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Webinar #1

Roadmap to Market Access:
Understanding Global Device Regulations

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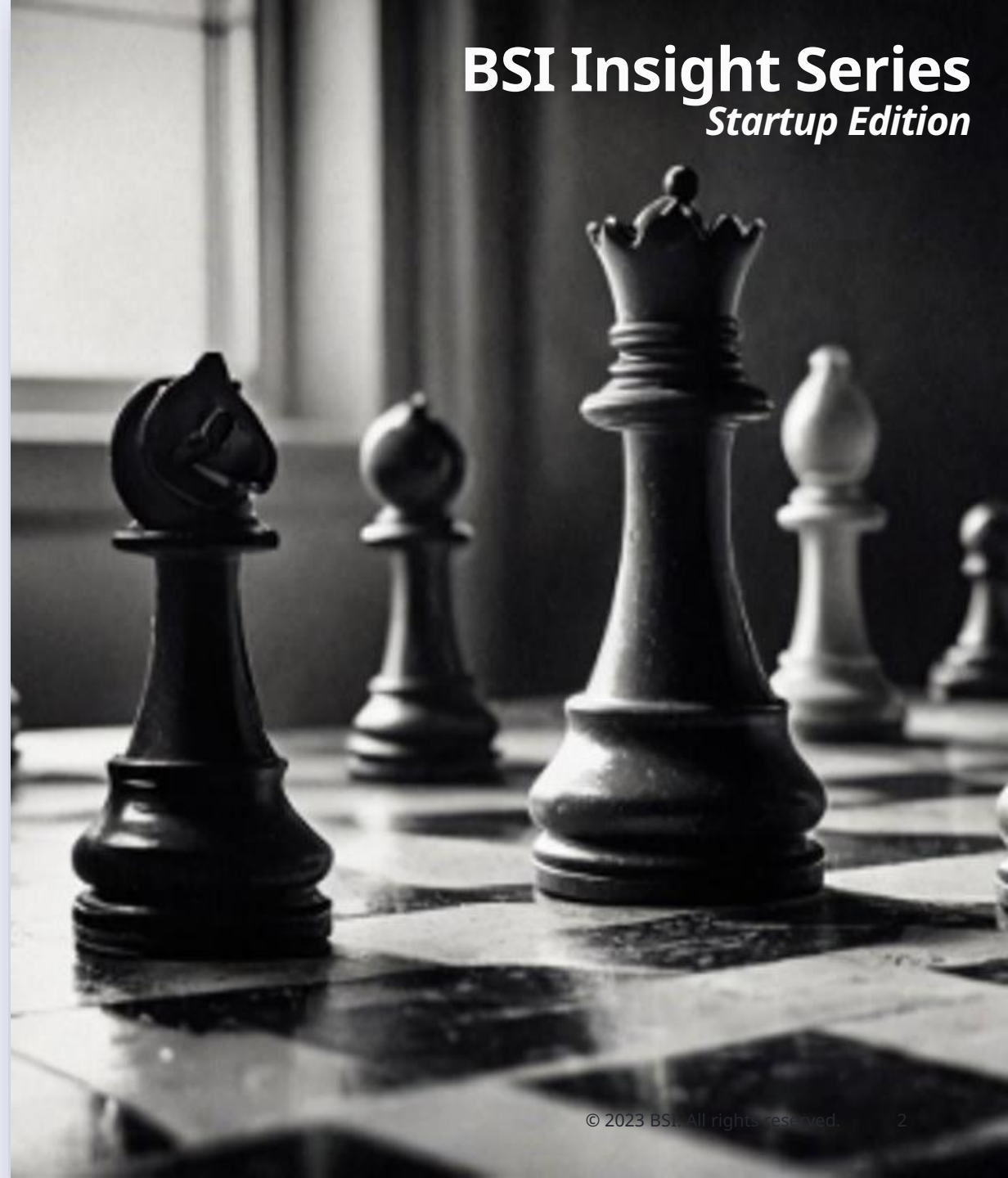


