

# Benefits of Plasma Quality Programs in Blood Establishments

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# IPFA Objectives and Focus

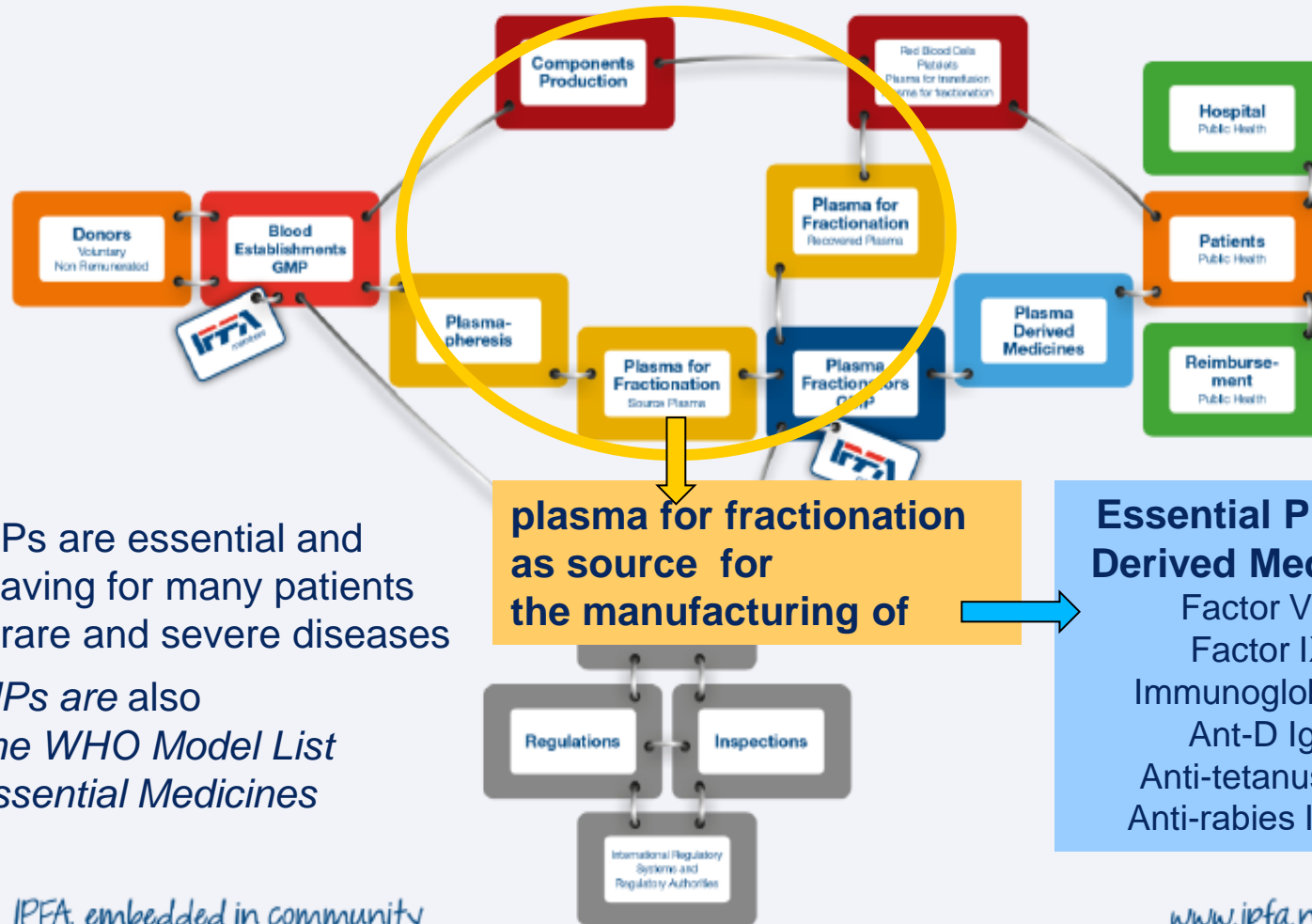
- **Plasma Availability and Quality of Plasma**

- Supply of plasma from whole blood and plasmapheresis donors as source for plasma products
- Strong collaboration between suppliers of plasma (blood establishments) and fractionators
- Focus on high quality of plasma for fractionation
  - Safe, robust supply of plasma
  - Avoid wasting of Recovered plasma
  - Increase plasmapheresis plasma in developed countries
  - Voluntary Non Remunerated Donors

