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# ICH Q7 Chapter 6: Documentation, Records, Data Integrity



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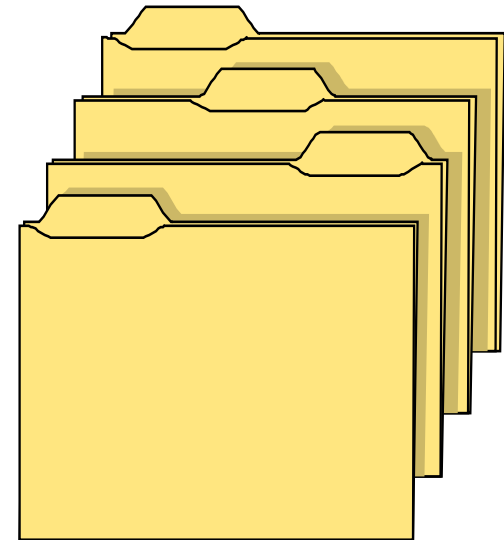
- **Documentation System and Specifications (6.1)**
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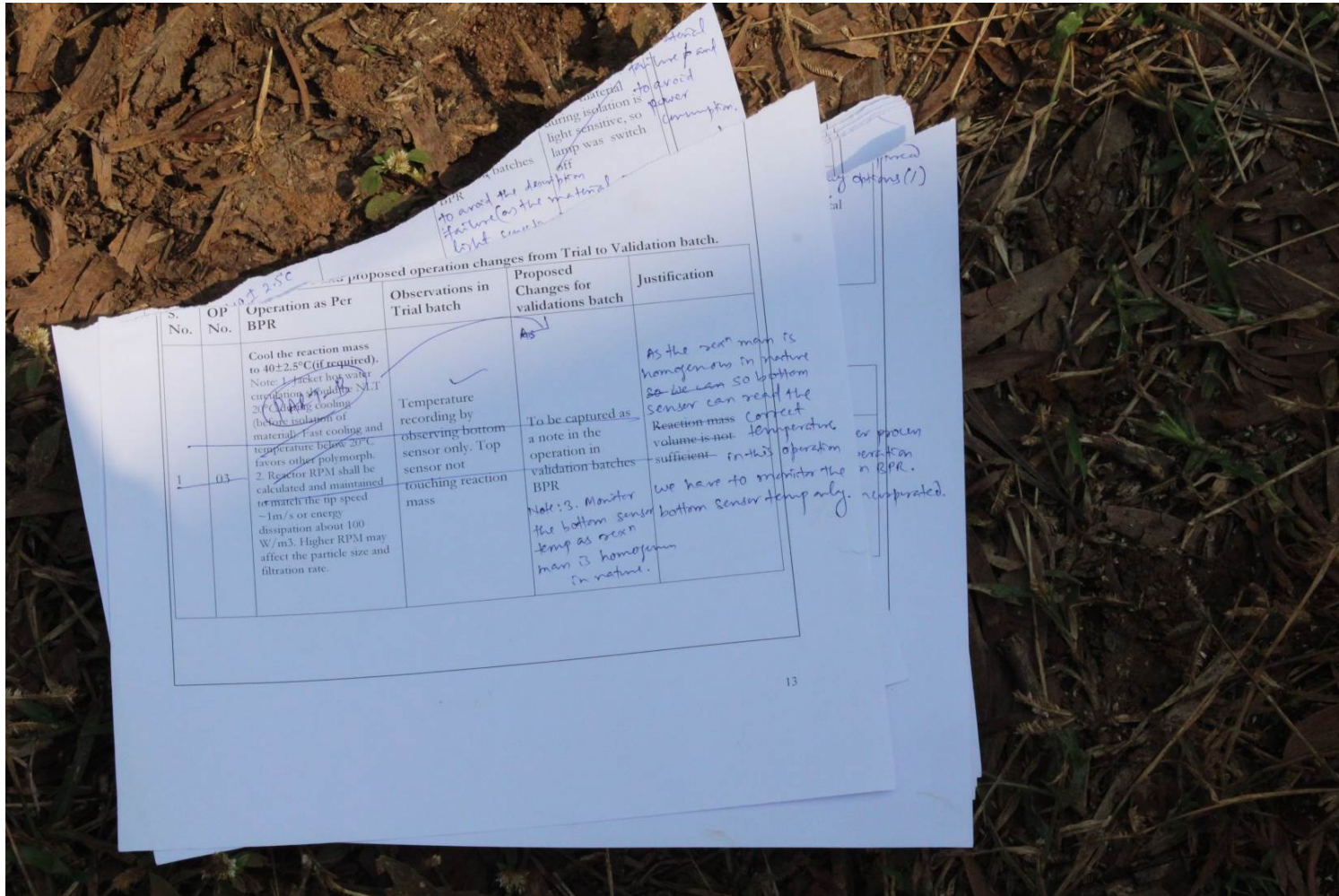
# 6.1 Doc System & Specifications

