



Regulatory, Manufacturing and Supply Chain Aspects

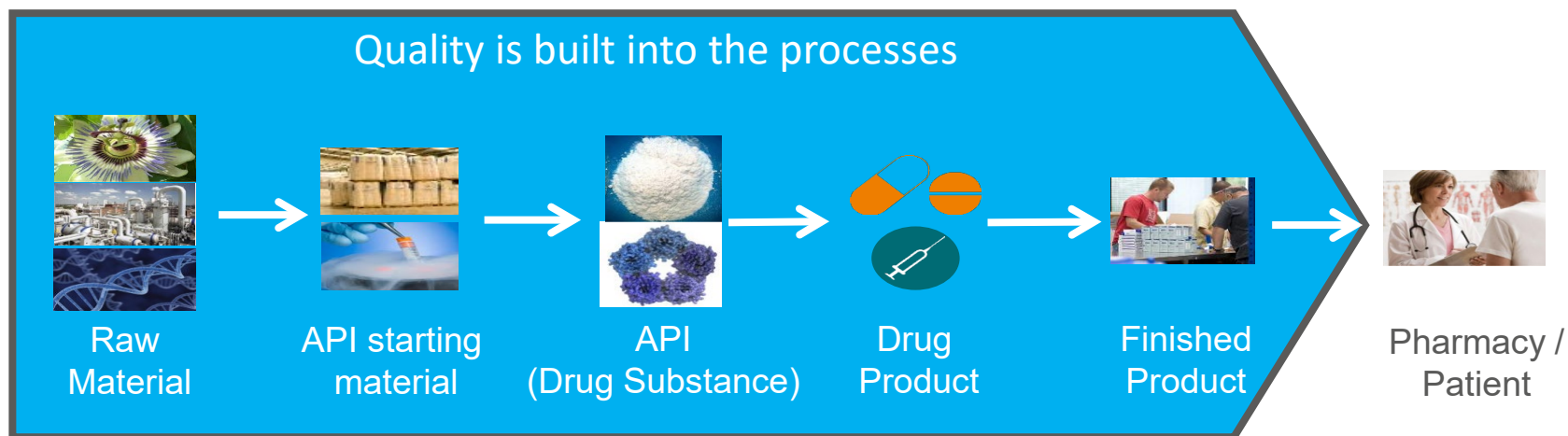
Session 5: Supply Chain Management and Surveillance

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EMA Sartans with N-nitrosamine impurities
Lessons Learnt Exercise - Interested Parties Meeting
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Medicines are well Developed, Manufactured and Available for Supply