- **Plasma fractionation and patients**

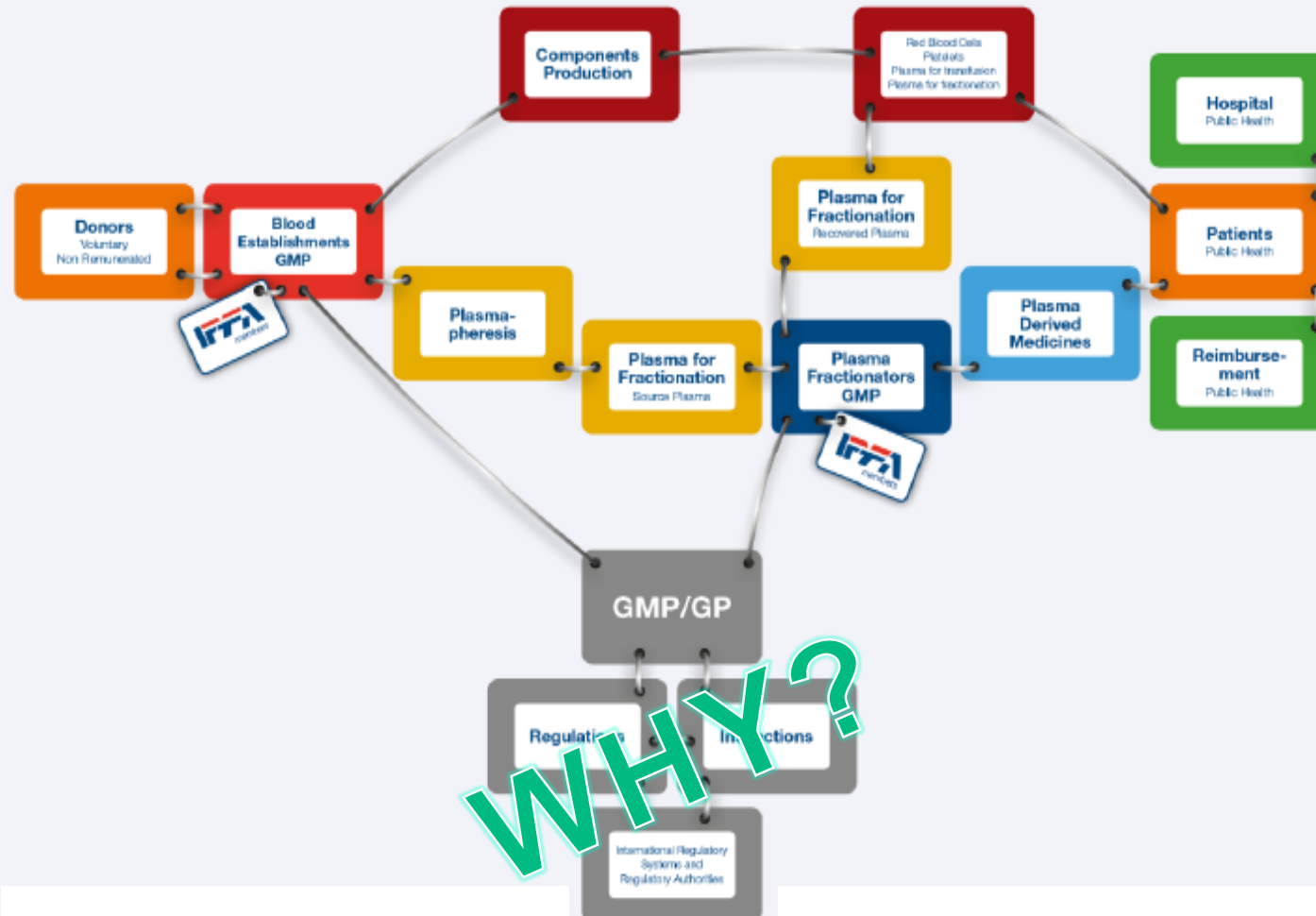
- High need and demand for plasma products for patients and hospitals

## The Source material for Plasma-Derived Medicinal Products (PdMPs)



- PdMPs are essential and life saving for many patients with rare and severe diseases
- *PdMPs are also on the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines*

# Plasma Chain



WHY?

# Quality of Plasma for Fractionation?

- PdMPs need to be registered by Competent Authorities to be available to patients
- PdMPs do satisfy GMPs
- PdMPs registration includes documentation of Starting Material
- Starting material for PdMPs **is** the Plasma



- ✓ Documentation of Plasma as Starting Material:  
Scientific Data on Plasma (e.g. European PMF)
- ✓ Scientific Data on Plasma includes documentation of quality of plasma
  - Plasma PfF needs to be at high quality level



# Quality

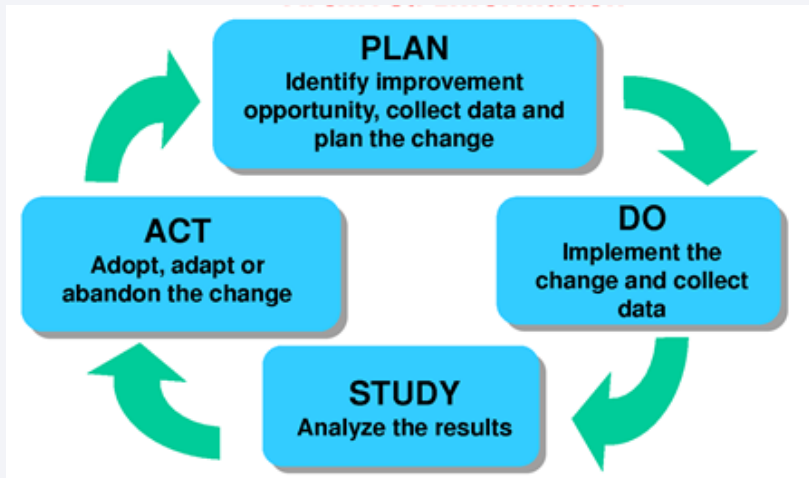
In production, a state of being free from defects, deficiencies and significant variations.

