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# Regulatory Affairs And Standardization Of Medical Devices In India: A Comparative Evaluation With Global Regulatory Systems

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## ABSTRACT

Background: Medical devices are essential to diagnosis, treatment, monitoring, rehabilitation, and increasingly to digitally enabled healthcare. Their diversity and technological complexity require regulatory systems that proportionately control risk while permitting timely access to innovation. India has substantially strengthened device regulation through the Medical Device Rules (MDR), 2017, but continuing convergence with mature regulatory systems remains important. Objective: To critically evaluate and compare the medical-device regulatory and standardization frameworks of India, the United States, and the European Union, identify regulatory gaps in the Indian framework, and propose evidence-based directions for strengthening regulatory effectiveness. Methods: A qualitative, doctrinal and comparative regulatory study was undertaken using primary regulatory instruments and secondary scientific and policy literature. Regulatory documents were organized by jurisdiction and function and mapped across predefined parameters: risk classification, approval/licensing pathways, clinical evaluation, quality-management requirements, and post-market surveillance. The analysis used structured matrices and thematic interpretation. Results: All three jurisdictions use risk-based regulatory principles, but important differences were identified in classification granularity, approval mechanisms, clinical-evidence depth, inspection intensity, and post-market surveillance infrastructure. India uses Classes A–D, the United States Classes I–III, and the European Union a more granular Class I/IIa/IIb/III structure. India has a developing surveillance system through the Materiovigilance Programme of India, whereas the US and EU systems demonstrate more extensive reporting and digital surveillance infrastructure. Quality-management principles are substantially harmonized through ISO-based approaches, although

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implementation and enforcement differ. Conclusion: India has moved toward a structured and internationally aligned regulatory framework, but further strengthening is warranted in clinical validation for moderate-risk devices, post-market surveillance coverage, inspection capacity, regulatory digitalization, documentation consistency, and international regulatory collaboration. A lifecycle-oriented, risk-proportionate and digitally enabled system may improve patient safety while supporting innovation and domestic manufacturing.

## INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Medical devices and their expanding role

Medical devices constitute a broad group of technologies used for diagnosis, prevention, monitoring, treatment, alleviation of disease, and support or modification of anatomy and physiological processes. Unlike medicines, whose principal intended action is generally pharmacological, immunological or metabolic, devices primarily achieve their intended purpose through physical, mechanical, electrical or technological means. This distinction underlies the development of device-specific regulatory classification and control systems [2,3].

The scope of medical devices has expanded from relatively simple instruments to implantable systems, imaging technologies, laboratory diagnostics, minimally invasive equipment, connected wearables, software as a medical device (SaMD), and artificial-intelligence-enabled technologies. The dissertation describes this progression as a continuing integration of medicine with engineering, materials science, electronics and information technology [5–9]. This evolution creates regulatory challenges because safety and performance may depend on software, connectivity, human factors, cybersecurity, materials, manufacturing controls and clinical context rather than on a single therapeutic mechanism.

### 1.2 Importance to healthcare

Medical devices support early diagnosis, therapeutic intervention, physiological monitoring, rehabilitation and emergency care. Imaging systems, biosensors and in-vitro diagnostic devices can support early detection, while infusion systems, dialysis equipment, ventilators and surgical technologies enable targeted treatment. Wearable and connected technologies additionally permit remote monitoring and continuous collection of health information [10–13].

The growing clinical dependence on devices makes regulation a patient-safety function rather than merely an administrative requirement. Regulatory controls are intended to ensure that devices are appropriately designed, manufactured, evaluated, labelled, monitored and corrected when problems arise [14–17].

### 1.3 Need for regulation

Medical devices vary substantially in intended use, technological complexity and risk. A simple dressing and an implantable cardiac device cannot reasonably be subjected to identical regulatory controls. Risk-based regulation therefore seeks to align the intensity of pre-market assessment, quality controls, clinical evidence and post-market oversight with the potential harm associated with device failure [15,18,34,35].

Globalization adds another layer of complexity. Manufacturers frequently seek access to multiple markets, while regulators must balance national legal requirements with international standards and the need to avoid unnecessary duplication. Harmonization initiatives promoted by the IMDRF and ISO seek greater convergence while preserving appropriate national oversight [23,31,39].



