

# **Establishing Electronic Medical Device Report (eMDR) account for submission of reports to FDA**

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# Medical Device Reporting (MDR)

## [Manufacturer's reporting requirements]



REPORTER	WHAT TO REPORT	WHERE	WHEN	Regulation#
<b>Manufacturer (Mfr.)</b>  <b>21 CFR 803.50</b>	Deaths, Serious Injuries	FDA	Within 30 calendar days	21 CFR 803.50(a)(1)
	Malfunctions	FDA	Individual Reports: Within 30 calendar days; Summary Reports: Quarterly (VMSRP) if eligible and self-selected	Individual: 21 CFR 803.50(a)(2)  Summary: 803.19(c)
	Events that require remedial action to prevent an unreasonable risk of substantial harm	FDA	Within 5 work days	21 CFR 803.53(a)
	Supplements (F/U Reports)	FDA	Within 30 calendar days	21 CFR 803.56

Mandatory reporting timeframe begin on the day after the reporting entity becomes aware of:

A reportable event; A request from FDA for 5-day report; Identification of a remedial action (5-day report only); or when a manufacturer acquires additional/corrected information (supplement)

# MDR Reportable Event



- An event that manufacturers or importers become aware of that reasonably suggests that one of their marketed devices:
  - May have caused or contributed to a death or serious injury, or
  - Has malfunctioned and that device or similar device marketed by the manufacturer would be likely to cause or contribute to a death or serious injury, if it were to recur

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Food and Drug Administration

For use by user-facilities, importers, distributors and manufacturers for MANDATORY reporting

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See OMB statement on reuse.

**MEDWATCH**  
FORM FDA 3500A (2/13)

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FDA Use Only

**A. PATIENT INFORMATION**

1. Patient Identifier #1 #2

2. Age at Time of Event:  
or  
Date of Birth: In confidence

3. Sex: ☐ Female ☐ Male

4. Weight: ☐ lbs ☐ kg

**B. ADVERSE EVENT OR PRODUCT PROBLEM**

1. ☐ Adverse Event ☐ Product Problem (e.g., defects/malfunctions)

2. Outcome Attributed to Adverse Event (Check all that apply):

☐ Death: (mm/dd/yyyy) ☐ Disability or Permanent Damage

☐ Life-threatening: (mm/dd/yyyy) ☐ Congenital Anomaly/Birth Defect

☐ Hospitalization - initial or prolonged ☐ Other Serious (Important Medical Events)

☐ Required Intervention to Prevent Permanent Impairment/Damage (Devices)

3. Date of Event (mm/dd/yyyy)

4. Date of This Report (mm/dd/yyyy)

5. Describe Event or Problem

**C. SUSPECT PRODUCT(S)**

1. Name (Give labeled strength & manufacturer) #1 #2

2. Dose, Frequency & Route Used #1 #2

3. Therapy Dates (if unknown, give duration) #1 #2

4. Diagnosis for Use (indication) #1 #2

5. Event Abated After Use Stopped or Dose Reduced? #1 ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Doesn't Apply

6. Lot # #1 #2

7. Exp. Date #1 #2

8. Event Reappeared After Reintroduction? #1 ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Doesn't Apply

9. NDC # or Unique ID #1 ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Doesn't Apply

10. Concomitant Medical Products and Therapy Dates (Exclude treatment of event)

**D. SUSPECT MEDICAL DEVICE**

1. Brand Name

2. Common Device Name 2b. Prefix Code

3. Manufacturer Name, City and State

4. Model # Lot #

5. Operator of Device: ☐ Health Professional ☐ Lay User/Patient ☐ Other

6. Catalog # Expiration Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

7. If Implanted, Give Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

8. Is this a Single-use Device that was Reprocessed and Reused on a Patient? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9. If Yes to Item No. 8, Enter Name and Address of Reprocessor

10. Device Available for Evaluation? (Do not send to FDA) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Returned to Manufacturer on: (mm/dd/yyyy)

11. Concomitant Medical Products and Therapy Dates (Exclude treatment of event)

**E. INITIAL REPORTER**

1. Name and Address

2. Health Professional? ☐ Yes ☐ No

3. Occupation

4. Initial Reporter Also Sent Report to FDA? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unk.

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Submission of a report does not constitute an admission that medical personnel, user facility, importer, distributor, manufacturer or product caused or contributed to the event.

# Unique Device Identifier (UDI)



D. SUSPECT MEDICAL DEVICE	
1. Brand Name	
2a. Common Device Name	
3. Manufacturer Name, City and State	
4. Model #	Lot #
Catalog #	Expiration Date (dd-mmm-yyyy)
Serial #	Unique Identifier (UDI) #

Include the ***full UDI*** including all parentheses and symbols with your adverse event submissions

# Exemptions, Variances, and Alternate Forms of Adverse Event Reporting

- Regulations in 803.19 permit FDA to grant exemptions, variances and alternatives under certain situations and with conditions
- Manufacturers who wish to request a new exemption, variance, or alternative—or to request a modification to an existing exemption—may contact CDRH at [MDRPolicy@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:MDRPolicy@fda.hhs.gov).