- **Record retention (6.13, 6.15)**
  - **What?**
    - Production records, Control records, Distribution records
  - **How long?**
    - At least 1 year after expiry date
    - At least 3 years after complete distribution of the batch for APIs with retest date
- ◆ *Legal provisions and/or customer requirements may require a longer retention period to ensure availability of API records along the life of the drug product*

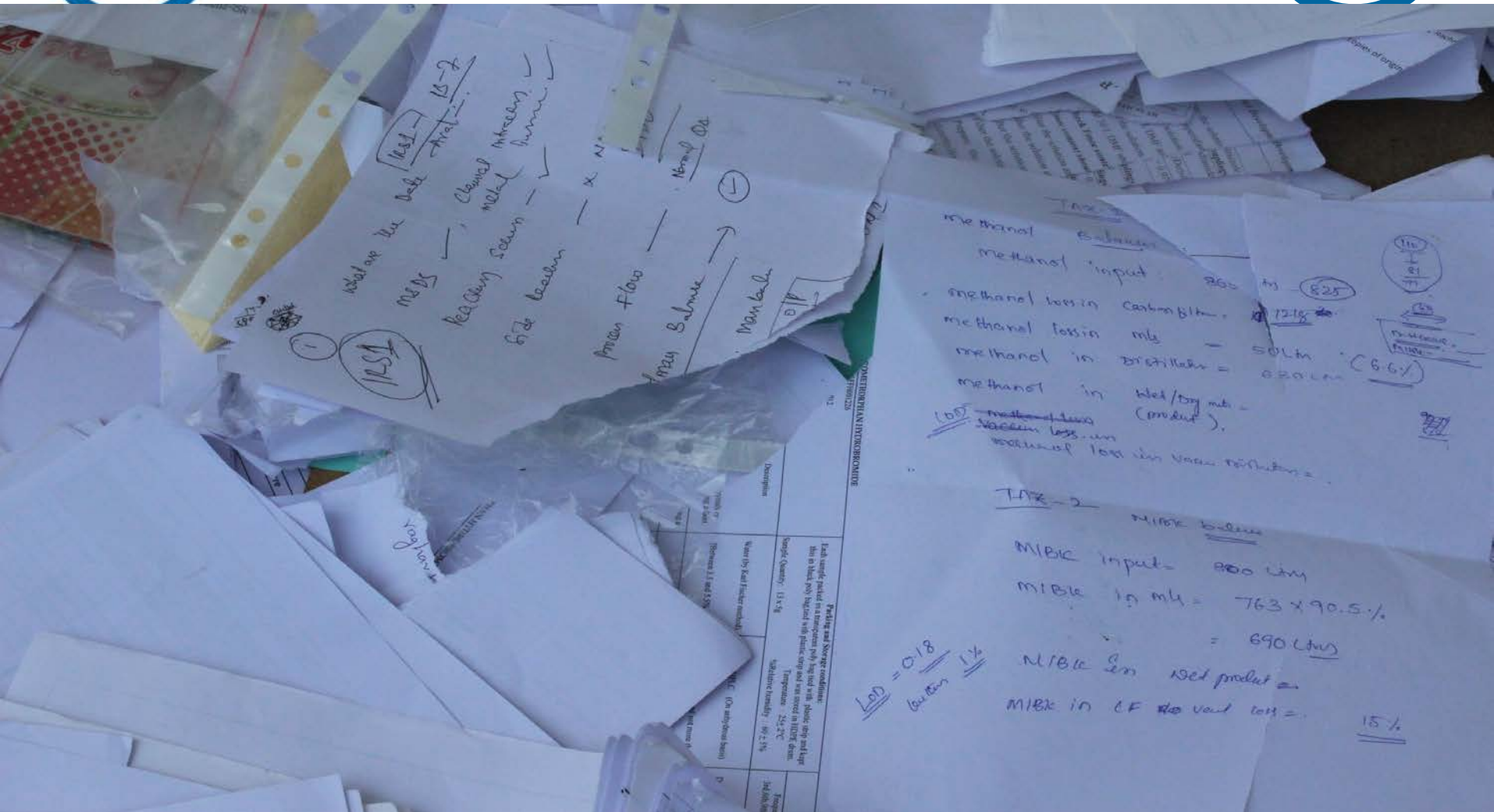
# 6.1 Doc System & Specifications

- **Should have procedures to describe**
  - Issuance, review, approval and distribution of documents (6.10 / 6.11)
  - Revision history (6.12)
  - Record retention
    - Documents can be in paper or electronic form









# 6.1 Doc System & Specifications

- **Record retention (6.13-6.16)**

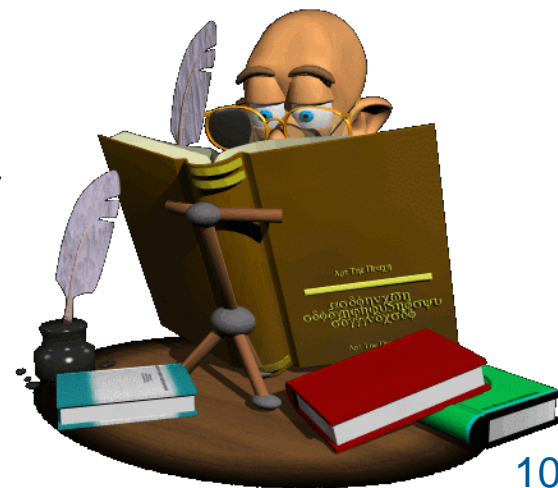
- Records may be retained as originals or true copies (accurate reproductions)
- Originals or copies should be available at the establishment where the activity occurred
- Prompt retrieval from another location by electronic or other means is acceptable
- If reduction techniques (microfilm) or electronic records are used, suitable retrieval equipment and means to produce hard copy should be readily available

◆ *Maintain the capability to read the records (e.g. IT)*



## 6.1 Doc System & Specifications

- **Entries in records should (6.14)**