## 1.4 Evolution of global medical-device regulation

Regulatory systems have progressively moved from broad pharmaceutical or product-safety controls toward dedicated device legislation, risk classification, quality-management systems, clinical evaluation and lifecycle surveillance. In the United States, the FDA operates under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and uses a risk-based framework incorporating general controls and differentiated pre-market pathways [20,35].

The European Union has moved from earlier directives toward Regulation (EU) 2017/745, which places greater emphasis on clinical evaluation, traceability, conformity assessment, post-market surveillance and lifecycle control [14,21]. Other mature systems, including Canada and Japan, also use risk-based controls and structured quality and surveillance mechanisms [22,52].

## 1.5 Indian regulatory framework

India historically regulated selected medical devices through the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940. As the device sector expanded, the limitations of applying pharmaceutical-oriented controls to increasingly diverse technologies became more apparent. The Medical Device Rules, 2017 established a more explicit device-specific regulatory framework, including classification, licensing, clinical investigation and post-market provisions [18,25,60].

The Indian system categorizes devices into Classes A, B, C and D according to risk. The CDSCO serves as the national regulatory authority, with licensing and oversight responsibilities distributed according to device class and regulatory function [26,27]. Digital licensing mechanisms have also

been introduced to improve administrative efficiency and traceability [28].

The dissertation identifies continued implementation challenges, including regulatory infrastructure, consistency of enforcement, clinical evidence depth for some moderate-risk devices, post-market reporting coverage and the need for closer harmonization with established international practices [29,65].

## 1.6 Emerging technologies and regulatory pressure

Artificial intelligence, machine learning, IoMT, software-based diagnostics and connected devices create risks that may evolve after deployment. Cybersecurity, algorithmic performance, data integrity, interoperability and changing software versions require regulatory approaches capable of continuing beyond the initial approval decision [9,41,109,112]. A lifecycle approach is therefore increasingly relevant to both national regulation and international harmonization [33].

## 2. Review of Literature

### 2.1 Regulatory science and risk-based oversight

The literature reviewed in the dissertation consistently supports risk-based regulation as a central principle of medical-device governance. Risk classification permits regulators to allocate review intensity according to the likelihood and consequence of harm, avoiding both under-regulation of high-risk technologies and unnecessary burden for low-risk products [34,43,63].

International regulatory literature also emphasizes that device regulation differs from medicine regulation because devices are heterogeneous, may undergo iterative design changes, and may rely on manufacturing quality and engineering



controls as much as on clinical evidence. Structured regulatory pathways therefore combine product classification, technical documentation, quality systems, clinical evaluation and surveillance [37–39].

## **2.2 Global regulatory evidence**

US regulatory literature describes a tiered system in which Class I devices generally receive general controls, Class II devices commonly enter through the 510(k) pathway, and Class III devices may require Premarket Approval supported by substantial evidence [47–49,92]. The strength of the US system lies in centralized review, extensive documentation, formal clinical pathways for high-risk devices and established post-market reporting mechanisms.

European literature emphasizes the EU MDR's lifecycle orientation. Conformity assessment, notified-body involvement for applicable devices, clinical evaluation, traceability and post-market surveillance collectively support continuing oversight rather than a single approval event [50,51,69,96]. The EU approach provides greater granularity in risk categories, particularly through Class IIa and IIb.

Comparative studies have repeatedly highlighted that differences between US and European approaches can influence documentation requirements, review pathways, timelines and the nature of clinical evidence. These differences also demonstrate why harmonization cannot simply mean identical rules; rather, it requires functional convergence around safety, performance and quality principles [19,30,38,55].

## **2.3 Indian literature and regulatory development**

Indian literature describes MDR 2017 as a major step toward a dedicated, risk-based device framework. The rules strengthened licensing, classification and quality expectations and created a clearer regulatory architecture under CDSCO [61–63]. The Materiovigilance Programme of India was introduced to strengthen device-related adverse-event monitoring [42,64,80].

At the same time, published and dissertation-level analyses identify practical constraints, including infrastructure limitations, shortage of specialized regulatory personnel, variable implementation capacity and the need to strengthen post-market surveillance and regulatory consistency [29,45,65,70,77].

