

# Welcome To Today's Program

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We'll get started in a few minutes

**Today's Topic:**  
**Medical Device Sterilization Town Hall: FDA Modifications (Mods)  
Guidances and the use of Device Master Files in Reviews**

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# Town Halls on Medical Device Sterilization: FDA Modifications (Mods) Guidances and the use of Master Files in Reviews

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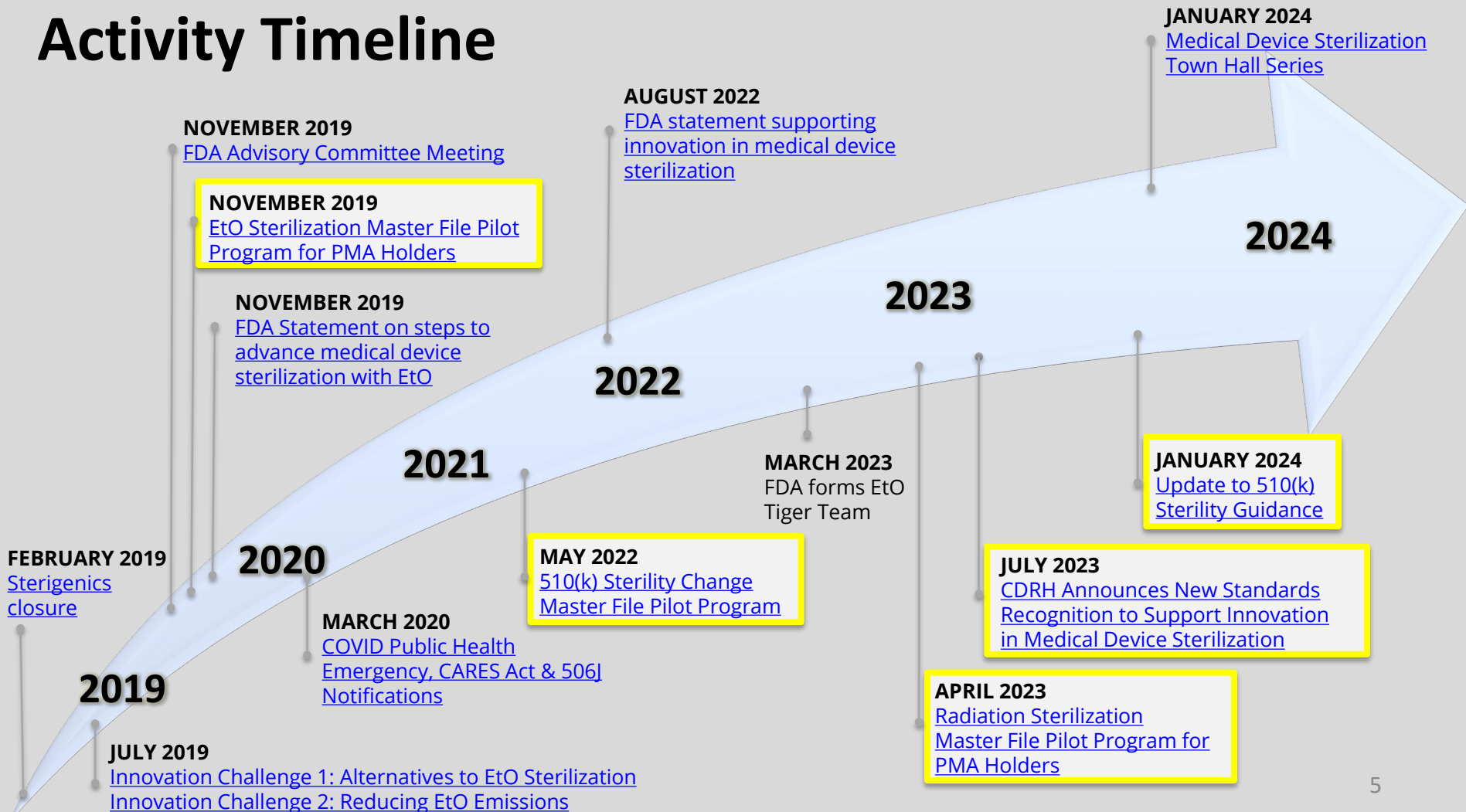
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# What we heard from you last time

# Activity Timeline



# Learning Objectives

- Understand FDA expectations for submission (510(k), PMA) modifications
  - Leveraging the “When to Submit a 510(k) for a Change to an Existing Device” (AKA “Mods”) and “Modifications to Devices Subject to Premarket Approval (PMA) – The PMA Supplement Decision-Making Process” guidances.
- Understand the use of Device Master Files (MAFs) for sterility review and what it means to use MAFs. Understand the Sterility MAF Pilot Programs and the difference between the MAF Pilots as compared to traditional MAFs.

