A young child is smiling and holding a string of colorful lights at night. The background is dark with many out-of-focus lights in various colors (blue, green, yellow, red). The child is wearing a light blue t-shirt with a colorful graphic on the front.

# Usability in healthcare: a matter of life and death

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# Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA)

- Anyone, at anytime
- Heart stops **instantly**. (not a heart attack / electrical)
- Leading cause of death for people over **40**.
- **Kills more than** Colon cancer, Breast Cancer, Prostate Cancer, Diabetes, HIV, Car Accidents and House Fires combined.
- Kills **350,000+** people in US per year.

# First 4 minutes are crucial to saving a life

Chance of survival decreases by about **10% for every minute** the heart goes without Defibrillation.

00:41.41

01:15.56

03:53.45



# What is an AED & CPR

## AED (Automatic external defibrillator)

- Stop the **chaotic** heart rhythm
- Allows the internal 'conductor' to start over
- AEDs are designed to guide you every step of the way; accessible by anyone

## CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation)

- Typically the procedure is 30 **compressions** and 2 **ventilations**
- CPR can be performed by anyone (press fast and hard)



# Designing for emergencies







**Difficulty – Patient removal**



**Difficult – Terrain**



**Distraction – O god...**



**Terrain – AED / CPR**



**Nurse - Distraction**



**Difficulty – shock**



**Confidence – Am I doing...**



**Fire coming – Patient moved**



**Saying – “You did...”**



How do you design  
for that type of situation?

Walking in your users shoes



# Hear what they see and see what they hear

- Define **user profiles**
- **Observe** multiple teams/locations in action
- **Interview** the people who use them (and the ones that don't)
- **Understand** the users' workflow and needs





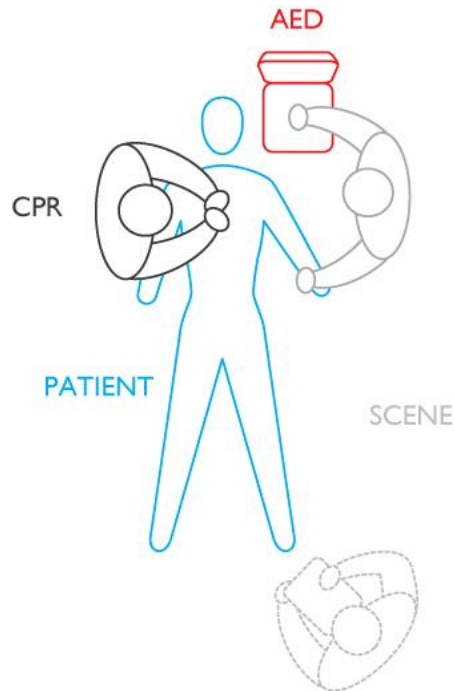
# Understand the environment



# Workflows

Look for intersections of device & user:

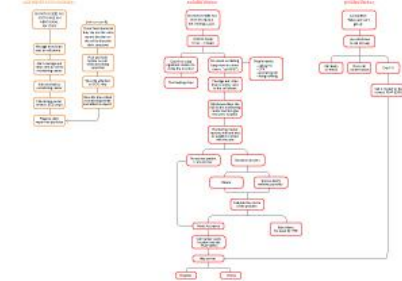
- **PCA + emotion**: perception, cognition, emotion, action
- essential/ **risk related** tasks



The Event, Treatment & Training



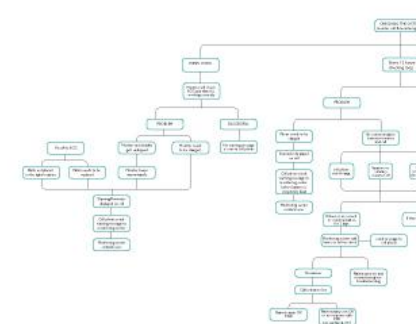
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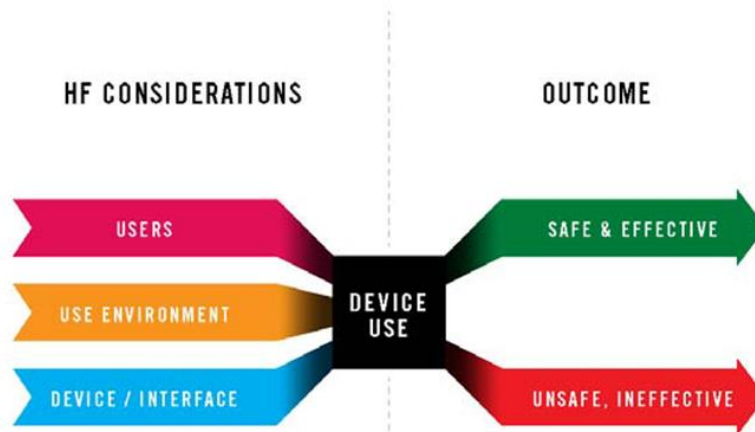
Taking the System Home



