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PROCEDURE FOR CORRECTIVE AND PREVENTIVE ACTION

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1. Purpose, scope and users

The purpose of this Procedure is to describe all activities related to the initiation, implementation and keeping of records of corrections, as well as corrective and preventive actions.

This procedure is applied to all potential and incurred nonconformities related to product, process and the Quality Management System (QMS).

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2. Reference documents

- ISO 13485:2016 standard, clauses 8.5.2 and 8.5.3
- MDR 2017/745, article 10(9) and Annex IX – Chapter I
- Procedure for Production and Service Provision
- Internal Audit Procedure

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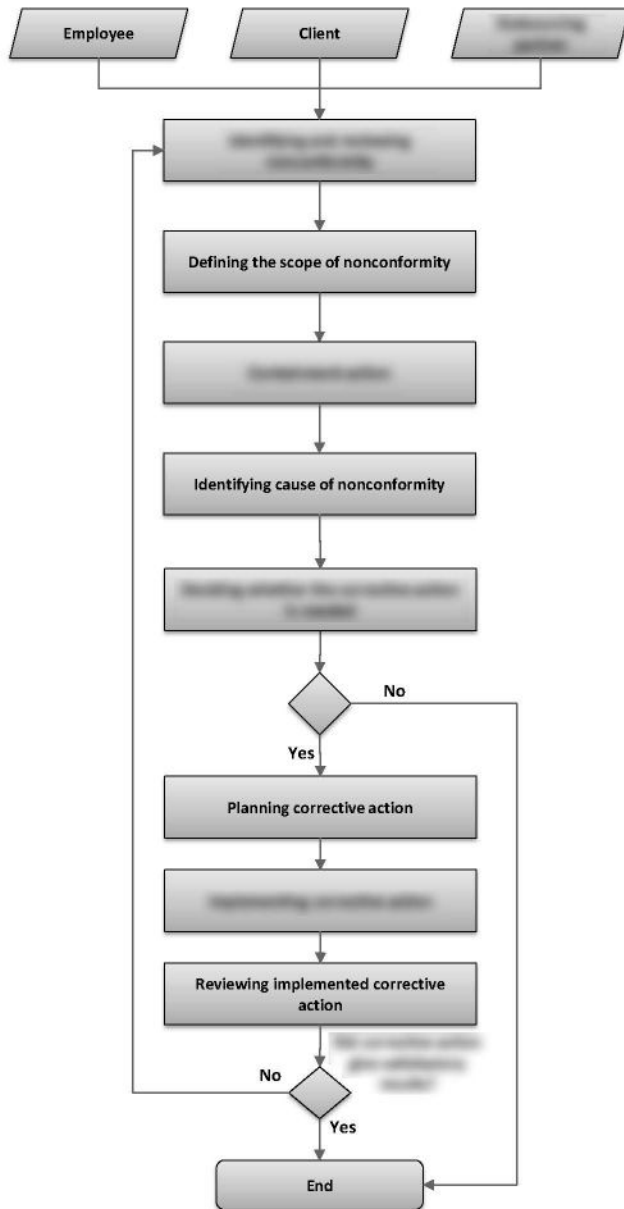
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3. Corrections and corrective actions

3.1. Process flow



3.2. Nonconformities and corrections

Nonconformity is any failure to meet the requirements of the standards, internal documentation, regulations, contractual and other planned arrangements of the QMS. Nonconformities can be identified during an internal or external audit, based on results of the management review, after incidents, during normal business operations or in any other occasion.

Nonconformities shall include responsibility, must take immediate action to control it, contain it and correct it, and the deal with its consequences. The organization is not responsible for such nonconformities, but it must forward information about that nonconformity to a responsible person who must make a correction.

The prerequisite for a successful correction is a clear problem definition and relevant evidence (What, When, Who, Where, and How much (as applicable)). [Job title] must ensure that any corrections as short-term actions are performed in minimal time in order to allow the organization's further functioning.

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Corrective actions shall ensure that nonconformities are performed without undue delay in order to prevent any unnecessary deterioration of the organization's processes.

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Examples of corrections are:

- containment and corrections on products in production processes
- stoppage of shipment / supply (Finished Product – inspection and test records, quality audits, etc.)
- issuance of advisory notice (Regulatory Requirements – result of a regulatory inspection, audits, etc.)
- incident response / training / product recall – identification of root cause and effectiveness (audits, etc.)
- changing or expanding the production process / process controls – by product – operators, work cells, inspection and test records, process control tools, process control parameters, etc.)

3.3. Corrective actions

A corrective action may be initiated by any employee or (where appropriate) client, supplier or outsourcing partner of the organization. Corrective actions shall ensure that changes do not lead to any deterioration, process or a regression within the QMS.

Corrective actions must be appropriate to the consequences of occurred nonconformities that can have a negative influence on:

- business performance of the organization
- products, processes and QMS
- customer satisfaction

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By reviewing corrective actions, [job title] ensures that consequences of the corrective action don't have a negative influence on other parts of the system.

3.4. Implementation of corrective actions

A corrective action is implemented in the following way:

Step	Person responsible for implementation
1. Identifying and reviewing nonconformity	Anyone with a role in the QMS
2. Defining the scope of nonconformity by identifying all processes and products affected by nonconformity	Process owner together with Manager Representative
3. Containment actions that immediately correct nonconformity or prevent recurrence	Person responsible for process in which nonconformity was discovered
4. Identifying root cause of nonconformity	Person responsible for finding nonconformity
5. Identifying if it is needed to initiate corrective action according to severity of nonconformity	Person responsible for finding nonconformity
6. Planning corrective action	Person responsible for the process(es) where the nonconformity has been identified
7. Implementing corrective action	Person responsible for the process(es) where the nonconformity has been identified
8. Monitoring whether the action taken resulted in the elimination of cause of nonconformity	Person responsible for the area where the nonconformity has been identified
9. Monitoring whether the action taken has been an effective action	Process owner together with Manager Representative

Each of the above steps must be recorded in the form for corrective or preventive actions.

After the approval of the corrective action form [AES10], a corrective action plan must be implemented according to [AES11].

[Job title] must ensure that any necessary corrective actions are taken without undue delay.

[AES12] must ensure that the action effectiveness is checked, approved, and as that by [AES13].

4. Preventive actions

The purpose of preventive action is to prevent undesired effects by determining activities aimed at eliminating the cause of a potential nonconformity in order to prevent its occurrence.

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Preventive actions are implemented in the same way as described for corrective actions.

5. Managing records kept on the basis of this document

Record name	Code	Storage		Responsibility
		Retention Time	Format	
Corrective/Preventive Action Request	PR25.1	1 year	Electronic form Paper form	Quality
Registry and Status of Corrective and Preventive Actions	PR25.2	1 year	Electronic form Paper form	Quality

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6. Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Corrective/Preventive Action Request
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