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# **FDA Expectations for Submission Modifications**



# Premarket Considerations for Modifications to Existing Devices



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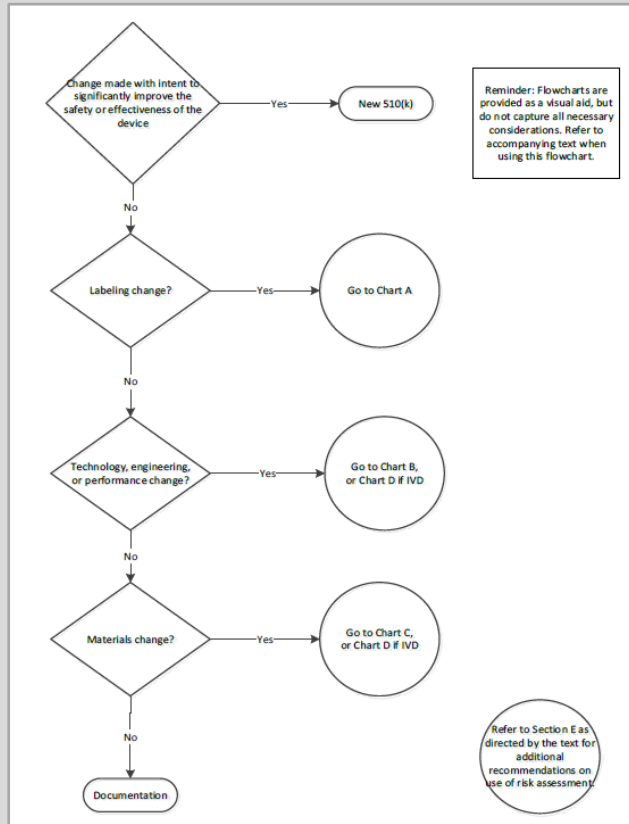
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- Provides recommendations to aid manufacturers who intend to modify a 510(k)-cleared device or other device subject to 510(k) requirements in:
  - Deciding whether a change requires a new 510(k) under 21 CFR 807.81(a)(3)
- Changes requiring a new 510(k) submission may not be introduced into the market until FDA has reviewed and cleared
- Does not address changes to devices that are 510(k) exempt or require a PMA
- Limited to medical devices and not other FDA-regulated products

# 510(k) Mods Guidance – Guiding Principles

- Changes made with intent to significantly affect safety or effectiveness of the device will likely need a 510(k)
- Risk-based assessment should be conducted to determine whether a change or modification could significantly affect safety or effectiveness
- Should also consider unintended consequences of change
- Use of risk management to conduct a risk-based assessment of changes
- Testing to evaluate whether a change could significantly affect safety and effectiveness
- Impact of simultaneous changes should be made -- includes assessment of each change individually as well as in aggregate
- Use of appropriate comparative device to assess cumulative effect of changes
- Documentation of device changes is required by the quality system regulation
- New 510(k) should fully describe all changes and their impacts
- Substantial equivalence determination is up to FDA

# Decision Making - Main Flowchart

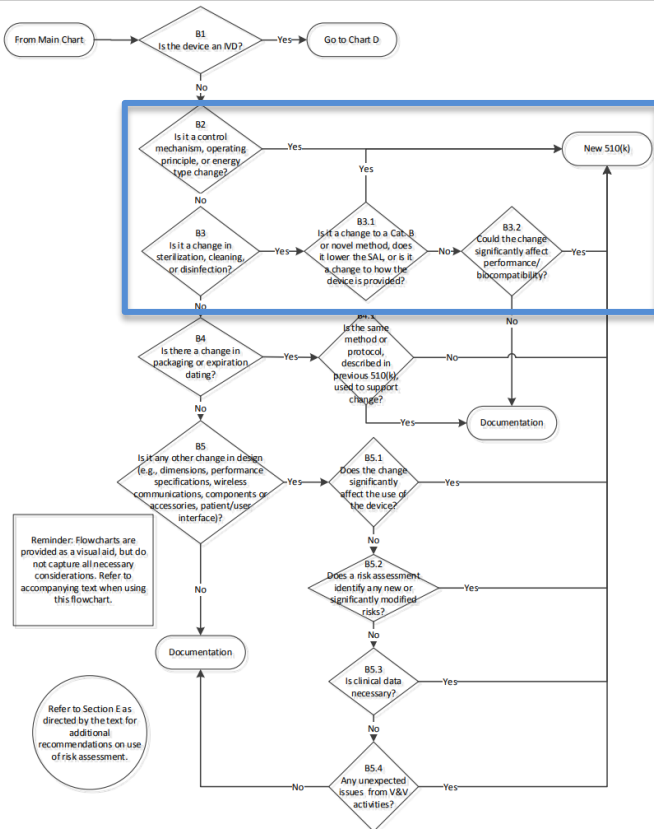


- Labeling change?
- Technology, engineering or performance change?
- Materials change?