Quality Agreements between actors in the supply chain

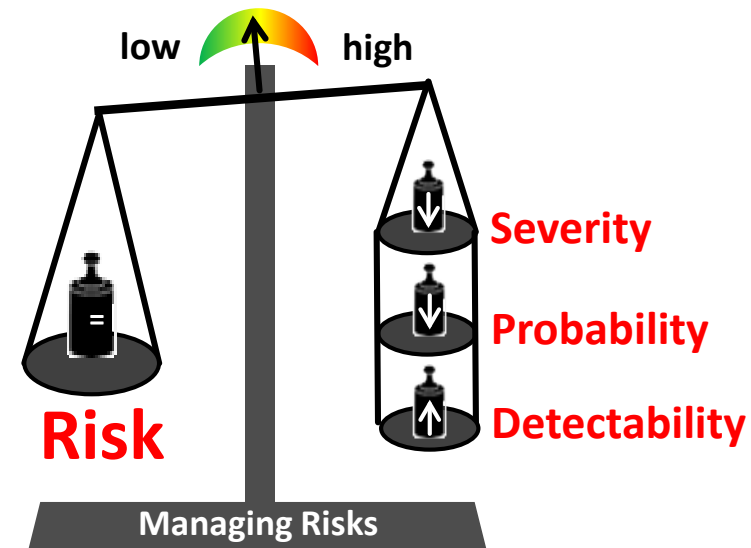
=> GMP responsibilities

=> Quality measures of each party

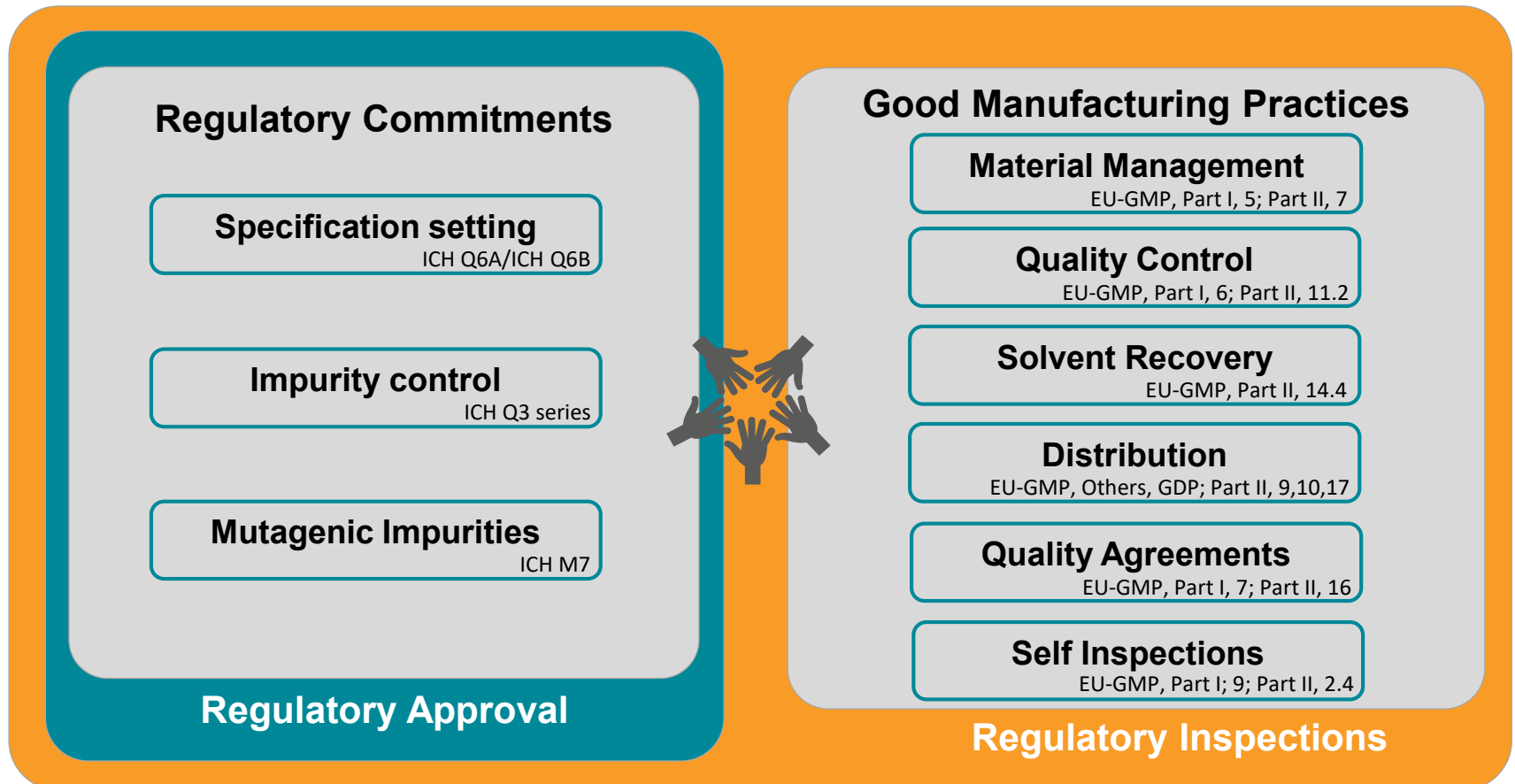
Fundamental Strategies in Operations: Recognise Risks are Managed at a Desired Level

- **Achieving anticipated quality**
 - Using good science
 - Realising solid risk assessment
 - Implementing Good Manufacturing Practices

- **Ensuring quality targets are achieved**
 - Applying defined controls as necessary
 - Improving with preventive actions
 - Analysing on a solid understanding of root causes if something happens



The Regulatory Framework has Established Controls: All European Pharmaceutical companies are bound to fulfill, otherwise they can not operate



The Regulatory Framework and Established Controls already exists: Is there a need for updated guidance?