**Strict and consistent commitment to certain standards  
that achieve uniformity of a product  
within countries, regions, even cities  
in order to satisfy specific customer or user requirements.**

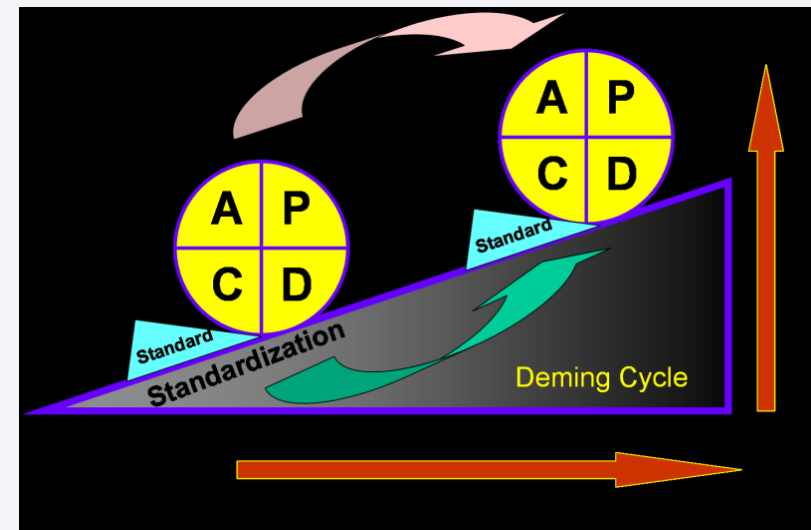
ISO 8402-1986/ ISO 9000:2015 standard defines quality as  
*"the totality of **features and characteristics of a product ...  
that bears its ability to satisfy stated or implied needs.**"*

# Quality, a virtuous Process

**PDSA/PDCA** is a process through which new standards are set; to be challenged; revised and replaced by newer and better standards



## For Continual Improvement





# Quality in Blood Chain

## Quality management; Develop a culture of quality In BEs

Strict and consistent commitment to certain standards  
that achieve uniformity of a donation  
to satisfy specific customer (patients; fractionators) requirements



- **Support from government is needed**
  - Action plan with clear milestones
  - Dedicated key people working in coordination
- **Regulatory needs**
  - Implementation of National Regulatory Authority (NRA) for blood products
  - National blood policy and directives of plasma donations in order to set guidelines and assure homogeneity in the quality of the raw material, plasma
- **Sufficient Inspection resources** of National Competent Authorities for regular inspections of local collection centres



# Quality Reference Documents



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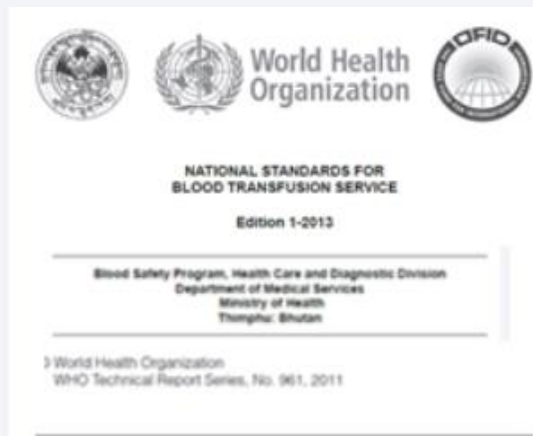
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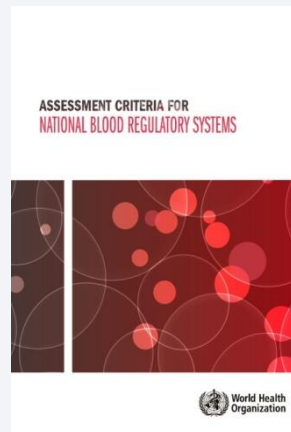
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#### 6. Approval of plasma-derived medicinal products

*Applicable to plasma-derived medicinal products*

| Main criteria related to the function | Rating*       |           | Indicators related to the main criteria |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---|
|                                       | Main criteria | Indicator |   |

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## Part B. Core functions

#### 3. Licensing and/or registration of blood establishments

*Applicable to blood and blood components including plasma for fractionation*

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|                                       | Main criteria | Indicator |   |

- R 6.2.2 There is a requirement for the applicant to include a list of all the blood establishments that collected the plasma used in the product.
- R 6.2.3 Specifications related to the quality and safety of plasma for fractionation are defined and under the supervision of the NRA.
- R 6.2.4 Selection, deferral and transmissible disease testing requirements for plasma donors are established (see criteria 5.3 and 5.4).

- R 3.2.3 A list of all licensed and/or registered blood establishments is maintained and made available where needed.