# Labeling Changes

- Change to indications for use?
  - Single use to reusable?
  - Rx to OTC?
  - Change to device name?
  - New disease, condition, or patient population?
  - Identification of any new risks or significantly modified existing risks?
- Add/delete contraindication?
- Change to warnings/precautions?
- Affect directions for use?

# Technology, Engineering, and Performance Changes



- Is the device an IVD?
- Control mechanism, operating principle, or energy type change?
- Change in sterilization, cleaning, or disinfection?
  - Which category?
  - Could change significantly affect performance/biocompatibility?
- Change in packaging/expiration date?
  - Same method as previously described?
- Change in design?
  - Affect use of the device?
  - Does risk assessment identify any new/significantly modified risks?
  - Clinical data necessary?
  - Any unexpected issues during V&V testing?

Figure 3 - Flowchart B: Technology, Engineering, and Performance Changes

# Materials Changes

- Is device an IVD?
- Change in material type, formulation, composition, or processing?
- Will changed material directly or indirectly contact body tissues/fluids?
- Does risk assessment identify any new or increased biocompatibility concerns?
  - Are the same materials used in a similar legally marketed device?
- Could change affect device's performance specification?

# Changes in PMAs and IVDs

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- Changes that require a new PMA Supplement are described under 21 CFR 814.39(a)
- Considerations are similar (operating principle, applicable guidance, risk assessment, V&V activities)
- Changes to PMAs will need different submissions based on the change
  - New PMA, Panel-Track, 180-day, Real-Time, 30-Day Notice, Special PMA Supplement – Changes being Effected, and Manufacturing Site Change Supplement
  - Master file pilots may impact which submissions are needed



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# **Device Master File (MAF) use in Sterility Review & FDA's Sterility MAF Pilot Programs**

# Traditional MAFs vs Sterility MAF Pilots

## **Traditional MAFs: Can be submitted by anyone**

- No review outside of its use in a specific submission
- No limits to what can be submitted
- Cannot be used to reduce the need for a new submission/supplement

## **Sterility MAF Pilots: Submitted by sterilization providers (up to 9 per pilot)**

- Undergo review as described in FR notice
- Specific information should be included per FR notice
- 6-month reports updating any changes needed
- Can impact whether a new submission/supplement for devices in-scope is submitted

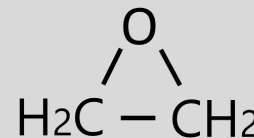


# Ethylene Oxide Master File Pilot



Sterilization providers that sterilize single-use, PMA approved devices with EtO may submit a MAF when making certain changes between sterilization sites or when making certain changes to sterilization processes that utilize reduced EtO concentrations.

Federal Register: [84 FR 65162 EtO MAF Pilot](#)



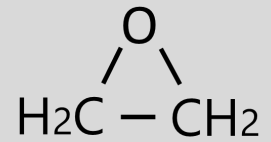


# Ethylene Oxide Master File Pilot



Under this voluntary program, manufacturers may reference the Master File submitted by their sterilization provider in a post-approval report in lieu of submitting a premarket approval application (PMA) supplement.

- Provided the MAF holder gives the PMA holder right of reference for the MAF.





# Radiation Master File Pilot

Sterilization providers that sterilize single-use, PMA approved medical devices with gamma may submit a MAF when making certain changes between sterilization sites, changes to sterilization methods to utilize non-gamma radiation sources, or reductions in gamma dose.

- Also allows for a change from ethylene oxide to e-beam or x-ray in certain scenarios.



# Radiation Master File Pilot

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# 510(k) Master File Pilot

- Gives companies that terminally sterilize single-use, 510(k) cleared devices using certain sterilization methods (Established Category B or Novel methods) a pathway to submit a MAF for FDA's review.
- FDA will accept a MAF into this pilot when it determines that there is not a likelihood that switching from a fixed chamber ethylene oxide (EtO) sterilization method to the sterilization method described in the MAF could significantly affect the safety or effectiveness of a 510(k)-cleared device that is in-scope of the MAF.



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Federal Register: [87 FR 30957 510\(k\) MAF Pilot](#)



# 510(k) Master File Pilot

If a MAF is accepted into the 510(k) Sterility Pilot Program, manufacturers of 510(k)-cleared devices may choose to reference the MAF in internal documentation in support of a justification for not submitting a new premarket notification (510(k)).