## **2.4 Standardization and harmonization**

ISO 13485 provides an internationally recognized framework for medical-device quality management, while ISO 14971 supports risk management. Such standards can create common technical language between manufacturers and regulators and reduce duplication when products are developed for multiple markets [16,43,58,94]. The literature further supports harmonized documentation, technical standards, information sharing and capacity building through international cooperation [78,81,87,95,98].

## **2.5 Research gap addressed by the present study**

The dissertation identified a need for a structured comparison that places Indian requirements alongside mature US and EU systems using common regulatory parameters. The present analysis therefore focuses on functional comparability rather than simply listing legislation, with emphasis on classification, approval, clinical evaluation, quality systems and post-market surveillance [83,90,118–127].



### 3. Aim and Objectives

#### 3.1 Aim

To critically evaluate and compare the regulatory frameworks and standardization systems governing medical devices in India, the United States and the European Union, identify regulatory gaps, and propose evidence-based recommendations to strengthen the Indian medical-device regulatory system [118–123].

#### 3.2 Primary objective

To conduct a comparative evaluation of medical-device regulatory systems in India, the United States and the European Union using standardized regulatory parameters [119–124].

#### 3.3 Specific objectives

1. To examine the regulatory structure, authorities and risk-classification approaches applicable to medical devices in the selected jurisdictions [18,20,21].
2. To compare pre-market approval/licensing pathways and associated documentation requirements [47–50,59].
3. To compare clinical evaluation and clinical-investigation expectations across the three systems [49,72].
4. To evaluate quality-management and risk-management requirements, including the role of ISO-based standards [16,43,94].
5. To compare post-market surveillance and vigilance systems and identify differences in reporting, databases and enforcement [17,24,42,51,57].
6. To map regulatory components systematically and identify functional gaps in the Indian system

relative to the US and EU approaches [118–127,131].

7. To develop practical recommendations concerning clinical evidence, surveillance, digitalization, documentation, inspection capacity and international cooperation [85,111,132–134].

#### 3.4 Rationale for the objectives

The objectives are structured around the medical-device lifecycle. Classification determines the level of regulatory control; approval and clinical evaluation address entry to the market; quality systems address manufacturing consistency; and surveillance addresses risks that become visible only after widespread use. Evaluating these components together is more informative than examining any single regulatory requirement in isolation [33,57,86].

### 4. Materials and Methods

#### 4.1 Study design

The study used a qualitative, doctrinal and comparative regulatory research design. The methodology was designed to systematically examine legal instruments, regulatory guidance, standards and supporting literature and then compare corresponding regulatory functions across India, the United States and the European Union. The approach is consistent with qualitative regulatory research and structured content analysis, where documentary evidence is organized into analytical categories before interpretation [113–117,135–137].

#### 4.2 Regulatory jurisdictions

Three jurisdictions were selected: India, the United States and the European Union. India represents an evolving regulatory system of major relevance to the study objective; the United States



represents a mature centralized regulatory model; and the European Union represents a multinational, harmonized framework involving conformity assessment and notified bodies [19,30,38].

### 4.3 Data sources

Primary sources included official regulatory documents and guidance from CDSCO and the Government of India; FDA regulations and guidance; European Commission and EU MDR materials; and internationally recognized standards and guidance. Secondary sources included peer-reviewed research articles, policy reports, technical manuals and academic texts identified in the dissertation [118–127].

**Table-1**

| Data source              | Examples                              | Purpose                                 |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Regulatory documents     | MDR 2017; FDA device pathways; EU MDR | Framework and approval analysis         |
| International standards  | ISO 13485; ISO 14971                  | Quality and risk comparison             |
| Scientific literature    | Regulatory and comparative studies    | Context and interpretation              |
| Policy/technical reports | WHO; IMDRF materials                  | Global harmonization and best practices |

### 4.4 Inclusion and exclusion criteria

Documents were included when they were relevant to medical-device classification, licensing/approval, clinical evaluation, quality management, risk management, post-market surveillance or harmonization in the selected jurisdictions. Priority was given to official regulatory sources and peer-reviewed literature. Duplicate, irrelevant and non-device-specific material was excluded from the comparative dataset, consistent with the dissertation's systematic document-screening approach [118–123].