  - Be indelible  
*(incapable of being removed, erased or washed away)*
  - Made in spaces provided
  - Made directly after performing the activity (2.15)
  - ◆ *Back dated data question the reliability of all data*
  - Identify the person making the entry
  - ◆ *It is a good practice a second person checking the raw data and the completed record*



# 6.1 Doc System & Specifications

- **Corrections (6.14)**

- Leave the original entry readable
- Dated
- Signed

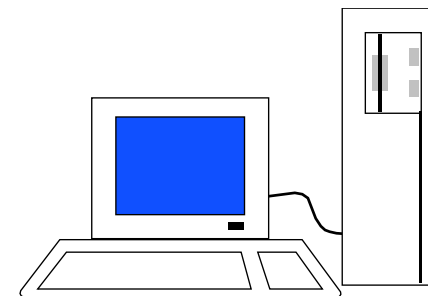
◆ *Anything more than obvious corrections there should be an explanation of the why.*

## 6.1 Doc System & Specifications

- **Signature can be (6.14)**
  - Full handwritten signature
  - Authenticated and secure electronic signature
  - Initials
- ◆ *Initials are preferably unique to individuals*
- ◆ *A correlation list is needed to retrieve the full name*

## 6.1 Doc System & Specifications

- **Electronic signatures (if used) should be (6.18)**
  - Authenticated
  - Secure
- ◆ *An electronic signature should be equivalent security to a pen signature (e.g. unique to the individual)*



## 6.2 Equip Cleaning & Use Record

- **Records of major equipment (6.20)**
  - Use
  - Cleaning
  - Sanitization and / or sterilization (if performed)
  - Maintenance
- ◆ *Unique records per major equipment has shown to be helpful*
- ◆ *Traceability should also be available to auxiliary equipment*