# Additional Requirements

## 21 CFR 803.17

- Develop, maintain and implement written MDR procedures
- Have a system in place that ensures access to information that facilitates timely follow up/ inspection by FDA

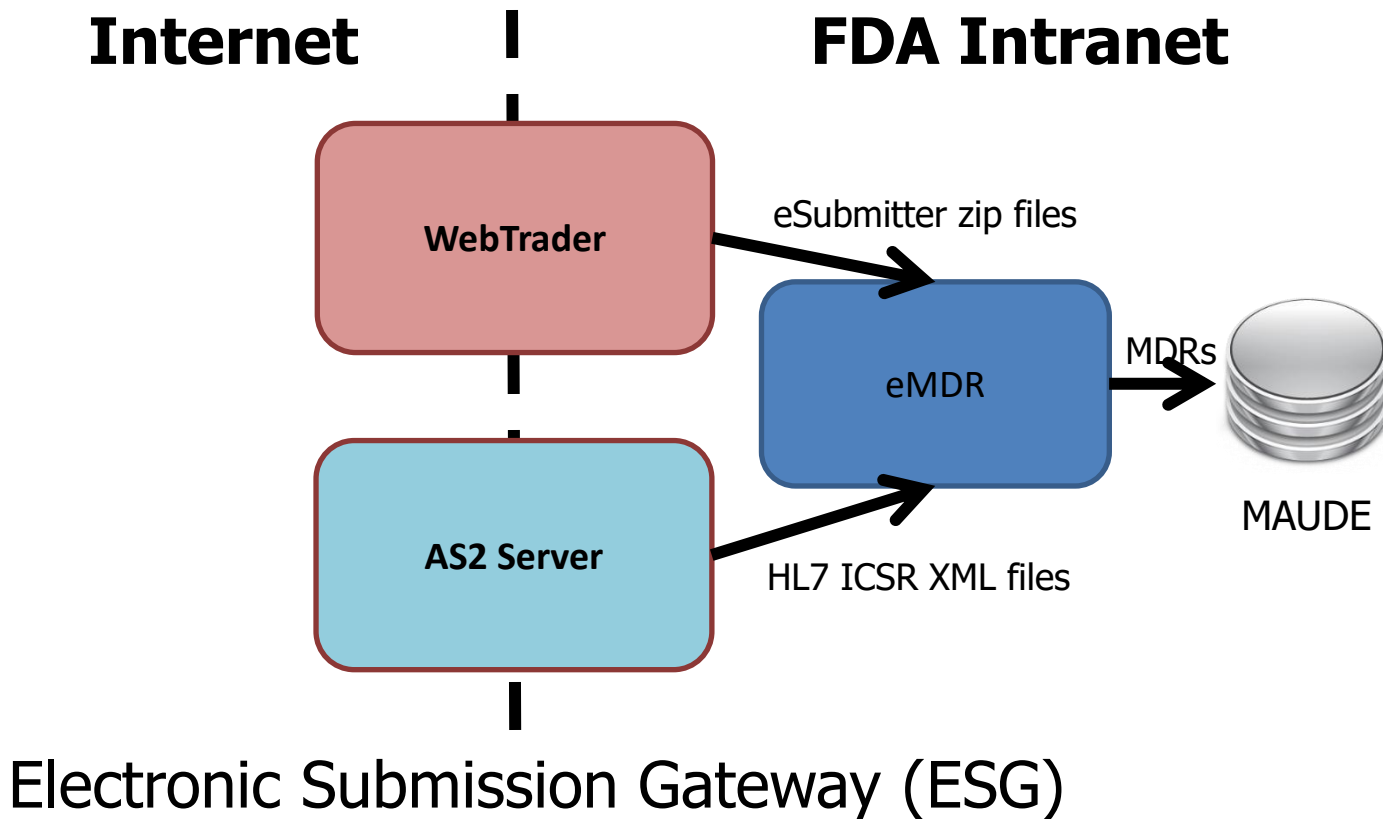
## 21 CFR 803.18

- Establish and maintain MDR event files

## 21 CFR 803.12

- Submit initial and supplemental or follow-up reports to FDA in an electronic format that FDA can process, review, and archive
  - [eMDR – Electronic Medical Device Reporting | FDA](#)

# eMDR Architecture





# eMDR Setup Tasks



## Request ESG Account

- Send an email to [ESGHelpDesk@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:ESGHelpDesk@fda.hhs.gov)