### 4.5 Data organization

Collected documents were first grouped by jurisdiction and then by regulatory function. Functional categories included classification, licensing/approval, clinical

investigation/evaluation, quality standards, risk management and post-market surveillance. Documents were additionally organized chronologically to recognize regulatory evolution and amendments. Each document was assigned a coding identifier to support traceability and reduce duplication [162–166].

### 4.6 Comparative analytical framework

Five principal comparison domains were defined: (1) device classification; (2) approval/licensing pathways; (3) clinical evaluation; (4) quality-management requirements; and (5) post-market surveillance. Each domain was operationalized through comparable descriptors such as number and type of risk classes, regulatory authority, submission route, clinical evidence, inspection intensity, documentation level, surveillance program and enforcement characteristics [167–171].



**Table -2**

| Parameter           | India                                  | United States                   | European Union                                      |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Classification      | Class A–D                              | Class I–III                     | Class I, IIa, IIb, III                              |
| Authority           | CDSCO / applicable licensing authority | FDA                             | EU system / competent authorities / notified bodies |
| Approval pathway    | Licensing                              | 510(k), PMA and other routes    | Conformity assessment / CE marking                  |
| Clinical evaluation | Risk-based; stronger for higher risk   | Extensive for high-risk devices | Extensive lifecycle evaluation                      |
| Quality system      | ISO-based                              | FDA QSR                         | ISO-based / MDR conformity                          |
| Surveillance        | MvPI and related vigilance             | MedWatch/MDR                    | EU vigilance and PMS                                |

#### 4.7 Regulatory mapping

Regulatory mapping involved aligning functionally equivalent provisions across the three jurisdictions. For example, Indian Class A–D categories were compared with US Classes I–III and EU risk classes; Indian licensing was compared with US premarket pathways and EU conformity assessment; and national vigilance mechanisms were compared with established US and EU surveillance systems. The purpose was not to claim that the categories were legally identical, but to determine where their regulatory functions converged or diverged [120–127].

#### 4.8 Analytical procedure

The analysis proceeded in five stages: document retrieval and screening; jurisdictional and functional classification; extraction of regulatory parameters; matrix-based comparison; and qualitative interpretation. Content analysis was used to identify recurring regulatory themes, while thematic interpretation was used to synthesize strengths, differences and gaps [114,135–137].

#### 4.9 Gap identification

A regulatory gap was identified where the dissertation's comparative mapping demonstrated a meaningful difference in regulatory depth, infrastructure, enforcement or lifecycle coverage that could affect safety assurance or regulatory efficiency. Particular attention was given to clinical validation, surveillance coverage, inspection frequency, documentation consistency and digital integration because these domains showed the clearest differences in the study findings [131–134].

#### 4.10 Methodological limitations

Because the study was documentary and qualitative, it did not generate patient-level outcomes, quantitative estimates of adverse-event incidence or statistical measures of regulatory performance. Approval timelines were compared descriptively rather than through a controlled quantitative dataset. Findings therefore describe regulatory structure and implementation observations documented in the dissertation rather than proving causal effects on patient outcomes [113–117].

### 5. Results



### 5.1 Overall comparative findings

The analysis demonstrated that India, the United States and the European Union all apply risk-based regulatory principles, but differ in classification granularity, approval architecture, clinical

evidence requirements, inspection intensity and post-market surveillance maturity. India has established a structured framework under MDR 2017, while the US and EU systems demonstrate more mature regulatory infrastructure and lifecycle oversight [18,20,21,23].

**Table-3**

| Feature              | India                          | United States | European Union             |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Regulatory authority | CDSCO                          | FDA           | EU regulatory system       |
| Classification       | A–D                            | I–III         | I, IIa, IIb, III           |
| Approval mechanism   | Licensing                      | 510(k), PMA   | Conformity assessment / CE |
| Clinical evaluation  | Moderate; higher for high risk | Extensive     | Extensive                  |
| Surveillance         | Developing                     | Advanced      | Advanced                   |

### 5.2 Device classification

India uses four classes, A through D, based on risk. The US framework uses Classes I, II and III, while the EU framework provides greater granularity

through Class I, IIa, IIb and III. The comparative matrix in the dissertation aligned low, moderate, moderate-high and high-risk groups functionally rather than treating class labels as interchangeable [26,34–36,47,91].

