

# RRL-QMS Comparative Appendix

Comparative positioning of RRL-QMS against common maturity / readiness frameworks.

## Purpose

This appendix provides a compact, citation-friendly comparison table for stakeholder discussions. It highlights where traditional maturity frameworks stop short of regulatory/QMS submission readiness and where RRL-QMS adds staged checkpoints and quantitative signals.

Table 1 — Comparative overview of maturity/readiness frameworks

| Framework / Programme   | Primary Domain                      | Maturity Layers    | Predictive component                    | Scope              | Key Gaps Remaining                                     |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|---|--------------------|--|
| TRL                     | Technology feasibility              | 9                  | ✗                                       | Cross-industry     | No QMS / regulatory checkpoints                        |
| CMMI                    | Process capability                  | 5                  | ✗                                       | Cross-industry     | Not aligned to ISO 13485 or regulators                 |
| FDA-QMM                 | Pharma manufacturing                | 5 tiers            | ✗ (pilot)                               | Drugs only         | No design-control layer; no approval-probability model |
| MDIC-MDDAP              | US medical devices                  | Narrative maturity | ✗                                       | US only            | Lacks EU/MDSAP mapping & quantitative risk             |
| ISO 13485 certification | Device QMS                          | Pass / fail        | ✗                                       | Global devices     | Binary; no staged roadmap                              |
| Our RRL-QMS             | Global medical devices (incl. SaMD) | 9                  | ✓ Logistic risk, Sobol, Stability index | All device classes | Fills all above gaps; multi-country and quantitative   |

## Notes

- “Predictive component” indicates an explicit quantitative layer that maps maturity/readiness to a submission or approval outcome (not just narrative grading).
- “Key gaps remaining” is framed from a medical-device QMS and multi-jurisdiction readiness perspective.
- RRL-QMS is presented as a nine-level ladder; implementation details may be shared privately under agreement.

## References (selected)

- ISO 13485:2016 — Medical devices — Quality management systems — Requirements for regulatory purposes.
- FDA — Quality Management Maturity (QMM) program (public materials).
- Medical Device Innovation Consortium (MDIC) — Medical Device Discovery Appraisal Program (MDDAP) (public materials).
- Technology Readiness Levels (TRL) — common cross-industry maturity concept.
- CMMI — Capability Maturity Model Integration (process capability maturity).

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