## 6.2 Equip Cleaning & Use Record

- **These records should include (6.20)**
  - Date
  - Time (if appropriate)
  - Product
  - ◆ *including the manufacturing step*
    - Batch number
    - Person performing cleaning and maintenance
  - ◆ *Note: Making sure that the premises and equipment are maintained and records kept (2.3-7)*

## 6.2 Equip Cleaning & Use Record

- **Dedicated equipment (6.21)**
  - Individual equipment records not necessary if batches follow in traceable sequence
  - Records of cleaning, maintenance and use can be part of batch record or maintained separately
- ◆ *Attention should be given to auxiliary equipment*

## 6.3 Records of Materials

- **For raw materials, intermediates, API packaging and labelling (6.30)**
  - Name of manufacturer
  - Identity and quantity of each shipment of each batch
  - Name of supplier
  - Supplier's control number or identity number
  - Number allocated on receipt
  - Date of receipt




## 6.3 Records of Materials

- **For raw materials, intermediates, API packaging and labelling (6.30) (cont.)**
  - Results of any test or examination and conclusion
  - Records tracing use
  - ◆ *Attention should be given on dispensing activities and with tailings*
    - Final decision regarding rejected materials
    - Master (approved) labels should be maintained for comparison to issued labels (6.31)

# Clarification of terms

- **Master Production Instruction**
  - Master recipe or SOP
- **Batch Production Record**
  - Record of actual batch produced
- ◆ *No single preferred or correct system*
  - *Some companies include the blanks to be completed in the Master Instruction so that instructions and results are one document*
  - *Some companies have instruction as one document and then a separate very short document for recording results*
- ◆ *Pay attention in case of updates of individual documents and other affected documents including registration filing*

## 6.4 Master Production Instructions

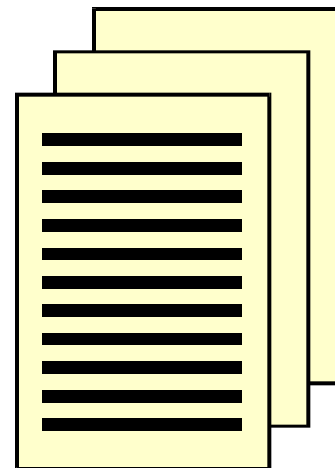
- **A Master Production Instruction should include (6.41)**
  - Name of intermediate or API being manufactured
  - Identifying document reference code
  - Complete list of raw materials and intermediates
  - Accurate statement of the quantity or ratio of each material to be used (including unit of measure)
  - Major production equipment to be used
  - Special notations or precautions  (e.g. *safety instructions*)
  - Instructions for storage of intermediate or API where appropriate

## 6.4 Master Production Instructions

- **A Master Production Instruction should include**
  - Detailed production instructions
    - Sequences to be followed
    - Ranges of process parameters
    - Sampling instructions
    - In-process controls with acceptance criteria
    - Time limits
    - Expected Yield
  - ◆ *The quantity of material or the percentage of theoretical yield anticipated at any appropriate phase of production based on previous laboratory, pilot scale, or manufacturing*
  - ◆ *Separate Master Production Instructions (Master Batch Record) are needed for rework / reprocessing*

## 6.5 Batch Production Records

- **Should be prepared for each intermediate and API (6.50)**
- **Should include complete information relating to production and control of the batch (6.50)**



## 6.5 Batch Production Records

- **Prior to issuing for use (6.51)**
  - Checked that it is the correct version and a legible accurate reproduction of the master
  - Numbered with a unique batch or identification number, dated and signed
- ◆ *In case of an update of the Master Production Instructions ensure the unused copies of the older version are destroyed*

## 6.5 Batch Production Records

- **Documentation of completion of each significant step should include (6.52)**
  - Dates
  - Times, when appropriate
  - Identity of major equipment
  - Specific information for each material used
    - Weights or amount
    - Batch or identification number
- ◆ *In continuous production, the product code, date and time can serve as the unique identifier until final number is allocated*