**Table-4**

| Risk level    | India   | United States | European Union |
|---------------|---------|---------------|----------------|
| Low           | Class A | Class I       | Class I        |
| Moderate      | Class B | Class II      | Class IIa      |
| Moderate-high | Class C | —             | Class IIb      |
| High          | Class D | Class III     | Class III      |

The additional intermediate EU categories provide more detailed differentiation of moderate-risk devices. The Indian four-class model is comparatively straightforward, but the study identified an opportunity to refine regulatory controls for intermediate-risk devices where clinical and surveillance requirements may vary substantially [36,63,91].

### 5.3 Approval pathways

India uses licensing pathways determined by device classification and regulatory responsibility. Lower-risk devices may follow less intensive routes, whereas higher-risk devices require central regulatory involvement and greater documentation. The US employs multiple pathways, notably 510(k) for substantial equivalence and PMA for high-risk devices. The EU relies on conformity assessment, with notified bodies involved for applicable classes and CE

marking following demonstration of conformity [47–50,59,69].

#### 5.4 Comparative clinical evaluation

Clinical evaluation was a major area of difference. In India, the dissertation reports mandatory clinical investigation requirements for higher-risk

devices, while some moderate-risk devices may rely more heavily on performance evaluation and literature-based evidence. In the US, high-risk devices require substantial clinical evidence under applicable pathways, while the EU MDR emphasizes clinical evaluation, clinical investigations where appropriate and continuing clinical evidence over the device lifecycle [49,72].

**Table -5**

| Parameter                            | India     | United States | European Union |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|----------------|
| Clinical investigation for high risk | Mandatory | Mandatory     | Mandatory      |
| Ethical approval                     | Required  | Required      | Required       |
| Data monitoring                      | Moderate  | Extensive     | Extensive      |
| Lifecycle evaluation                 | Limited   | Extensive     | Extensive      |

The comparative result suggests that India has a progressive clinical-evidence framework but has scope to strengthen clinical validation for selected moderate-risk devices. The implication is not that every moderate-risk device should face the same trial burden, but that risk-proportionate evidence requirements could be more consistently calibrated to uncertainty and potential harm [72,75,93].

Quality management demonstrated the greatest degree of conceptual harmonization. India follows ISO-based quality principles; the US system has historically used FDA quality-system requirements; and the EU framework relies strongly on ISO-aligned quality systems within conformity assessment. The dissertation nevertheless identified differences in inspection frequency, documentation depth and enforcement capacity [16,58,94,103].

#### 5.5 Quality management

**Table -6**

| Parameter            | India             | United States | European Union    |
|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Quality standard     | ISO 13485 aligned | FDA QSR       | ISO 13485 aligned |
| Inspection frequency | Moderate          | High          | High              |
| Risk management      | Required          | Mandatory     | Mandatory         |
| Documentation level  | Moderate          | Extensive     | Extensive         |

#### 5.6 Post-market surveillance

Post-market surveillance showed the clearest infrastructure gap. India uses the Materiovigilance Programme of India and related reporting systems,

but the dissertation characterizes the system as developing, with challenges in reporting compliance and nationwide coverage. The US uses FDA medical-device reporting and MedWatch mechanisms, while the EU operates a structured



vigilance and post-market surveillance system with increasingly integrated digital infrastructure [17,24,42,51,57,106].

**Table -7**

| Parameter            | India                          | United States                                          | European Union                 |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Surveillance program | MvPI                           | MedWatch / MDR                                         | EU vigilance                   |
| Reporting            | Voluntary + mandatory elements | Mandatory manufacturer reporting + voluntary reporting | Mandatory regulatory reporting |
| Database maturity    | Developing                     | Advanced                                               | Advanced                       |
| Enforcement          | Moderate                       | Strong                                                 | Strong                         |
| Coverage             | Expanding                      | Extensive                                              | Extensive                      |

The result indicates that India's surveillance framework is established but requires broader participation, improved reporting completeness and stronger integration of digital safety data. By contrast, the US and EU systems have more

mature infrastructure for collecting, evaluating and acting on post-market signals [24,51,57,106].

