# QUALITY MANAGEMENT

THE TOP 5 TECHNOLOGY TRENDS HAPPENING IN QUALITY MANAGEMENT INNOVATION

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Life science companies are having to address an increasing number of regulatory requirements that span multiple geographies, business activities, and functions.

Companies face particular Quality Management and compliance challenges as they seek to push the boundaries of innovation, developing and launching new products that address unmet patient needs and where there is often little or no regulation.

Compliance failures can be costly in terms of fines, remediation costs, and reputational damage.

Identifying, analyzing, and mitigating compliance risks are essential in developing an effective Quality Management program.



### **EHNHANCING QUALITY MANAGEMENT**

Technology can be a powerful tool for enhancing quality management, compliance monitoring, reporting, and analysis, as well as for leveraging data and analytics for risk management and decision-making in life science regulatory compliance.



#### ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Artificial intelligence (AI) is a key next step in the evolution of life sciences companies, as it can help automate compliance tasks, analyze data, and generate insights.





#### **INTERNET OF THINGS**

The Internet of Things (IoT) is connecting devices, sensors, and systems across the life sciences value chain, providing real-time data and feedback, and enhancing quality and efficiency



#### BLOCKCHAIN

Blockchain is a distributed technology that can improve data integrity, security, and traceability, as well as facilitate collaboration and trust among stakeholders.

Augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) are immersive technologies that can enhance training, education, and communication, as well as create new experiences and opportunities for patients and consumers.

## How technology can help



#### **AUTOMATION**

Technology can help automate repetitive, manual, or timeconsuming compliance tasks, such as data collection, validation, reconciliation, reporting, and documentation. This can reduce human errors, save time and resources, and improve accuracy and consistency



#### **TRACK AND REPORT**

Technology can help track and report compliance performance indicators, such as key risk indicators (KRIs), key performance indicators (KPIs), and key control indicators (KCIs). This can provide real-time visibility, transparency, and accountability of compliance activities, as well as enable timely identification and remediation of issues



#### **ANALYZE COMPLIANCE**

Technology can help analyze compliance data using advanced techniques, such as artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), natural language processing (NLP), and data visualization. This can generate insights, patterns, trends, and anomalies from large and complex data sets, as well as enhance decision making and risk mitigation

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Technology can help transform compliance culture by fostering collaboration, communication, and engagement among compliance stakeholders, such as regulators, auditors, business units, and third parties.

This can improve trust, alignment, and coordination of compliance efforts, as well as promote a proactive and risk-aware mindset1.

Professional Subscribers can learn more about how technology can enhance Quality Management and compliance with these resources 😊

- Five tips to transform your compliance function using data analytics
- 12 Monitoring And Reporting Strategies For Financial Compliance Forbes
- Manage risk and compliance with efficiency and effectiveness KPMG
- Meet modern compliance: Using AI and data to manage business risk better



# **Challenging Tasks**

Choosing the right technology for your compliance needs in life science can be a challenging task, as there are many factors to consider, such as:

• Your compliance objectives and priorities: What are the main compliance risks and issues that you want to address or prevent? What are the key performance indicators (KPIs) and metrics that you want to measure and improve? How do you align your compliance strategy with your business goals and values?

• Your compliance maturity and readiness: Where are you on the compliance maturity curve, from reactive to proactive to predictive? How ready are you to adopt new technologies and change your processes and culture? What are the gaps and barriers that you need to overcome?

• Your compliance budget and resources: How much can you invest in compliance technology, both in terms of money and time? How do you balance the costs and benefits of different technology options? How do you ensure that you have the right skills and capabilities to implement and use the technology effectively?

• Your compliance stakeholders and partners: Who are the internal and external stakeholders and partners that you need to collaborate and communicate with for compliance? How do you engage them and get their buy-in and support? How do you integrate and harmonize your compliance technology with other systems and platforms?



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Especially if people are pushing back on the implementation of technology, that can be a huge deterrent to an organization's success. Moving forward, organizations that can create a culture that embraces change across people, processes, and technology will benefit in the coming years.

Those who can jump into and embrace innovations while supporting their staff and internal processes to fully understand and integrate new technologies will take full advantage of any Quality Management Innovation.