# WHO

## WHA58.13 Blood safety: proposal to establish World Blood

### 3. Recommendations

#### 3.1 For Member States

1. **Establish/strengthen the national blood donor programme** to augment voluntary blood donations to meet the national requirements and allocate appropriate resources for its efficient implementation. Funding mechanisms available under Global Fund to fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria may be explored, if needed
2. Organize extensive public campaigns to mobilize communities for regular voluntary blood donations
3. **Forge sustainable partnerships among various partners**, especially NGOs operating at the community level, to educate, recruit and retain voluntary blood donors
4. **Build the capacity of blood transfusion services through infrastructure strengthening and training of staff to ensure the care of donors before, during and after blood donation.**
5. **Integrate the principles and practices of a quality system at all levels of the blood donation process**
6. Utilize modern ~~information technology tools in managing blood centres~~, especially blood donor databases
7. Undertake operational research to improve the knowledge, attitude and behaviour of communities towards voluntary blood donations

#### 3.2 For WHO

1. **Provide technical support** for developing and implementing national blood donor programmes as well as for their effective monitoring
2. **Develop generic standards for blood donor recruitment and disseminate the same to all Member States**
3. **Provide assistance in mobilizing resources** to strengthen national blood donor programmes.
4. **Assist in building the capacity of countries** for efficient management of blood donor programmes.
5. Facilitate intercountry information-sharing on advances and success stories in the area of blood donation



# PIC: Pharmaceutical Inspection Convention

Founded by The European Free Trade Association (EFTA) in October 1970  
Is a legal Treaty between countries

## Original Goals (18 EU MS only)

Harmonised GMP requirements  
Mutual Recognition of Inspections  
Uniform Inspection Systems  
Training of Inspectors  
Mutual Confidence

*Only European Commission authorised  
to sign agreements with other countries*

PIC Scheme      Pharmaceutical Inspection  
Cooperation Scheme

### European Countries

AT, BE, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, FI,  
FR, GB, GR, HR, HU, IE, IT, LV,  
Lichtenstein, LT, MT, NL, NO, PL,  
PT, RO, SK, SE, CH, UA

- ✓ PIC/S GMP Guide (similar to EU GMP Guide).
- ✓ PIC/S GMP Guide for Blood Establishments.
- ✓ PIC/S Guide to Good Practices for the Preparation of Medicinal Products in Healthcare Establishments.

## PIC/S Goal

“To lead the **international development**,  
Implementation and maintenance of harmonised GMP standards  
and quality systems of inspectorates in the field of medicinal products”.



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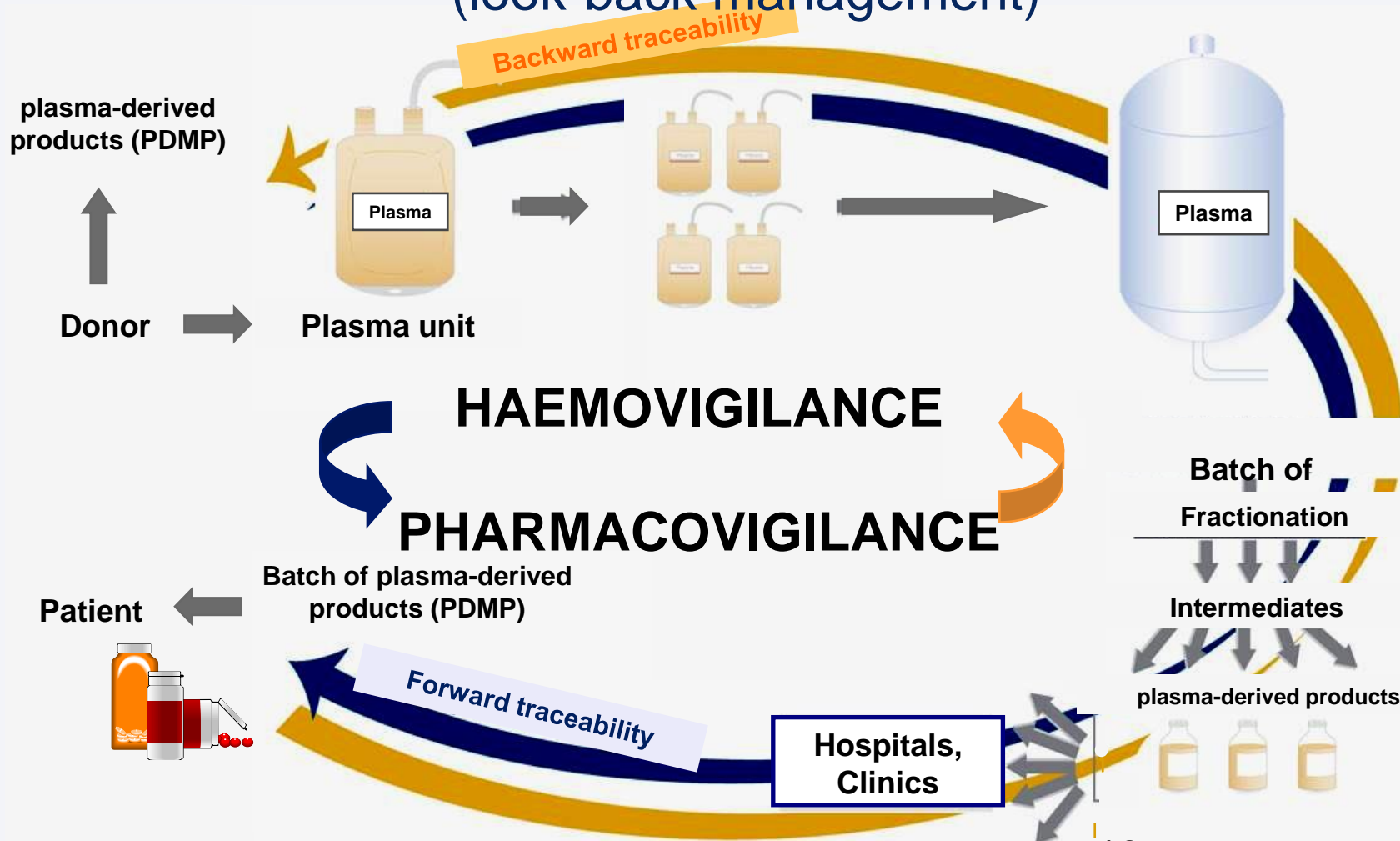
- General principles: Quality system/ Good practices/Risk management
- Procedures and records
- Premises/Areas
- Maintenance of all equipment
- Blood collection, Testing and Processing/ Preparation
- Donor eligibility
- Labelling
- Release of Plasma for Fractionation
- Traceability and Post Collection Measures - Adverse reaction file.
- Non-conformance and recall