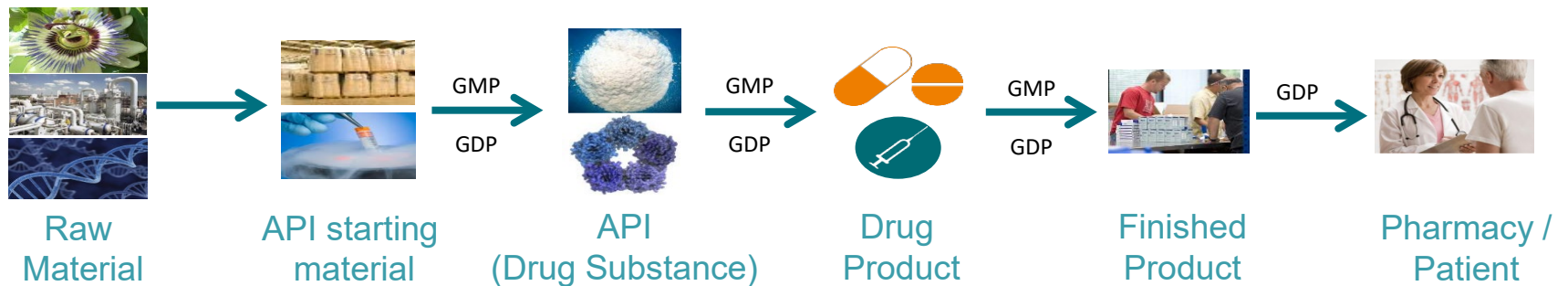
Quality Systems and Control Process
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impurities are controlled at the validated level • Cleaning validation in shared facilities

Supplier Management Process
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Selection 2. Qualification & Development 3. Monitoring & Managing

Supply Chain Management Processes (examples)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Monitoring • Change Management • Awareness of hazards, assessment and control of risks

- **Quality Risk Management (QRM) is established**
 - ⇒ Companies use QRM to identify hazards and mitigate the risks
 - ⇒ Subjected to regulatory oversight

Applied Quality Risk Management in Operations: Risks Can be Controlled - Residual Risk Remains