## Preparatory Activities

- Obtain a digital certificate
- Sign letter of non-repudiation



## Complete Test Submissions

- Connectivity Test for ESG
- eMDR Guidance-Complaint Test Submission(s) for eMDR

# eMDR Submission Methods



## Low Volume Reporting:

(provided by FDA)

- eSubmitter: Free downloadable app
- WebTrader: ESG Submission account
- Less effort to set up
- Each report has to be packaged individually

## High Volume Reporting:

(customized by reporter)

- HL7 ICSR and AS2 (customized system)
- More effort to set up
- When attached to its own complaint handling database it may create efficiencies for report submission

# eMDR Guidance-Compliant Test Submissions



Required by CDRH

Should be complete  
MDRs

Report data should not  
be a real event

- Use a real CFN/FEI
- Do not use a previously-sent report number

Send it to Center:  
CDRH with Submission  
Type: Adverse\_Events

Read Ack3 and verify  
that your report  
“passed”

# eMDR Low Volume Method



For test submissions, send your Ack3 to eMDR Helpdesk with production account request

# eMDR Low Volume Method

[eSubmitter Testing Scenario]



Single required submission

Create a complete 3500A in eSubmitter

Submit and verify Ack3 in WebTrader

Send Ack3 to [eMDR@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:eMDR@fda.hhs.gov) and request final account approval

# eSubmitter Best Practices



Only submit a zip file  
generated by FDA's  
eSubmitter application

Ensure that you send  
the zip file, and not a  
folder containing the  
zip file in WebTrader

Do not send a PDF file

eMDR is only reachable  
through WebTrader,  
you cannot mail a CD or  
submit through  
eSubmitter

# eMDR High Volume Method

## Create HL7 ICSR XML

Using their own software

[Complete Packet:  
eMDR Implementation  
Package](#)

**Send XML to eMDR**  
via AS2

## View Acknowledgements

- Ack1 (receipt) sent by ESG
- Ack2 (txt) sent by CDRH
- Ack3 (HTML, XML) sent by eMDR
  - Ack3 contains report number and success/fail

# eMDR High Volume Method



[HL7 Testing Scenario]

## Multiple required submissions

Required

- A complete initial MDR
- A supplemental MDR to submission #1
- An initial MDR with an attachment

Optional

- An initial MDR with section F filled out
- Batch submission (2 reports in 1 XML)

You may request exemption from tests that are not relevant to your firm

Email [eMDR@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:eMDR@fda.hhs.gov) to schedule your firm's final tests for approval

- eMDR Helpdesk will request core IDs and human-readable copies for your final test reports



# HL7 Best Practices

You may develop in-house or purchase COTS

## Perform Internal Testing

- Validate XML produced by your system
- Use XML processing tools to verify schema compliance

Test eMDR system is available for testing at any time

- Verify that your XML passes using Ack3
- You may request a copy of the human-readable report PDF generated by eMDR, for Content Testing

# MDR Acknowledgments



## Ack1 (receipt)

Sent by ESG

Includes:

- timestamp,
- message ID

## Ack2 (txt)

Sent by CDRH

Includes:

- message ID,
- core ID

## Ack3 (HTML, XML)

Sent by eMDR

Includes

- Pass/fail message,
- core ID

### Submission Summary

Environment:	<b>Ack3:</b> This submission has been sent to the TEST system and has been processed by the FDA. Please refer to the Summary section below to determine if this submission has passed or failed.
Submission Type:	Form 3500A - ICSR R2
Core ID:	ci1650401571231.99858@fdslv05766 te1
Batch ID:	1057985-20220419165242
Date Entered:	Tue Apr 19 16:55:42 EDT 2022
Summary:	passed: 1, Failed: 0

### Report List:

Report Number:	1057985-2021-05106, passed.
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# eMDR Related Resources



## eMDR Resources: eMDR Website

- [How to Enroll in eMDR Program | FDA](#)
- eMDR program news and information
- Email list signup
- eMDR Implementation Package
- Troubleshooting and FAQs
- Adverse event code resources
- Tutorial video
  - eMDR HelpDesk:  
[eMDR@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:eMDR@fda.hhs.gov)

## ESG Resources: ESG Website

- <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/ElectronicSubmissionsGateway/default.htm>
- Account sign-up checklist
- Letters of Non-repudiation Agreement
- WebTrader local configuration
- ESG User Guide
  - Digital certificate information
  - AS2 header information (routing IDs, etc.)
- ESG Helpdesk
  - [ESGHelpDesk@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:ESGHelpDesk@fda.hhs.gov)

## eSubmitter Resources

- eSubmitter Website
  - <http://www.fda.gov/ForIndustry/FDAeSubmitter/>
  - Download link
  - Tutorials
- eSubmitter Helpdesk
  - [eSubmitter@fda.hhs.gov](mailto:eSubmitter@fda.hhs.gov)



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