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## Traceability of plasma units and blood monitoring system (look-back management)



# At EMA level: Plasma Master File

## PMF : Certification Principe

Note Procedural Guidance on PMF (EMA/CPMP/BWP/4663/03 – February 2004)

## Guidelines

- [Requirements for plasma master file certification](#)
- [Scientific data requirements for plasma master file](#)
- [Epidemiological data on blood transmissible infections](#)
- [Validation of immunoassay for the detection of antibody to human immunodeficiency virus in plasma pools](#)
- [Validation of immunoassay for the detection of hepatitis B virus surface antigen in plasma pools](#)

## Why valuing Plasma PfF?

- Plasma represents around 30% of the cost of PdMPs
- Plenty of plasma is thrown away, or not collected;  
let's fractionate it!
- The bill for importing PdMPs is costly and increasing;  
IVIG usage, Albumin, haemophilia care, etc.
- PdMPs will not be fully replaced by biotechnology substitutes  
in an affordable way

# How to value Plasma PfF?

*Once a country has invested a lot of resources  
in its blood transfusion system, it is a shame not to value the plasma;  
Indeed a major part of the effort has been achieved*

*Common core between Transfusion Products and Plasma for Fractionation*

1. Vending/Yielding Plasma to Fractionators
2. Contract Fractionation with a Fractionator
3. Technology transfer from a Fractionator with the aim of ...
- 4.... Owning your national fractionation(s) plant(s): Custom Fractionation

=> In all cases, the story starts the same way: Availability of **quality** PfF

# 1. Vending of Plasma to Fractionators

**The foreseen impact would be an improvement of the national transfusion system** (quality; safety; availability)

- Continuous improvement due to fractionator's quality audits in the BEs
- Examples of partnerships (gain in know-how)
- Potential negotiations for provision of foreign PdMPs

## 2. Contract Fractionation

### Why perform contract manufacturing?

- Avoid wasting quality PfF that is highly valuable
- Bill for importing plasma products costly and increasing (IgIV, etc...)
- Availability of key products is cyclical : when prices go up, manufacturers may be geographically selective
- Plasma represents around 30 % of the cost of blood products. The same proportion can be saved in the imports
- Plasmapheresis plasma improves this process
- Optimize the diversity of products. The more products got from a litre of plasma, the highest the cost saving

### When perform contract manufacturing?

- The **chance to build** up a new profitable self-sufficiency fractionation plant is **limited**
- The country must not necessarily collect a large annual volume of plasma (from 40 10<sup>3</sup> litres)

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**Contract plasma fractionation  
programme**

EU GMP Annex 14: Manufacture  
of Products derived from Human  
Blood or Human Plasma (May  
2011) third country contract  
fractionation dedicated  
paragraphs

# How to value the Plasma PfF?

**EU GMP Annex 14:  
Manufacture of Products  
derived from Human Blood  
or Human Plasma (May 2011)**

EU GMP Annex 14: Manufacture of Products derived from ...

1.2 This Annex defines specific Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) requirements for processing, storage and transport of human plasma used for fractionation and for the manufacture of medicinal products derived from human blood or plasma.

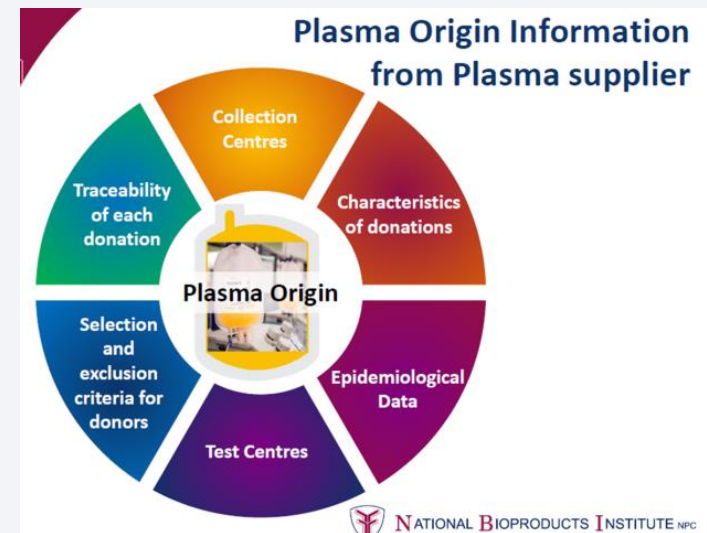
1.3 The Annex addresses specific provisions for when starting material is imported from third countries and for contract fractionation programs for third countries.



