 FR Notice***: PQ/CMC to HL7 FHIR Mapping
 - Comments period closed May 17
 - Received comments from 8 parties

Visit FDA PQ/CMC webpage

<https://www.fda.gov/industry/fda-data-standards-advisory-board/pharmaceutical-qualitychemistry-manufacturing-controls-pqcmc>

* <http://go.usa.gov/xNe8S>

** Identification of Medicinal Products (5 ISO standards) <http://go.usa.gov/xzuxc>

*** <http://go.usa.gov/xzVdc>

PQ/CMC and ICH

- “Structured Product Quality Submissions” (SPQS) accepted as a topic by the ICH Assembly
- Prioritized as follows:
 - After Q13 completes Step1/Step 2 (Step 2b completed:27 July 2021)
 - New M4-Q (CTD-Q) Expert Working Group in progress with FDA’s Lawrence Yu as Rapporteur
 - SPQS group formation to be determined by new M4-Q EWG
- FDA’s PQ/CMC will continue

Identification of Medicinal Products (IDMP)

- Goal: Define data elements and structures for the unique identification and exchange of medicinal product information
- Five standards:
 - Substances (ISO 11238)
 - Pharmaceutical dose forms, units of presentation, routes of administration and packaging (ISO 11239)
 - Units of measurement (ISO 11240)
 - Regulated pharmaceutical product information (ISO 11616)
 - Regulated medicinal product information (ISO 11615)

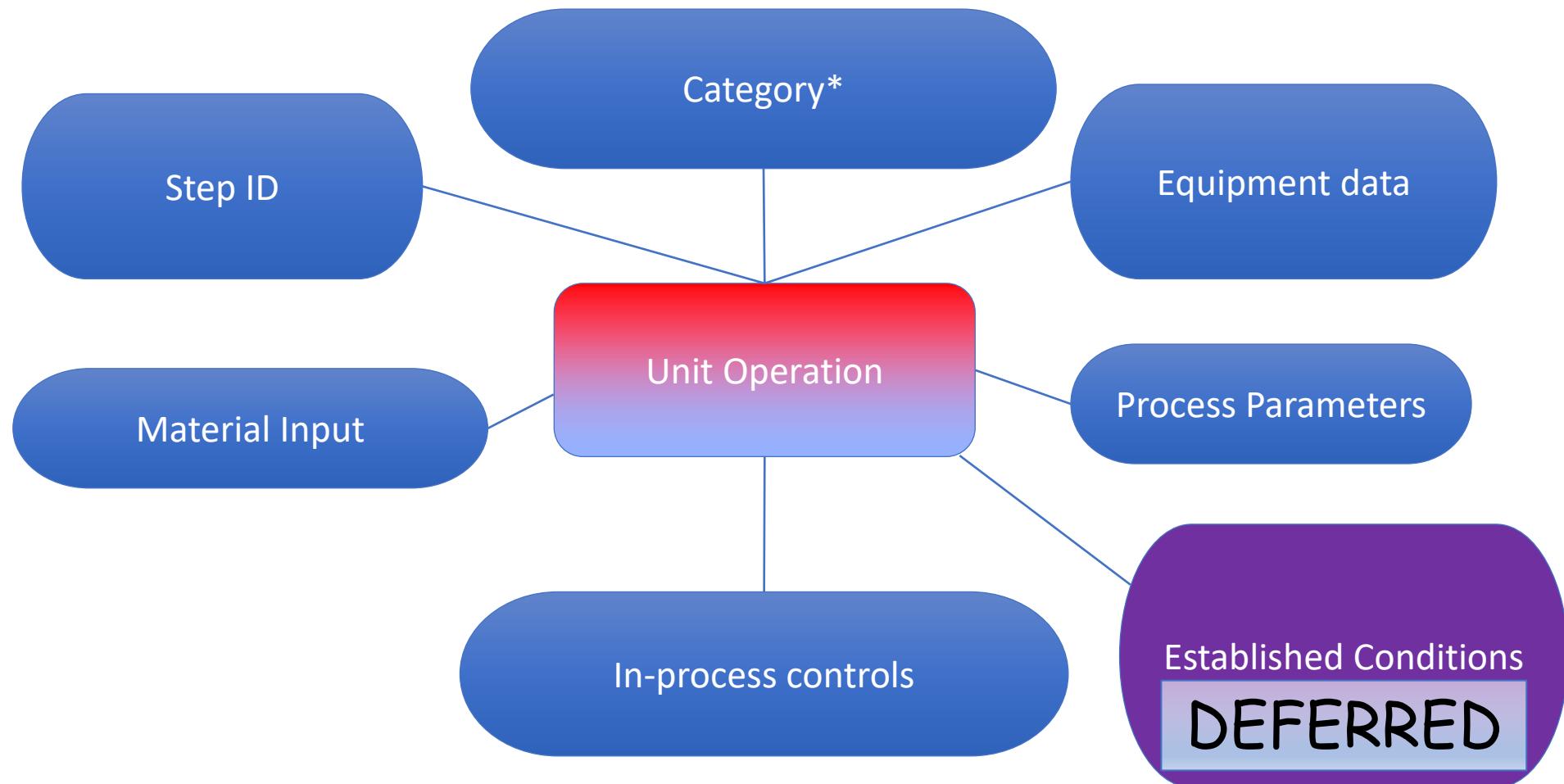
“Terminology should conform to ISO IDMP”

