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# Making Change Stick: The Importance of Driving Results and Follow Ups From Monitoring Activities

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# Making Change Stick: Three Key Elements



To make change "stick," three essential elements must be in place:

- A strong compliance governance structure
  - Policies and procedures that are well-documented and upon which relevant personnel are well-trained
  - Individuals and leaders who emphasize the desired behaviors
- A robust monitoring program
- A consistent, standardized investigations and corrective actions process designed to create and reinforce organizational accountability for compliant operations

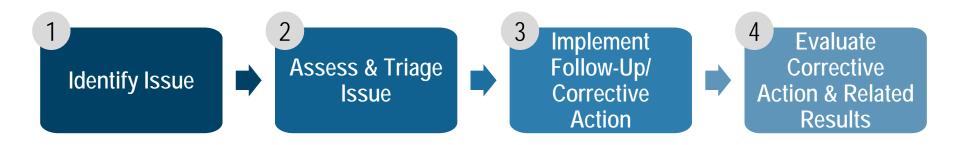
# I Don't Operate Under a CIA – Why Do I Care?

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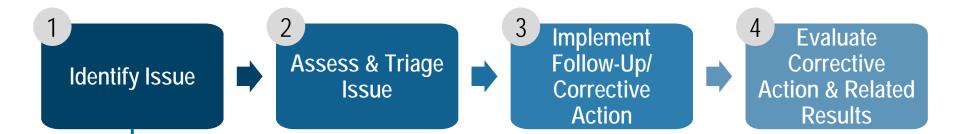
- Strong trend towards transparency is taking your assessment of your own company's compliance out of your hands
- Open Payments and ClinicalTrials.gov are only the beginning – the government, media, and watchdog groups are actively mining public data to find out if you're doing the right thing – you should be doing so, too
- Given regulation trends all companies should establish a formalized monitoring and investigations process



Below is a high-level version of an Investigations and Corrective Actions process flow.



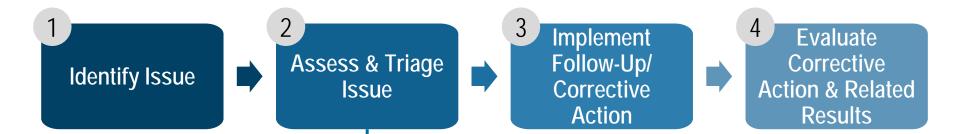
- ■The formality of the investigations process and framework may vary based on your company's needs
- ■For any investigations process, the key is ensuring that the process is:
  - Rooted in compliance with your policies
  - Consistently applied
  - Well-understood



- Identify triggers
- Create link between case management capability and investigations
- Reporting/metrics

# Step 2: Assess & Triage Level of Risk

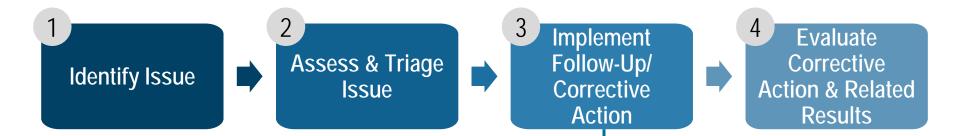
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- ■Create well-understood, cross-functional issue triage process
- Ensure that issues are responded to in a consistent manner

# Step 3: Implement Follow-Up/Intervention

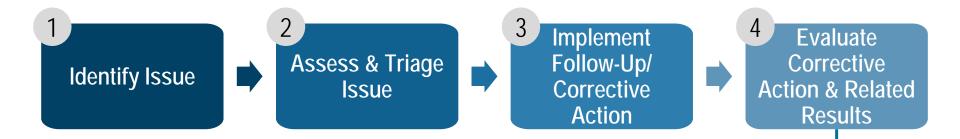
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- ■Define and communicate follow-up/corrective action process ownership
- ■Ensure actions take place as outlined in the investigations process

# Step 4: Evaluate Intervention & Related Results

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- Measure whether and to what degree the behavior changed
- Capture results to improve future mitigation activities

# When Training & Communication is Not Enough

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Ways to Build Employee Accountability

- Link behaviors to incentive compensation models
- Retrain staff (as necessary)
- Re-monitor (as necessary)
- Hold supervisors accountable
- Establish a disciplinary model once you've gotten past the training, communication, retraining
  - Implement a strong, well-articulated system to address issues and define repercussions of non-compliance
- Educate the business on compliance compensation drivers, and risks to the business and individual for policy violations

#### Put In Place a Corrective Action Process

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#### **Define Metrics:**

Outline tolerance thresholds based on level of violation. Assign each violation level to a corrective action process.

#### **Outline Roles:**

Identify who is accountable, responsible, informed and/or consulted in escalation and administration of the corrective action plan.

#### Develop Process:

Determine appropriate remediation activities based on violation level. Ensure actions are properly documented & traceable for audit history purposes.

#### **Corrective Action Plan**

Define who owns the plan & ensure it is properly documented within a policy (existing or new).

# Engage Supervisors, Leadership & HR

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How long will the violation be tracked? Who owns tracking within the business?



#### 2 violations

#### **MEDIUM**

Coaching session with supervisor

Required to redo training on company policies

Supervisor submits certification form once coaching and training completed



#### 3 violations

#### HIGH

Business leader & supervisor required to contact HR

Formal warning letter provided to employee

Coaching meeting to discuss potential performance impacts

Supervisor submits certification form once coaching is complete

# > 3 violations

HR disciplinary action up to and including termination as management deems appropriate.

company policies

1 violation

LOW

Supervisor notified

re- read and attest to

Required to

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