# Critical parameters for insuring quality of Plasma PfF

= **Acceptance Criteria by the Fractionator, whoever he is (you or them)**

- Selection of Blood Donors
- Collection time of the whole blood
- Centrifugation of whole blood
- Plasma Processing
- Minimum volume of plasma (recommended 200ml)
- Basic requirements for Donor's testing
- Temperature
- Kinetics and time of plasma freezing
- Physico-chemical Composition: Total proteins level, FVIII level, pH, ...
- Conservation/ Storage and Plasma Transport
- Traceability of plasma units and blood monitoring system (look-back management)  
(haemovigilance and pharmacovigilance)





## The Fractionator will perform Audits => Benefits for the Blood Establishment

**Written Agreements and Audits,**  
an opportunity to Develop a culture of quality,  
**a win-win situation**

Definition of Roles and Responsibilities (BE - Fractionator)

Increase Safety of Blood products

Building expertise within the BE

Audits of donation centers are a regulatory requirement for fractionators

Anticipate impacts of regulatory changes

**Readiness for Regulatory Competent Authority Regular Inspections**

EDQM Blood Proficiency Testing Scheme (B-PTS),  
a form of External Quality Assessment (EQA),  
Important factor in Quality Assurance



# Consequences observed in countries which have started plasma vending or contract fractionation

## **Improved efficiency in the transfusion system network:**

grouping of collection centres / of information systems / creation of centralized “state of the art” technical platforms for the qualification, creation of hubs for plasma freezing, increase of blood bag volumes / centralized quality starting material / Compliance with local Regulatory and quality in Documentation / Internal Formations

## **Harmonization of the safety level via the qualification procedure**

in all the collection centres, which results  
in the improvement of the Red Cells, Platelets and Plasma quality

## **Development of the look-back information system**

## **Improvement in virus epidemiology surveillance data monitoring**

and sensitization of the population to the blood safety issues

# Conclusion

- Benefits of Improving Plasma Quality of Blood Establishments
  - ⊕ Improves Quality and Safety of Blood and Plasma
  - ⊕ Drastically upgrades transfusion safety and viral epidemiology management
  - ⊕ Introduces Plasmapheresis
  - ⊕ Allows less dependency on importations
  - ⊕ Increases Availability of Blood and PdMPs for the Patients
  - ⊕ Enhances Strategic Independence
- With a high positive impact on Public Health

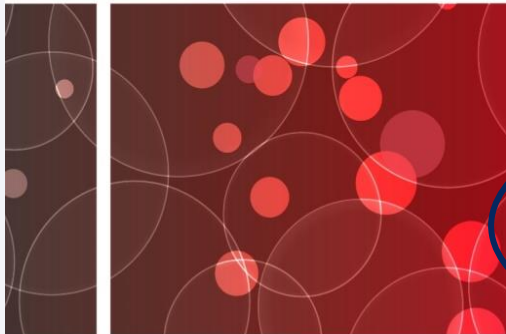
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## ASSESSMENT CRITERIA FOR NATIONAL BLOOD REGULATORY SYSTEMS



The assessment criteria for national blood regulatory systems were adopted by the WHO Expert Committee on Biological Standardization at its sixty-second meeting, held in Geneva from 17 to 21 October 2011. The document contains the collective views of the WHO Blood Regulators Network. It was developed in response to a request from WHO and the International Conference of Drug Regulatory Authorities for an assessment tool to assist capacity building of national regulatory authorities for the regulation of blood and blood products.

The tool is intended to help Member States to identify gaps and priorities when developing capacity building programmes, and support the introduction of regulation of blood products. Establishment of such regulation was recommended in the 2010 World Health Assembly resolution (WHA63.12) on the availability, quality and safety of blood products.



## Rehabilitation Centers - Patients



# General Quality Points For Blood Products

EU

European Committee (Partial  
Agreement) on Blood Transfusion  
&  
European Commission

For Implementing Standards and  
Specifications for the Quality System in Blood  
Establishments

Good Practice Guidelines  
for Blood Establishment Required to Comply  
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Legal basis for publishing the detailed guidelines: Article 47 of Directive 2001/83/EC on the Community code relating to medicinal products for human use and Article 51 of Directive 2001/82/EC on the Community code relating to veterinary medicinal products. This document provides guidance for the interpretation of the principles and guidelines of good manufacturing practice (GMP) for medicinal products as laid down in Directive 2003/94/EC for medicinal products for human use and Directive 91/412/EEC for veterinary use.

Status of the document: revision 1

Reasons for changes: the Annex has been revised in the light of Directive 2002/98/EC and relevant implementing directives setting standards of quality and safety for the collection and testing of human blood and blood components for all uses, including the manufacture of medicinal products.