- **Analytical techniques and specifications are appropriate**

=> New knowledge, experience and expectations will be taken into account

- **Processes are controlled and monitored**

=> Procedures assure the recovered materials meet suitable specification

- **Recognise risks at a desired level**

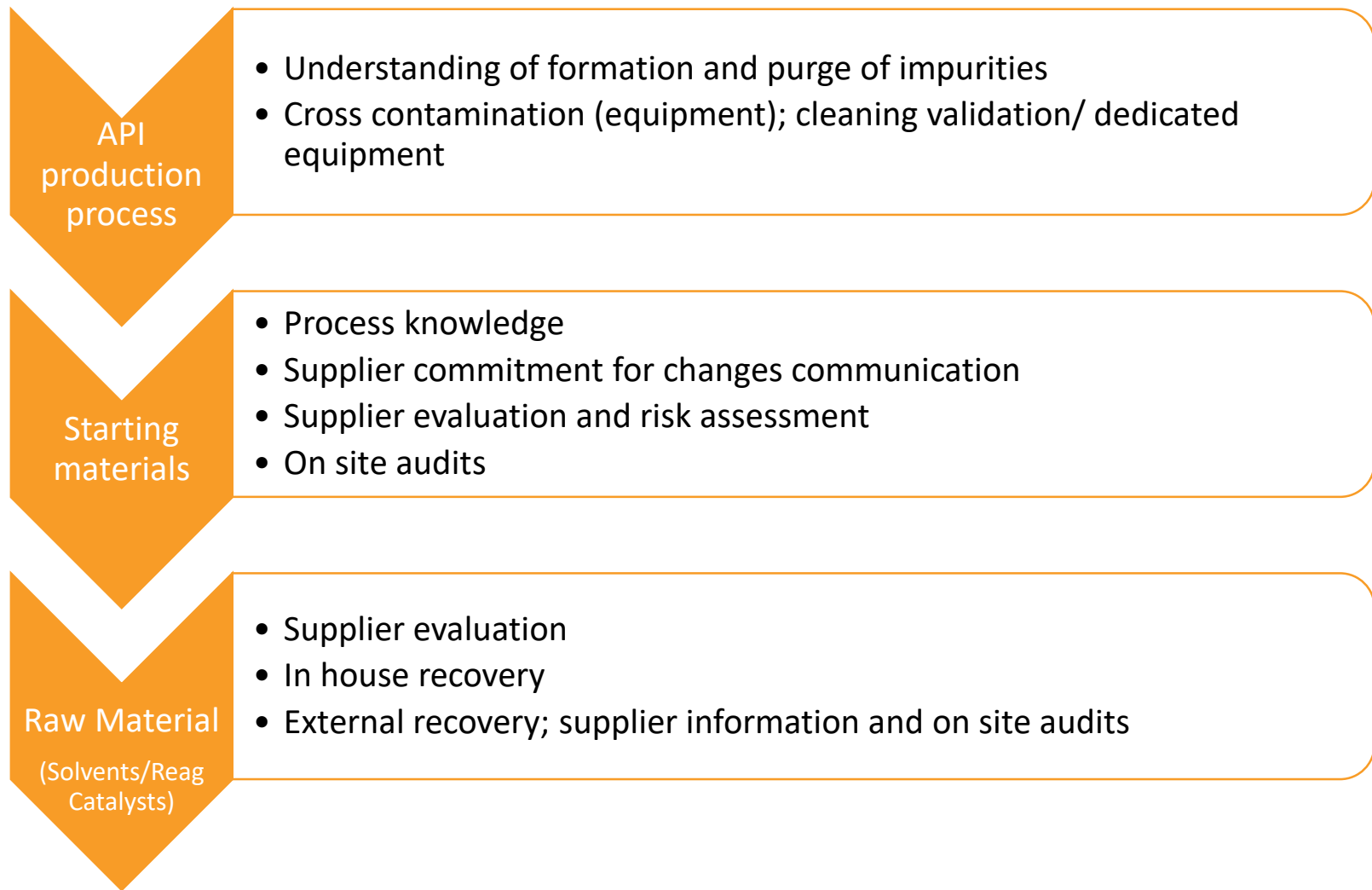
=> Adoption of the risk control is possible - A zero risk scenario is not possible



- **Quality Agreements** between actors in the supply chain define the **GMP responsibilities** of each party
- **Analytical** techniques and specifications are **appropriate**
- **Processes** are **controlled** and **monitored**
- Recognise risks at a desired level: **zero risk scenario is not possible**
- **Inspections & guidelines** ensure the **regulatory oversight** in the supply chain

EU API MANUFACTURERS APPROACH

- **API manufacturers are systematically performing genotoxic assessments that includes nitrosamines (as structural alerts) in the scope of evaluation, according to ICH M7**
- **Adoption of EMA request for risk evaluation of the presence of nitrosamine impurities: API manufacturers have adopted the guide for RA evaluation based on**
 - Production process evaluation
 - Starting materials sourcing
 - Solvents and reagents



RISK ASSESSMENT

RISK ASSESSMENT OUTPUT

NO RISK/ ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF RISK

- No action required

CONFIRMATORY TESTING

- Need to test before final evaluation
- Method development and validation

RISK REDUCTION

- Routine test implementation
- Process change
- Variation

Key point is prioritization based on real risk, focusing on high risk API:

- Sartans
- Other APIs with tetrazole ring
- Amines and nitrites concomitantly used in the synthesis
- Other APIs