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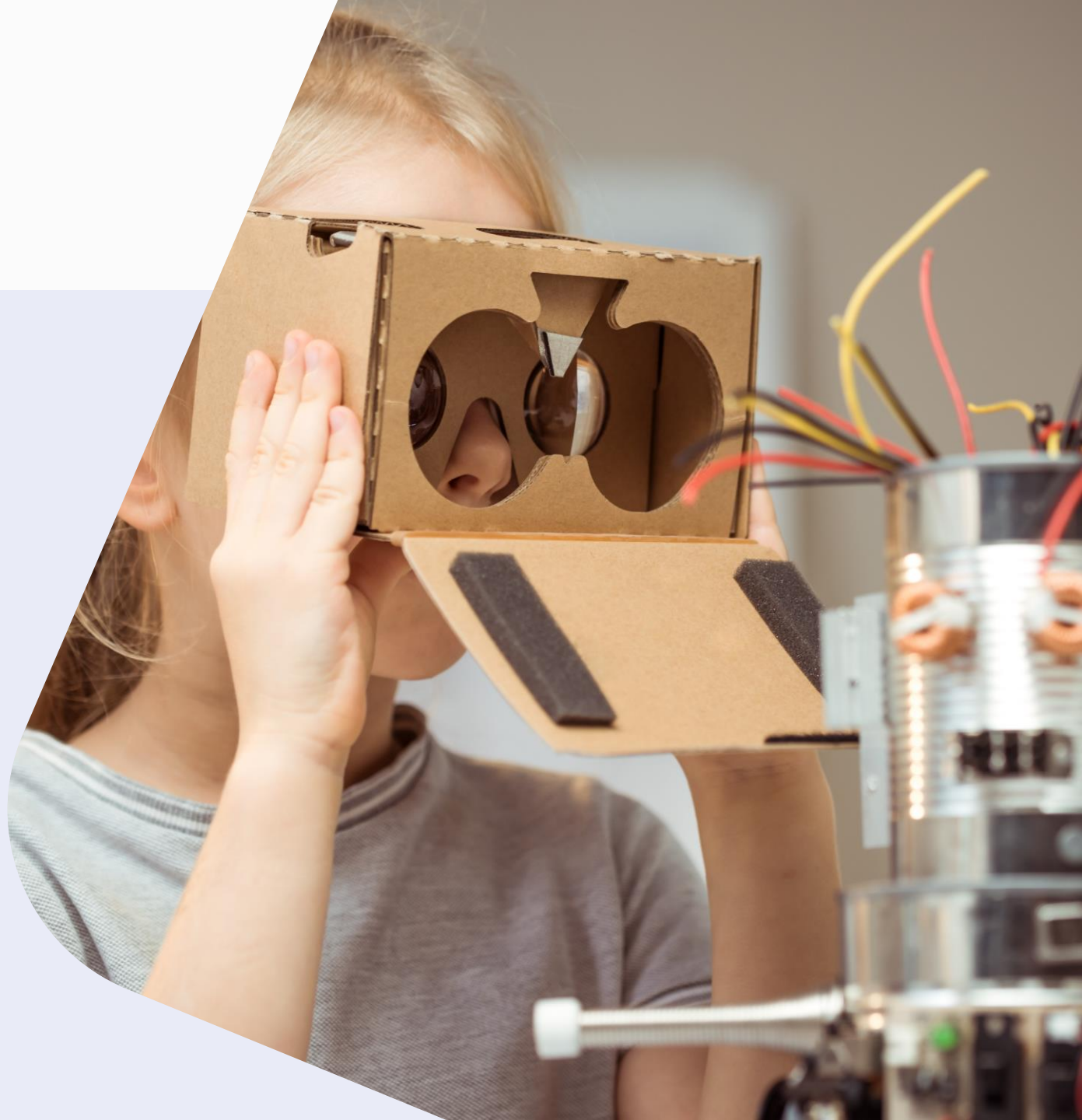
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Poll Question

What is your level of knowledge of Regulatory requirements in EU and UK?

- a) I have a **High-Level** of understanding
- b) I have **Some Level** of understanding
- c) I have a **Limited Level** of understanding
- d) I have **Little** to No understanding



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Unique Reality of MedTech Startups



- **Design Controls from Day One**
MedTech startups *must document* design, risk, and traceability *early*. This is unlike consumer tech, which can iterate freely.
- **Quality Management (ISO 13485)**
“Move fast and break things” balanced against *compliant QMS is required* before market entry.
- **Evidence Requirements**
For MedTech, *scientific data (bench, in-silico, human studies)* is *essential*, while most startups launch without a formal validation.
- **Regulatory Engagement**
MedTech founders must plan for *audits, reviews, and submissions*, while others may skip third-party assessments.
- **Longer Timelines**
Safety testing and regulatory reviews extend time-to-market, thus, requiring *smart capital and investor alignment*

Why Regulation Matters for Startups:

Clear Regulatory Strategy Matters



Investor Readiness & Confidence

Demonstrates *scale readiness* & *Increases valuation*

Access to Non-Dilutive Funding

Enables *eligibility for grants* (e.g. NIH) without giving up equity

Avoids Costly Rework

Early alignment with Regulatory Requirements *prevents expensive redesign* and delays.