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Human plasma for fractionation

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## HUMAN PLASMA FOR FRACTIONATION

Plasma humanum ad separationem

### DEFINITION

Human plasma for fractionation is the liquid part of human blood remaining after separation of the cellular elements from blood collected in a receptacle containing an anticoagulant, or separated by continuous filtration or centrifugation of anticoagulated blood in an apheresis procedure; it is intended for the manufacture of plasma derived products.

### PRODUCTION

#### DONORS

Only a carefully selected, healthy donor who, as far as can be ascertained after medical examination, laboratory blood tests and a study of the donor's medical history, is free from detectable agents of infection transmissible by plasma derived products may be used. Recommendations in this field are made by the Council of Europe [Recommendation No. R (95) 15 on the preparation, use and quality assurance of blood components, or subsequent revision] and the European Union [Council Recommendation of 29 June 1998 on the suitability of blood and plasma donors and the screening of donated blood in the European Community (98/463/EC)].

**Immunisation of donors.** Immunisation of donors to obtain immunoglobulins with specified activities may be carried out when sufficient supplies of material of suitable quality cannot be obtained from naturally immunized donors. Recommendations for such immunisation are formulated by the World Health Organisation (Requirements for the collection, processing and quality control of blood, blood components and plasma derivatives, WHO Technical Report Series, No. 840, 1994 or subsequent revision).

**Records.** Records of donors and donations made are kept in such a way that, while maintaining the required degree of confidentiality concerning the donor's identity, the origin of each donation in a plasma pool and the results of the corresponding acceptance procedures and laboratory tests can be traced.

**Laboratory tests.** Laboratory tests are carried out for each donation to detect the following viral markers:

1. antibodies against human immunodeficiency virus 1 (anti-HIV 1),
2. antibodies against human immunodeficiency virus 2 (anti-HIV 2),

the introduction of micro-organisms. No antibacterial or antifungal agent is added to the plasma. The containers comply with the requirements for glass containers (3.2.1) or for plastic containers for blood and blood components (3.2.3). The containers are closed so as to prevent contamination. If 2 or more units are pooled prior to freezing, the operations are carried out using sterile connecting devices or under aseptic conditions and using containers that have not previously been used.

When obtained by plasmapheresis, plasma intended for the recovery of proteins that are labile in plasma is frozen by cooling rapidly at  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$  or below as soon as possible and at the latest within 24 h of collection. When obtained from whole blood, plasma intended for the recovery of proteins that are labile in plasma is separated from cellular elements and is frozen by cooling rapidly at  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$  or below as soon as possible and at the latest within 24 h of collection.

When obtained from whole blood, plasma intended solely for the recovery of proteins that are not labile in plasma is separated from cellular elements and frozen at  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  or below as soon as possible and at the latest within 72 h of collection. *It is not intended that the determination of total protein and factor VIII shown below be carried out on each unit of plasma. They are rather given as guidelines for good manufacturing practice, the test for factor VIII being relevant for plasma intended for use in the preparation of concentrates of labile proteins.*

*The total protein content of a unit of plasma depends on the serum protein content of the donor and the degree of dilution inherent in the donation procedure. When plasma is obtained from a suitable donor and using the intended proportion of anticoagulant solution, a total protein content complying with the limit of 50 g/l is obtained. If a volume of blood or plasma smaller than intended is collected into the anticoagulant solution, the resulting plasma is not necessarily unsuitable for pooling for fractionation. The aim of good manufacturing practice must be to achieve the prescribed limit for all normal donations.*

*Preservation of factor VIII in the donation depends on the collection procedure and the subsequent handling of the blood and plasma. With good practice, 0.7 IU/ml can usually be achieved, but units of plasma with a lower activity may still be suitable for use in the production of coagulation factor concentrates. The aim of good manufacturing practice is to conserve labile proteins as much as possible.*

**Total protein.** Carry out the test using a pool of not fewer than 10 units. Dilute the pool with a 9 g/l solution of sodium chloride R to obtain a solution containing about 15 mg of protein in 2 ml. To 2.0 ml of this solution in a

# General Quality Points For Blood Products

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| Production   |  |    |
| Donors   | Only carefully selected healthy donors<br>- after medical examination<br>- laboratory blood tests<br>- study of medical history<br>free from detectable agent of infection transmissible by plasma-derived medicinal products<br>recommandation of the CoE N° R (95)15   |    |
| Records  | records of<br>- donors and donations are kept, while maintaining required degree of confidentiality regarding donor's identity,<br>- origin of each donation<br>- results of corresponding acceptance procedure<br>- laboratory test   |    |
| Laboratory   | Anti-HIV-1<br>Anti-HIV-2<br>HBsAg<br>anti-HCV<br>test methods of suitable sensitivity and specificity<br><br>If repeat-reactive result of any is found : the donation is not accepted  |    |
| Individual plasma units  | practical techniques for preparation<br>plasma from plasmapheresis : Freezing at -20°C within 24h<br>plasma from Whole blood: Freezing at -20°C within 72h<br>total protein content: 50g/l   |    |
| Storage and Transport  | Stored in conditions designed to maintain temperature ≤ -20°C with exceptions no more than 72h at not above -15°C; never at < -5°C   |    |
| Plasma pool  | for fractionators<br>tested for HBs and HIV antibodies; Hep C RNA  |    |
| Character  | Before freezing, clear to slightly turbid liquid without any visible signs of haemolysis; yellow to green  |    |
| Labelling  | The label enables each individual unit to be traced to a specific donor  |    |