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# Resources

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5	Sterigenics closure	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/il/sterigenics-willowbrook-facility">www.epa.gov/il/sterigenics-willowbrook-facility</a>
5	Innovation Challenge 1: Alternatives to EtO Sterilization	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/general-hospital-devices-and-supplies/fda-innovation-challenge-1-identify-new-sterilization-methods-and-technologies">www.fda.gov/medical-devices/general-hospital-devices-and-supplies/fda-innovation-challenge-1-identify-new-sterilization-methods-and-technologies</a>
5	Innovation Challenge 2: Reducing EtO Emissions	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/general-hospital-devices-and-supplies/fda-innovation-challenge-2-reduce-ethylene-oxide-emissions">www.fda.gov/medical-devices/general-hospital-devices-and-supplies/fda-innovation-challenge-2-reduce-ethylene-oxide-emissions</a>
5	FDA Advisory Committee Meeting	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/advisory-committees/advisory-committee-calendar/november-6-7-2019-general-hospital-and-personal-use-devices-panel-medical-devices-advisory-committee">www.fda.gov/advisory-committees/advisory-committee-calendar/november-6-7-2019-general-hospital-and-personal-use-devices-panel-medical-devices-advisory-committee</a>
5	EtO Sterilization Master File Pilot Program for PMA Holders	<a href="http://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/11/26/2019-25631/center-for-devices-and-radiological-health-ethylene-oxide-sterilization-master-file-pilot-program">www.federalregister.gov/documents/2019/11/26/2019-25631/center-for-devices-and-radiological-health-ethylene-oxide-sterilization-master-file-pilot-program</a>
5	FDA Statement on steps to advance medical device sterilization with EtO	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/statement-new-steps-advance-innovation-medical-device-sterilization-ethylene-oxide">www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/statement-new-steps-advance-innovation-medical-device-sterilization-ethylene-oxide</a>
5	COVID Public Health Emergency, CARES Act & 506J Notifications	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/medical-device-safety/medical-device-supply-chain-and-shortages">www.fda.gov/medical-devices/medical-device-safety/medical-device-supply-chain-and-shortages</a>
5	FDA statement supporting innovation in medical device sterilization	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-continues-efforts-support-innovation-medical-device-sterilization">www.fda.gov/news-events/press-announcements/fda-continues-efforts-support-innovation-medical-device-sterilization</a>
5	510(k) Sterility Change Master File Pilot Program	<a href="http://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/05/20/2022-10925/medical-devices-510k-sterility-change-master-file-pilot-program">www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/05/20/2022-10925/medical-devices-510k-sterility-change-master-file-pilot-program</a>

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5	CDRH Announces New Standards Recognition to Support Innovation in Medical Device Sterilization	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/medical-devices-news-and-events/cdrh-announces-new-standards-recognition-support-innovation-medical-device-sterilization">www.fda.gov/medical-devices/medical-devices-news-and-events/cdrh-announces-new-standards-recognition-support-innovation-medical-device-sterilization</a>
5	Update to 510(k) Sterility Guidance	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/submission-and-review-sterility-information-premarket-notification-510k-submissions-devices-labeled">www.fda.gov/regulatory-information/search-fda-guidance-documents/submission-and-review-sterility-information-premarket-notification-510k-submissions-devices-labeled</a>
5	First FDA Medical Device Sterilization Town Hall	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/workshops-conferences-medical-devices/medical-device-sterilization-town-hall-overview-sterilization-landscape-and-role-ethylene-oxide">www.fda.gov/medical-devices/workshops-conferences-medical-devices/medical-device-sterilization-town-hall-overview-sterilization-landscape-and-role-ethylene-oxide</a>
9	510(k) Modifications Guidance	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/media/99812/download">www.fda.gov/media/99812/download</a>
9	PMA Modifications Guidance	<a href="http://www.fda.gov/media/81431/download">www.fda.gov/media/81431/download</a>

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22	88 FR 22040 Radiation MAF Pilot	<a href="http://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/04/12/2023-07598/center-for-devices-and-radiological-health-radiation-sterilization-master-file-pilot-program">www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/04/12/2023-07598/center-for-devices-and-radiological-health-radiation-sterilization-master-file-pilot-program</a>
24	87 FR 30957 510(k) MAF Pilot	<a href="http://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/05/20/2022-10925/medical-devices-510k-sterility-change-master-file-pilot-program">www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/05/20/2022-10925/medical-devices-510k-sterility-change-master-file-pilot-program</a>

# Summary

- We described FDA requirements and recommendations for submission (510(k), PMA) modifications.
- We described how to use the “When to Submit a 510(k) for a Change to an Existing Device” (AKA “Mods”) and “Modifications to Devices Subject to Premarket Approval (PMA) – The PMA Supplement Decision-Making Process” guidances.
- We compared the difference between a traditional device MAF and a sterility MAF pilot.
- We described the three sterility MAF pilots and how they impact review.



# Next Town Hall



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**Time:** 12:00 – 1:00 pm ET

Potential Topics:

- Value of consensus standards
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