



Have you experienced **prolonged discussions** with your local FSA ?
Have you wondered why ?

We often **fail** to communicate what's **important**

- Discussions which often are followed by even longer Q&A's – the approval process lingers on
- Many times we wonder why this is ?
 - Could it be the way we engage the regulator ?
 - Could we build a better relationship with the regulator ?
 - Should we be more active in our dealings with the regulator ?
- **Possibly** you should. But a better relationship hardly lets you slip in a lower calibration for a rating model. A better relationship hardly puts you in the free from the long list of questions you usually get
- Perhaps it time for you to **change** ?
- Perhaps you should try and change which information and knowledge you share in your model documentation instead – **connect and learn** from other industries
- Some years ago the American Pharmaceutical industry was facing similar issues with their interaction with FDA. One of the solutions to shorter approval process was '**Quality by Design**'
- 'Quality by Design' is a way to work which helps you in addressing the most **important** things in your application for a new model or drug

Increase your focus on what you actually communicate – **FSAs** spend hours after hours on reading your documentation and **only a few** in meetings with you

| Current Approach | QbD Approach |
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| Quality assured by testing, inspection and further away explanations | Quality built into product & process by design, based on product and customer understanding |
| Data intensive submission – disjointed information without “big picture” | Knowledge rich submission – showing product knowledge & process understanding |
| Specifications based on retrieval of historic information | Specifications based on customers needs and product performance requirements |
| “ Frozen process, ” discouraging changes – modeling process purely focused on data extraction and getting the models approved | Flexible process within design space, allowing continuous improvement |
| Focus on reproducibility – often avoiding or ignoring variation | Focus on robustness – understanding and controlling variation |