## 6.5 Batch Production Records

- **Documentation of completion of each significant step should include (6.52)**
  - Actual results for critical process parameters
    - ◆ *Highlight critical parameters in the batch record in an appropriate manner*
  - Sampling
  - Signatures of persons
    - Performing each critical step in the operation
    - Directly supervising or checking critical step
  - In-process or lab test results
  - Actual yield



## 6.5 Batch Production Records

- **Documentation of completion of each significant step should include (6.52)**
  - Description of packaging and label
  - Representative label
  - Results of release testing
  - Any deviation noted
  - Investigation (if appropriate)
    - ◆ *Critical deviations should be investigated*
    - ◆ *Initiate investigations in a timely manner*
    - ◆ *Investigation should extend to other batches that may be associated*

## 6.6 Laboratory Control Records

- **Complete data from all tests conducted (6.60)**
- **Description of sample (6.60)**
  - Material name or source
  - Batch number or other distinctive code
  - Date taken
  - Quantity and date received for testing (where appropriate)
- **Reference to test method used (6.60)**
- **Weight or measure of sample used (6.60)**

## 6.6 Laboratory Control Records

- **Data on preparation and testing of (6.60)**
  - Reference standards, Reagents, Standard solutions
- **Complete record of raw data generated in addition to graphs, charts, and spectra (6.60)**
  - ◆ *Manage the transcription of data into an electronic system (e.g. LIMS) by appropriate controls*
  - ◆ *Traceability to the reference standard / spectrum used*
  - ◆ *There must be a clear and permanently recorded audit trail of any amendments to raw electronic data*
- **Record of calculations including (6.60)**
  - Units of measure, Conversion factors, Equivalency factors

## 6.6 Laboratory Control Records

- **Statement of test results and comparison with acceptance criteria (6.60)**
- **Signature of person who performed each test (6.60)**
- **Date the test was performed (6.60)**
- **Date and signature of person reviewing for (6.60)**
  - Accuracy
  - Completeness
  - Compliance with established standards

## 6.6 Laboratory Control Records

- **Any modification to an analytical method (6.61)**
  - ◆ *Handle under change control*
- **Calibration of lab instruments (6.61)**
  - ◆ *Consider difference on ‘calibration’ versus ‘verification’ in a daily operations*
  - ◆ *Contractors should follow the companies procedures*
- **Stability testing on APIs (6.61)**
- **Out of specification (OoS) investigations (6.61)**



## 6.7 Batch Records Review

- **Review of batch production record and lab control records before batch is released or distributed (6.70)**
  - According to written procedure
  - Any deviations, investigations or OoS should be included in this review
  - ◆ *... and conclude before release*
- **Review by quality unit for critical process steps (6.71)**
- **Non-critical process steps may be (6.71)**
  - Reviewed by qualified production personnel
  - Following procedures approved by quality unit
  - ◆ *Independency of the review must be given*

## 6.7 Batch Records Review

- **Quality unit is responsible for releasing or rejecting all APIs** (*Section 2.22-1*)
- **Quality unit can delegate to production the authority for release of intermediates** (6.73)
  - Except intermediates that are sold (“*shipped outside the control of the manufacturing company*”)