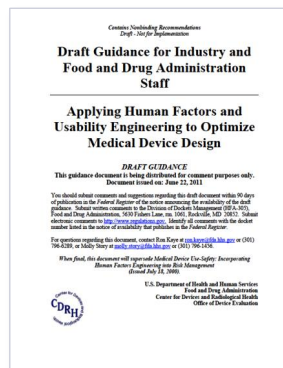
Maintenance



# Key elements impacting usability

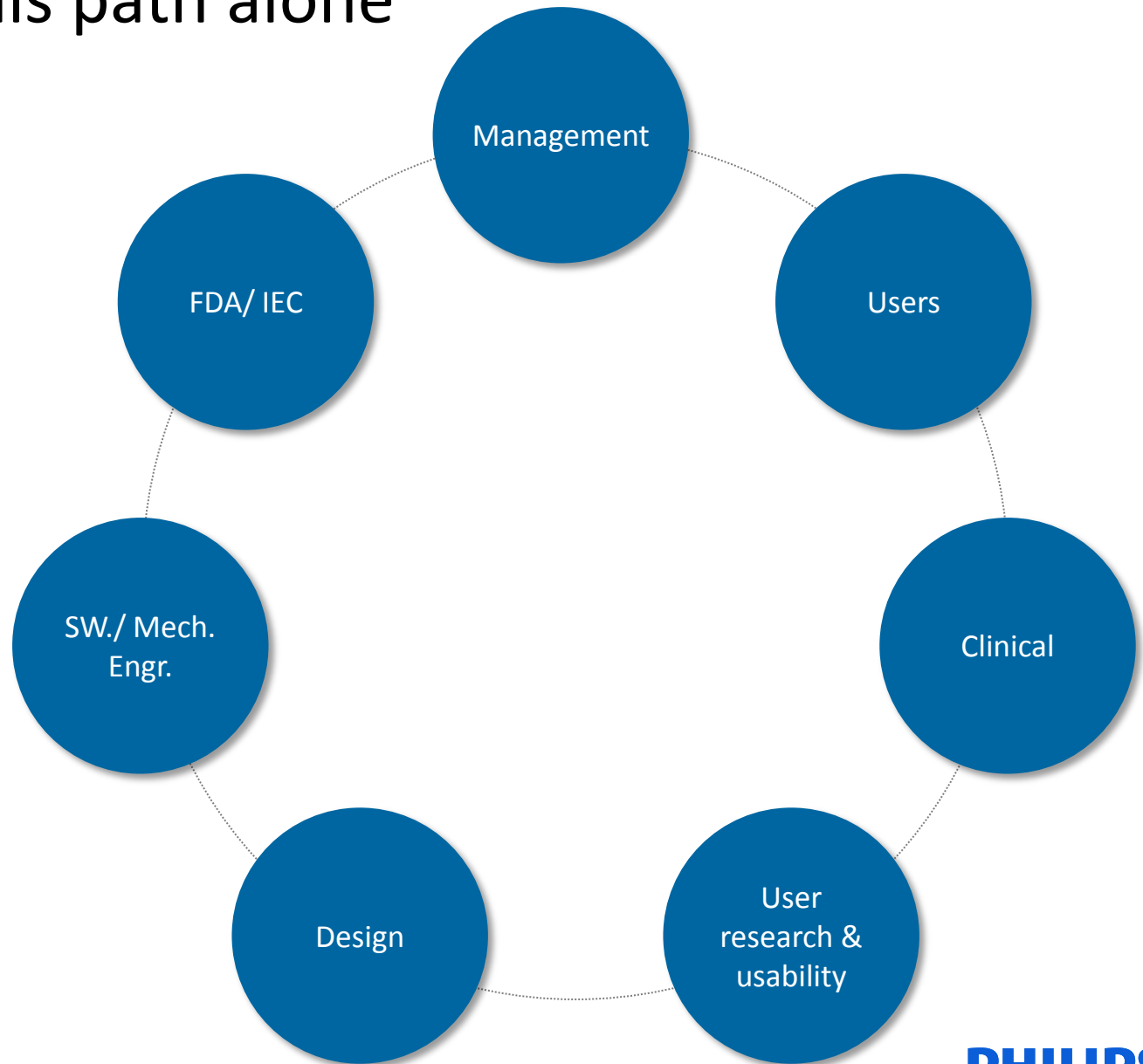