- Mapping is problematic, e.g., different granularity
- Many code lists are deferred to regional implementation (e.g., MPID)
- Some terms are regionally mandated (e.g., US FD&C statute requires USP, EU mandates EDQM)
- Some regions have multiple code lists used in different contexts, e.g., FDA has four dosage form lists in use
 - USP terminology is required by FD&C Act in labeling
 - SPL uses a list from the NCI Enterprise Vocabulary Service
 - Orange book uses a list for acceptable ANDA submissions
 - ICH allows for the EDQM list as an option for E2B submissions
- PQ/CMC terminology will be aligned with where possible, but conformance frequently not feasible

Standardized Terminology & Definitions

- Why
 - Eliminates confusion about synonyms, potentially synonymous terms
 - Enables an ontology (i.e., properties and the relations between them)
 - Permits data analytics
(e.g., how many assay procedures use CZE, for what classes of drugs, is this better than HPLC for certain drug classes)
 - Facilitates risk-ranking
- Controlled vocabularies (ISO: coded concepts)
 - Enables drop-down lists & data analytics
 - E.g., “Ingredient role” for PQ/CMC (Active, Inactive, Adjuvant)

Drug Product Unit Operations



* From 2014 “SUPAC: Manufacturing Equipment Addendum Guidance for Industry”

Typical WG Meeting Activity

PQ/CMC - KASA - Trk 2 meeting - 8/6/2021 --Harmonization Notes for Excipient Function Names				
#	KASA Excipient Function List	PQ/CMC Excipient Function Names Mapping to KASA list	NEW values to be added to PQ/CMC Excipient Function Names List	Recommendations/ Notes for KASA & PQ/CMC
1	API	NA		
2	Acidifier	pH Modifier		
3	Adhesive	Adhesive		
4	Alkalizing Agent	pH Modifier		
5	Anti-Adherent	Lubricant		
6	Anti-foaming Agent	GAP	NEW - Anti-foaming Agent	
7	Antioxidant	Antioxidant		
8	Anti-static Agent	GAP	NEW- Anti-static Agent	
9	Anti-tacking Agent	Lubricant		
10	Binder	Binder		
11	Buffer	Buffering agent		
12	Chelating Agent	Chelating agent		
13	Colorant	Organoleptic agent		
14	Crystallization inhibitor	GAP	NEW- Crystallization inhibitor	
15	Cushioning agent	Filler		
16	Diluent/Filler	??		
17	Disintegrant	Disintegrant		
18	Emulsifier	Emulsifying Excipient		

Notes here on harmonization of:

- Consensus terminology
- Who will make the change



What we plan to do

- Continue external collaboration
 - International Pharmaceutical Regulators Programme
 - International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities
 - ICH M4Q
 - UNICOM
 - Global IDMP Working Group (WHO Uppsala)
 - EMA
 - HL7
 - IRISS IDMP
 - ISO TC215 WG 6 IDMP
 - CTADHL
- Continue internal collaboration
 - FDA IDMP Steering Committee
 - FDA Global Substance Registration System (GSRS)
 - FDA Data Standards Board
 - CDER Data Standards and Data Governance Board
 - CDER Product Data Control Board
- Model other Module 3 (& 2.3 CTD sections)
- Publish a Draft PQ/CMC Guidance (estimated in 2024)

PQ/CMC IDMP Challenges

- In IDMP standards
 - Spun out of ICH initially as a pharmacovigilance topic
 - 11238 SSG 4 specification use case differs from PQ/CMC
 - Not all terms are defined
 - Most controlled vocabulary code (“coded concept”) lists undefined
- PQ/CMC items not included in IDMP
 - Stability
 - Quality data for drug product,
e.g., specification (may include test stages)
 - Quality data for excipients
 - Lifecycle model for specification
 - Batch Analysis Tables
 - Control of Excipients

Challenges

- Standards
 - Diversity e.g., IDMP, UNICOM, SPOR, ICH, CFR, EMA, MEDDRA, EDQM
 - Gaps e.g., controlled vocabulary (CV) for analytical procedures, chemical & physical attributes for characterization, specification, in-process controls; IDMP code lists
- Developing data models & ontologies
- HL7 FHIR vendor support is lagging, although well supported by Clinical vendors
- Internal FDA infrastructure

Conclusion

- PQ/CMC will
 - Substantially change the submission process
 - Necessitate new business processes and infrastructure for FDA and the Applicants
 - Enable alignment with IDMP and other Product Quality efforts
- Years in the future
 - To become a required submission under 745A(a)
 - ICH “Structured Product Quality Submissions”

Preparing for the Structured Data Future

- Follow PQ/CMC, ISO IDMP, SPOR Developments (with e.g., Google alerts)
 - For PQ/CMC, follow [FDA webpage](#)
- Collect & organize your data in line with IDMP, PQ/CMC & EMA's SPOR
 - Apply “Master Data” concepts
 - Group data according to IDMP concepts
 - Drug Substance
 - Drug Product (e.g., regional MPIDs* for all marketing regions)
 - Dosage form (e.g., consider adding an administrable dose form used in PhPID**)
 - Do data cleansing, QC, curation

* MPID: *Regional* Medicinal Product Identifier with three standardized segments described in ISO 11615

** PhPID: *Global* Unique Pharmaceutical Product Identifier, currently an MD5 algorithmically generated 32-digit hash code as described in ISO TS 20415

Challenge Question #1

Which of the following statements is true?

1. PQ/CMC is primarily about application assessments?
2. KASA is primarily about application submissions and their assessments
3. PQ/CMC & KASA are primarily about application submissions and their assessments
4. PQ/CMC will provide the structured data needed for KASA assessments

Challenge Question #2

Which of the following is not true?

- PQ/CMC submission format will become mandatory in 2025
- PQ/CMC attempts first to use existing data standards
- PQ/CMC is now an FDA only project
- PQ/CMC has published two Federal Register notices