### 5.7 Regulatory mapping summary

**Table- 8**

| Regulatory component | India                        | United States | EU            | Study interpretation            |
|----------------------|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Classification       | A–D                          | I–III         | I–III         | Comparable risk-based principle |
| Approval             | Licensing                    | 510(k), PMA   | CE/conformity | Moderate variation              |
| Clinical evaluation  | Limited to extensive by risk | Extensive     | Extensive     | Variation                       |
| Quality              | ISO-based                    | QSR           | ISO-based     | Substantial harmonization       |
| Surveillance         | Developing                   | Advanced      | Advanced      | Gap identified                  |

### 5.8 Identified regulatory gaps

The principal gaps identified were: (1) comparatively limited clinical validation for selected moderate-risk devices; (2) developing post-market surveillance coverage and reporting infrastructure; (3) moderate inspection intensity; (4) variability in documentation depth and review consistency; and (5) incomplete digital integration across regulatory workflows. These findings are

consistent with the dissertation's comparative mapping and with literature emphasizing capacity, surveillance and harmonization challenges in emerging regulatory systems [29,65,70,77,131].

## 6. Discussion

### 6.1 Interpretation of classification findings



The convergence of India, the US and EU around risk-based classification is an important strength of the global regulatory environment. It indicates broad agreement that regulatory intensity should reflect device risk rather than applying identical requirements to all products. However, the number of classes alone does not determine regulatory strength. The critical issue is how classification rules translate into evidence requirements, quality controls and surveillance obligations [34–36,63].

The EU's additional intermediate categories provide finer differentiation of moderate-risk devices. The US three-class system is supported by multiple regulatory pathways and device-specific controls. India's four classes provide a logical risk spectrum, but the comparative findings suggest that classification could be accompanied by more consistently differentiated evidence requirements for intermediate-risk products [47–50,91].

## 6.2 Interpretation of approval pathways

The US pathway is characterized by centralized regulatory review and multiple routes tailored to device characteristics. The 510(k) pathway can facilitate market entry when substantial equivalence can be established, while PMA provides a more demanding pathway for high-risk devices. The EU's conformity-assessment model distributes assessment through notified bodies within a harmonized legal framework. India has developed a structured licensing system, but the dissertation identifies opportunities to improve documentation consistency and review efficiency [48–50,69].

These differences should not be interpreted simply as a hierarchy of 'better' and 'worse' systems. Each framework reflects its legal architecture and institutional history. The useful lesson for India is to adopt functional best practices—clear risk-based evidence standards, predictable

documentation requirements and transparent review processes—rather than replicate foreign legislation wholesale [19,30,78].

## 6.3 Clinical evidence and patient safety

Clinical evaluation is particularly important where bench testing cannot fully predict real-world performance. The dissertation found the US and EU systems to be more extensive in clinical validation and lifecycle evidence than the Indian system for selected moderate-risk devices. Strengthening proportionate clinical evidence could improve confidence in device performance while avoiding unnecessary studies for well-characterized low-risk products [49,72,93].

A risk-adapted model could link clinical evidence requirements to uncertainty, novelty, intended population, duration of exposure, reversibility of harm and availability of reliable alternative evidence. Such an approach would preserve innovation while strengthening safety assurance [63,75,86].

## 6.4 Quality management and standardization

The strong convergence around ISO-based quality principles is a positive foundation for international regulatory alignment. ISO 13485 provides common expectations for quality-management processes, while ISO 14971 provides a framework for risk management [16,43,94]. India's alignment with these standards can reduce barriers for manufacturers pursuing international markets and can support more consistent domestic manufacturing.

However, standards are only effective when supported by competent implementation, inspection and enforcement. The dissertation found that inspection frequency and enforcement mechanisms were stronger in the US and EU than



in India. Strengthening inspection capacity, technical expertise and risk-based audit planning may therefore produce greater benefit than simply adding additional documentary requirements [58,64,103,105].

### 6.5 Post-market surveillance as a priority

The study's strongest regulatory gap relates to post-market surveillance. A device can appear acceptable during pre-market assessment yet present problems only after broad use, long-term implantation, interaction with diverse patient populations or exposure to real-world workflows. Effective vigilance therefore complements—not replaces—pre-market review [17,24,57].