Accelerates Time-to-Market

Faster approvals mean *earlier revenue generation* and reduced burn rate; faster global access.

Supports Partnerships

The hospitals, distributors, and acquirers will *expect regulatory maturity* before engagement.

Protects Patients & Brand

Ensures safety, trust, and long-term success; reduces perceived risk.

ISO 13485 (Quality Standard)



- **ISO 13485, International Standard for Quality Management Systems (QMS) in Medical Devices:** Ensures Medical devices are produced consistently and meet customer and regulatory requirements.
- Aligns with global regulatory expectations (FDA, EU MDR, MDSAP).
- Build credibility with your startup, supports investor confidence, and often required for CE/UKCA marking.

MDSAP



MDSAP: Medical Device Single Audit Program.

- A single audit process ***accepted by five major regulators*** (United States, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Japan).
- MDSAP streamlines ***Global Compliance*** and reduces Audit Duplication.
- This can be strategic for startups targeting multiple international markets; aligns with ISO 13485.

EU MDR & EU IVDR:

- **EU MDR:** Regulation (EU) 2017/745 governing medical devices in the EU
 - Sets requirements for safety, performance, clinical evidence, and post-market surveillance
 - Requires submission to an EU Notified body for conformity assessment and certification.
- **EU IVDR:** Regulation (EU) 2017/746 for In Vitro Diagnostic devices.
 - Important as it introduces risk-based classification, mandatory clinical evidence, and Notified Body oversight.
 - Critical for diagnostic startups; compliance is mandatory for EU Sales.



UK Conformity Assessment



UK's post-Brexit product conformity mark replacing CE:

- Required for placing devices on the GB Market; governed by UK MDR 2002.
- Impact to Startups where mandatory for UK sales, dual CE/UKCA strategy allows for flexibility.

Align Investment Phase to Regulatory Maturity



Confirm Device Qualification & Classification: Verify product qualifies as a medical device and determine risk class



Implement Quality Management System (QMS): Establish ISO 13485 - Compliant QMS for design and Manufacturing



Prepare Technical Documentation: Include design, risk assessments, and clinical/performance data.



Conduct Clinical Evaluation: Demonstrate safety and performance through clinical evidence.



Final Conformity Assessment: For higher-risk devices, submit documentation for conformity assessment.



Startup Seed Funding Phase	General Startup Stages	General Steps to Regulatory Certification		Regulatory Perspective on Maturity
Pre-Seed	Idea, concept & IP Strategy	Confirm Device Qualification: Verify product qualifies as a medical device and determine risk classification. First Structured Dialogue with Regulatory Body to cover core essentials: indications for use alignment.		Early regulatory awareness is essential to confirming a medical device, defining its intended purpose, risk classification, and applicable MDR/IVDR requirements.
Seed	Developed prototype, testing, regulatory pathway	Implement Quality Management System (QMS): Establish ISO 13485-Compliant QMS for design and Manufacturing. Obtain ISO Certification for Design Scope; Impact on \$Company's Valuation .		Begin to initiate contact with Regulatory Body, start building an ISO 13485-aligned QMS , and plan V&V testing per harmonized standards.
Series A	Early clinical development, Fund Trials, Submission Prep	Prepare Technical Documentation: Include design, risk assessment, and clinical/performance Data. Extend Certification Scope for Manufacturing .		Formal engagement with Regulatory Body is achieved. Submit MDR-compliant technical documentation with clinical evidence, risk management, and operational QMS .
Series B	Pivotal trials & Scale Marketing	Conduct Clinical Evaluation: Demonstrate Safety & Performance through Clinical Evidence. Obtain CE Mark .		Company becomes a certified manufacturer . Maintain technical documentation, undergo surveillance audits, and implement PMS and PMCF activities.
Series C	Commercialization and scale up	Final Conformity Assessment: For higher-risk devices, submit documentation for conformity Assessment. Obtain MDSAP as you go Global .		Regulatory function becomes a strategic pillar. Manage global submissions (FDA, MHRA, TGA) while sustaining MDR compliance and post-market obligations.

Poll Question

With Respect to your Company's Startup Phase, what stage is your company?

- a) Pre-Seed
- b) Seed
- c) Series A
- d) Series B or C
- e) N/A, none of the above



Building Regulatory Strategy into Startup Success

Regulatory alignment fuels growth

Planning early for global standards builds investor trust and speeds market entry.

Compliance grows with the company

From concept to launch, regulatory focus must evolve & mature with product and funding.

Quality and compliance are strategic

Strong QMS (ISO 13485) and early Regulatory Body engagement enable global scale.

Start with regulation

Regulatory readiness drives innovation, credibility, and patient safety.





Thank you!

Q&A Session Begins



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