

Deviation Management

Audit Readiness Checklist

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I. DOCUMENTATION

	Yes	No	NA
Deviation Procedures			
Are there documented procedures for managing deviations?			
Are procedures easily accessible to relevant personnel?			
Deviation Reports			
Are all deviations recorded promptly and accurately?			
 Do deviation reports include detailed descriptions of the deviation, including time, date, and involved personnel? 			
Investigation Records			
Are root cause analyses conducted for all deviations?			
Are investigation records complete and thorough?			
CAPA Documentation			
 Are corrective and preventive actions (CAPA) identified and implemented for each deviation? 			
Are CAPA records documented and reviewed regularly?			

II. PROCESS AND SYSTEM REVIEWS

Deviation Review		
Are deviations reviewed by a designated quality control unit?		
Are deviations categorized based on severity and impact?		

	Yes	No	NA
Root Cause Analysis			
 Are root cause analyses conducted using standardized methods (e.g., Fishbone, 5 Whys)? Are findings from root cause analyses documented and approved? 			
Training			
 Are personnel trained on deviation handling and investigation procedures? Are training records current and complete? 			
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III. REGULATORY COMPLIANCE

Regulatory Guidelines		
 Are deviations evaluated for compliance with relevant regulatory guidelines (FDA, EU GMP, WHO GMP, etc.)? 		
 Are regulatory bodies notified of significant deviations as required? 		
Quality Risk Management		
 Are deviations integrated into the quality risk management system? 		
 Are risks associated with deviations documented and managed? 		

IV. FACILITY AND EQUIPMENT

	Yes	No	NA
Equipment Deviations			
 Are deviations related to equipment documented and evaluated? 			
 Are calibration and maintenance records updated to reflect deviation findings? 			
Facility Deviations			
 Are deviations related to the facility documented and evaluated for impact on product quality and compliance? 			

V. COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION

Deviation Management Team Preparation		
 Is the deviation management team aware of their roles and responsibilities? Are relevant stakeholders involved in the deviation management process? 		
Deviation Review Meetings		
 Are regular meetings held to review and discuss deviations? Are meeting minutes documented and actions tracked? 		
Pre-Audit Review		
 Is a pre-audit review conducted to ensure deviation management readiness? Are potential issues identified and addressed before the audit? 		

VI. FOLLOW-UP AND MONITORING

	Yes	No	NA
Post-Implementation Review			
 Are deviations reviewed after investigation to ensure they are resolved? 			
Is there documented evidence of the review and its findings?			
Monitoring and Reporting			
Are deviations monitored to ensure CAPA effectiveness?			
Are recurring deviations analyzed for patterns and trends?			
Continuous Improvement			
 Are lessons learned from deviations documented and used for continuous improvement? 			
 Are deviation management procedures reviewed and updated based on audit findings? 			

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