India's MvPI provides an important institutional foundation, but surveillance effectiveness depends on awareness, reporting behavior, data interoperability, signal assessment and timely regulatory action. Strengthening links between hospitals, manufacturers, reporting centers and CDSCO could create a more complete national safety picture [42,64,80].

### 6.6 Digitalization and emerging technologies

Digital regulatory infrastructure can reduce administrative burden and improve traceability, but digitalization should extend beyond electronic submission. For connected and software-driven devices, regulators require mechanisms for tracking software versions, cybersecurity signals, performance updates and post-market changes. The increasing role of AI also raises issues of algorithmic drift, validation, transparency and data governance [9,41,109,112].

A lifecycle regulatory architecture is therefore increasingly appropriate. Pre-market assessment should establish an evidence baseline, while post-market systems should detect new risks and feed

those observations back into regulatory decisions [33,106].

### 6.7 Regulatory harmonization

The study supports continued participation in international harmonization initiatives. Harmonization can reduce duplicate assessments, promote common technical terminology, facilitate international trade and support more predictable development pathways. Nevertheless, convergence must be implemented in a manner appropriate to India's healthcare infrastructure, regulatory capacity and public-health priorities [23,31,78,81,87].

Rather than pursuing identical legislation, India may prioritize mutual recognition of selected technical standards, common technical-document structures, compatible adverse-event terminology and information-sharing arrangements. These measures could improve international compatibility without weakening national oversight [95,98,104].

### 6.8 Implications for stakeholders

For regulators, the findings emphasize investment in technical review capacity, inspection systems, digital surveillance and predictable documentation requirements. For manufacturers, clearer evidence expectations and harmonized standards may reduce uncertainty and facilitate multi-market development. For healthcare institutions, stronger adverse-event reporting and device traceability can improve patient safety. For researchers and academia, regulatory science offers opportunities to evaluate the real-world performance of regulatory reforms [83,111].

### 6.9 Implications for Indian regulatory strengthening



**Table-9**

| <b>Priority area</b> | <b>Current study finding</b>                     | <b>Recommended direction</b>                             |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Clinical evaluation  | Limited depth for selected moderate-risk devices | Risk-proportionate strengthening of clinical evidence    |
| PMS                  | Developing coverage                              | Integrated national digital vigilance                    |
| Inspection           | Moderate                                         | Risk-based, technically specialized inspections          |
| Documentation        | Moderate variability                             | Standardized submission templates and checklists         |
| Digital regulation   | Partial integration                              | Lifecycle digital traceability and data interoperability |
| Harmonization        | Progressive                                      | Greater IMDRF/ISO convergence and information exchange   |

## 7. Limitations

### 7.1 Scope of jurisdictions

The study was restricted to India, the United States and the European Union. These jurisdictions were selected because of their relevance and regulatory diversity, but the findings cannot represent all global regulatory models. Canada, Japan, Australia and other systems may offer additional approaches that could refine the recommendations [22,52,53,56].

### 7.2 Documentary nature of the study

The analysis relied on regulatory documents, scientific literature and policy materials. It did not include interviews with regulators, manufacturers, notified bodies, clinicians or patients. Consequently, the study describes documented regulatory structures and reported implementation issues rather than independently measuring stakeholder experience.

### 7.3 Lack of quantitative performance metrics

The dissertation used qualitative comparative mapping rather than statistical evaluation of

approval times, inspection findings, adverse-event rates or recall outcomes. The categories such as 'moderate' and 'extensive' are therefore analytical descriptors derived from the study framework and should not be interpreted as validated numerical scores.

### 7.4 Dynamic regulatory environment

Medical-device regulation changes rapidly as new technologies emerge and jurisdictions amend rules and guidance. The manuscript reflects the regulatory material evaluated in the dissertation and should be updated when used for formal submission to a journal whose publication date is later than the study period [33,112].

### 7.5 Interpretation limitations

Comparing legal categories across jurisdictions requires functional rather than literal equivalence. A US class, an EU class and an Indian class may not impose identical obligations even when they represent broadly similar levels of risk. The mapping used in this study therefore identifies regulatory relationships and differences rather than asserting legal equivalence [90,91,120].