| The Rules Governing Medicinal Products in the European Union<br>Volume 4<br>EU Guidelines for<br>Good Manufacturing Practice for<br>Medicinal Products for Human and Veterinary Use<br>Annex 16<br>Manufacture of Medicinal Products from Human Blood or Plasma |   | EU |
|---|---|----|
| 1. Scope  | This Annex applies to medicinal products derived from human blood or plasma, fractionated in or imported into the EU/EEA.<br>This Annex applies also to the starting material (e.g. human plasma) for these products.<br>This Annex defines specific Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) requirements for processing, storage and transport of human plasma used for fractionation and for the manufacture of medicinal products derived from human blood or plasma.  |    |
| 2. Principles   | 2.1 In principle, unless otherwise stated, the starting material for medicinal products must comply with the principles and guidelines of Good Manufacturing Practice.<br>For starting materials derived from human blood and plasma, the requirements for the collection and testing defined in Directive 2005/61/EC are to be followed.<br>Collection and testing must be performed in accordance with an appropriate quality system for which standards and specifications are defined in the Annex of Directive 2005/62/EC and interpreted in the Good Practice guidelines referred to in Article 2 (2) of Directive 2005/62/EC.<br>Furthermore, the requirements of Directive 2005/61/EC on traceability and serious adverse reactions and serious adverse event notifications from the donor to the recipient apply.<br>In addition the monographs of the European Pharmacopoeia (EP) are to be observed [Directive 2004/28/EC, Annex 4, 0.1.11.10, 4.1.1]. |    |
| 3. Quality Management   | All steps from donor selection to delivery of the finished product.<br>Blood or plasma used as starting material for the manufacture of medicinal products must be collected by blood establishments and be tested in laboratories which apply quality systems.<br>Supplier qualifications, including audits, should be performed by the fractionation plant/manufacture of the finished product according to written procedures.<br>The test results of all units supplied by the blood establishment should be available to the fractionation plant/manufacture.<br>An adequate safety strategy should be in place to minimise the risk from infectious agents and emerging infectious agents.  |    |
| 4. Traceability and Pool Collection Measures  | A system in place that enables each donation to be traced, from the donor and the donation site to the blood establishment through to the batch of medicinal product and vice versa.<br>Responsibilities for traceability of the product should be defined.<br>- from the donor and the donation site to the blood establishment<br>- from the blood establishment to the fractionation plant/manufacture<br>The blood establishment should notify the fractionation plant/manufacture of any event which may affect the quality or safety of the product including recalls.<br>Notification procedures also apply when an inspection of a blood establishment by a competent authority leads to a withdrawal of an existing licence/authorisation/approval.<br>management of pool-collection information should be described in standard operating procedures (SOP).   |    |
| 5. Premises and equipment   | for fractionators   |    |
| 6. Manufacturing  | starting material should comply with the requirements of all relevant monographs of the European Pharmacopoeia.<br>All processing steps (e.g. collection, fractionation and/or separation, sampling, labelling, freezing) should be defined in written procedures.<br>Freezing should therefore be performed as soon as possible after collection.<br>The storage and transport of blood or plasma at any stage in the transport chain to the fractionation plant should be defined and recorded.<br>Qualified equipment and validated procedures should be used.<br>Plasma for fractionation should only be released, i.e. from a quarantine status, through systems and procedures that ensure the quality needed for the manufacture of the finished product.<br>Responsible Person  |    |
| 7. Quality Control  | for fractionators   |    |
| 8. Release of intermediate and finished products  | for fractionators   |    |
| 9. Retention of plasma pool samples   | for fractionators   |    |
| 10. Disposal of waste   | There should be written procedures for the safe and documented storage and disposal of waste, disposable and reusable items (e.g. collection and/or testing sets, sets from infected donors, set of whole blood, etc.), laboratory and finished products.   |    |

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  - 4.7. Control of equipment and materials
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  - 5.11. Other
6. Blood collection, testing and processing
  - 6.1. Donor eligibility
  - 6.2. Collection of blood and blood components
  - 6.3. Laboratory testing
  - 6.4. Testing for infectious markers
  - 6.5. Blood group serological testing of donors and donations
  - 6.6. Processing and validation
  - 6.7. Labelling
  - 6.8. Release of blood and blood components
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# General Quality Points For Blood Products

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## Additional points for PfF for Contract Manufacturing

- Freezing, storage and transportation equipment

Freezing process must be as quick as possible

Large capacity cold rooms as the volume of each shipment of plasma to fractionator can barely be smaller than 9000 litres  
(may be centralized plasma storage facility)

Validation and monitoring

- Sampling

One dedicated sample attached to the bag to be sent to the fractionator for possible additional tests, in particular for the first year of the contract

- Bag size to be of similar size and preferentially not smaller than 200 ml
- National, regional or global, quality system with unique barcode system