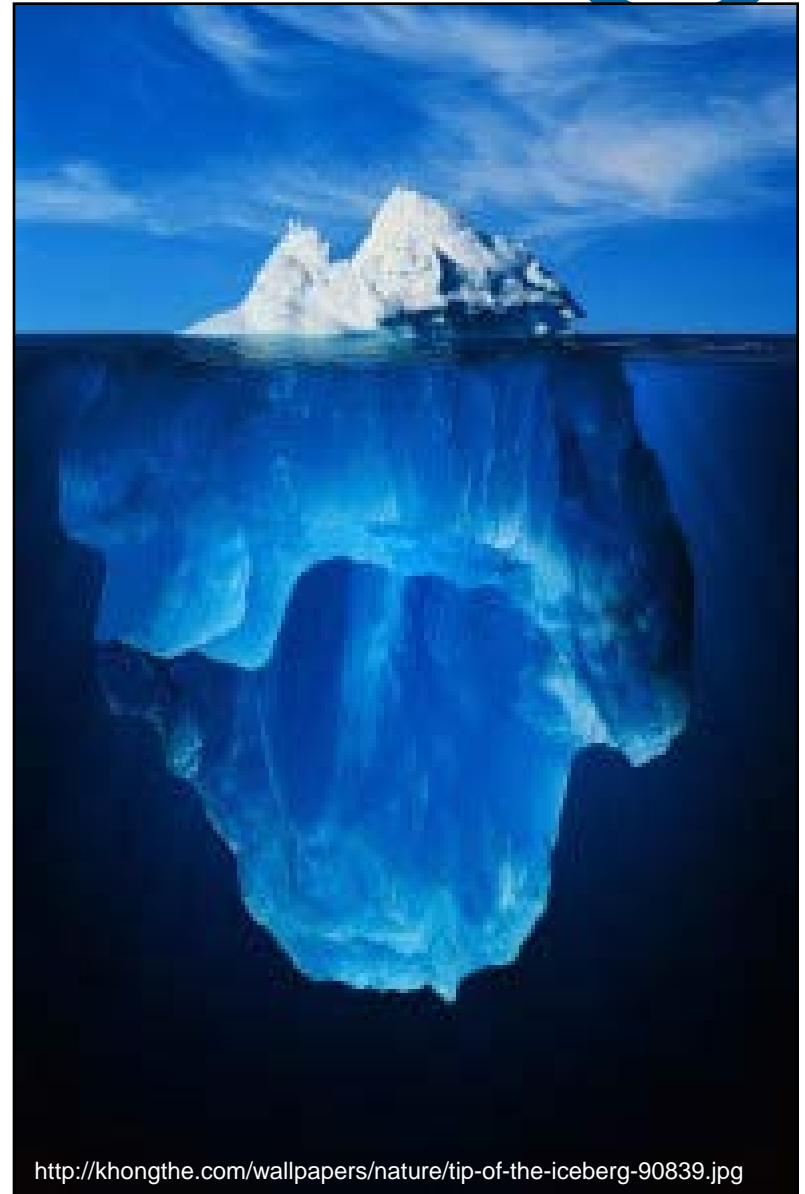
# Data Integrity

**CGMP – minimum requirements**

**Data integrity underpins CGMP**

**Lapses obscure other problems**

**Tip of iceberg**





# What is Data Integrity?

***Data integrity*** – requirements for complete, consistent, and accurate data.

**The concept of data integrity underpins CGMPs.**

**Applies to CGMP and Good Clinical Practice (ICH E6).**

## ALCOA

Attributable

Legible

Contemporaneous

Original or true copy

Accurate

# Data Integrity Failure Examples

## Common problems:

- Lack of controlled access to computer systems
- “Trial” HPLC injections
  - Trial injections in stand alone equipment, outside a quality structure
- Deleted data
- Not recording activities contemporaneously
- Backdating
- Fabricating data
- Copying existing data as new data
- Re-running samples

# Why is data integrity important?

- **FDA depends on reliability of information to ensure drug quality**
- **A data integrity breach (records, electronic) breaks confidence**
- **FDA relies on firms to do the right thing when we are not there.**
- **FDA GMP surveillance inspections are usually focused to determine adherence to CGMPs, not to verify all data. Changing due to recent events.**



# Data Integrity (e.g.)

- **Manufacturing**

- Torn Batch Production Records found in a trash can. Upon further followup, we found that batches had failed blend uniformity testing
- Records (e.g., batch, training) fabricated during the inspection.
- Shadow/Show factories; equipment and records removed during inspection.

# Examples of BDI

- **Quality Control Data**

- Destruction of raw data not meeting specification
- Missing raw data
- Re-writing laboratory notebooks
- Unjustified invalidation of data and re-testing without a laboratory investigation



# Examples of BDI

- **Microbiological testing**

- Growth on microbiological plates was observed and recorded as no growth
- The plates were double checked by a second employee
- This happened at three unrelated firms manufacturing sterile finished dosage forms

# Examples of BDI

- **Making up records during an FDA inspection**
  - Batch records
  - Training records
  - Removing records and equipment before the inspection

# Key Messages

- **Documents need to be managed: issued, distributed, when and where used, reviewed, archived etc.**
- **Documentation system needs to be described and maintained appropriately**
  - Equipment, Cleaning & Use Record
  - Records of Materials
  - Master production instructions, batch record and batch record review
  - Laboratory Control Records



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