## 7.6 Strengths of the study

Despite these limitations, the study has several strengths: it uses primary regulatory materials, compares multiple lifecycle domains using a common framework, incorporates international standards, and links comparative findings to practical recommendations for Indian regulatory strengthening. The structured mapping also makes the analysis reproducible for future jurisdictional comparisons [118–127].

## 8. Future Directions

### 8.1 Digital and AI-enabled regulation

Future work should examine regulatory frameworks specifically designed for AI-enabled devices, machine-learning systems and software-based medical technologies. Important areas include algorithm validation, change control, cybersecurity, data quality, transparency, human oversight and monitoring for performance drift [9,109,112].

### 8.2 Real-time post-market surveillance

A major future direction is development of integrated electronic surveillance that can combine manufacturer reports, hospital incident data and regulatory signals. Advanced analytics could support earlier detection of emerging safety problems and more targeted regulatory intervention [57,106].

### 8.3 Improved clinical-evaluation models

Future research should evaluate risk-adapted clinical evidence models for moderate-risk devices. Adaptive study designs, registry-based evidence, real-world data and carefully validated simulation approaches could complement conventional trials where appropriate, while maintaining methodological rigor [72,93].

## 8.4 International harmonization

Further research could expand the comparison to Canada, Japan and Australia and examine whether selected technical requirements can be aligned across jurisdictions. Comparative studies should also evaluate how IMDRF initiatives translate into national implementation and whether harmonization measurably reduces regulatory burden without reducing safety [23,31,54,98].

## 8.5 Regulatory capacity building

Strengthening India's regulatory workforce should remain a priority. Specialized training in clinical evaluation, software regulation, quality systems, risk management, cybersecurity and post-market signal assessment can improve the technical capacity needed for modern device oversight [111].

## 8.6 Indigenous manufacturing and innovation

Regulatory strengthening should be accompanied by support for domestic device development. Clear standards, predictable review pathways and quality-system support can help manufacturers develop globally competitive products while reducing dependence on imported technologies [32,84].

## 8.7 Predictive regulatory science

Future studies may investigate whether machine learning and large-scale regulatory datasets can support proactive risk identification, inspection prioritization and post-market signal detection. Such approaches should be validated carefully and used to support—not replace—expert regulatory judgment [109,112].

## 9. CONCLUSION



The present comparative study demonstrates that India has made substantial progress in establishing a dedicated, risk-based medical-device regulatory framework. The Medical Device Rules, 2017 represent an important transition toward structured classification, licensing, clinical evaluation, quality control and post-market oversight [18,25,60].

Across India, the United States and the European Union, risk-based classification emerged as a common regulatory principle. The principal differences were found in classification granularity, approval pathways, depth of clinical evaluation, inspection intensity and maturity of post-market surveillance. The United States and European Union demonstrate more extensive regulatory infrastructure in several of these areas, while India's system is continuing to develop [19,30,38].

Quality management showed substantial international convergence through ISO-based principles, suggesting that India already possesses an important foundation for global regulatory compatibility. The remaining challenge is to strengthen implementation through competent inspections, consistent documentation and effective enforcement [16,58,94].

The most important improvement opportunities identified by the study are stronger clinical validation for selected moderate-risk devices, expanded and digitally integrated post-market surveillance, improved inspection capacity, standardized regulatory documentation, and continued international harmonization. These measures should be implemented proportionately so that safety is strengthened without creating unnecessary barriers to innovation [75,81,86].

Overall, the study supports a lifecycle-based regulatory model in which classification, pre-

market evidence, manufacturing quality, clinical evaluation and post-market surveillance operate as interconnected components. Continued regulatory modernization, capacity building and international collaboration will be essential as India expands its medical-device sector and adopts increasingly sophisticated digital and AI-enabled technologies [33,87,112].

## **10. Declarations**

### **10.1 Ethics approval**

Not applicable. This was a documentary comparative regulatory study and did not involve human participants, identifiable patient data or animal experimentation.

### **10.2 Funding**

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### **10.3 Conflict of interest**

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### **10.4 Data availability**

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