But also...  
Efficiency  
Engaging  
Easy to Learn





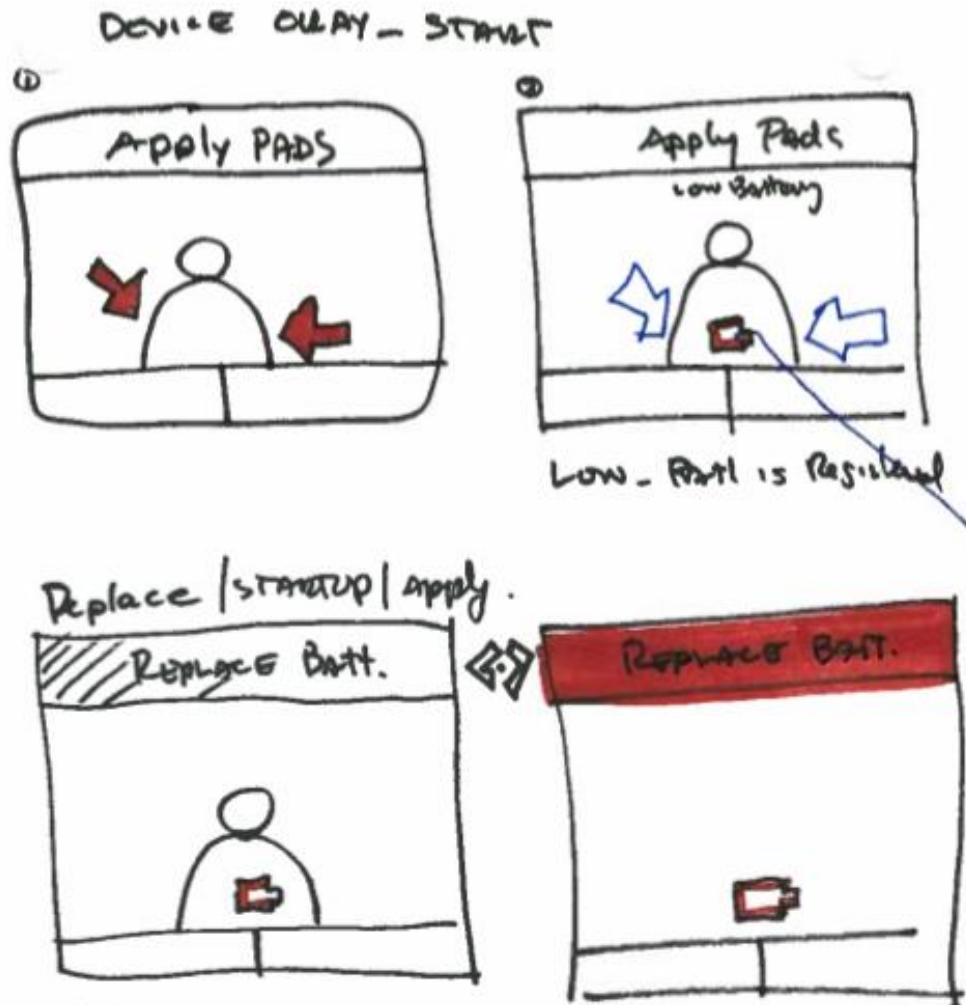
# Don't go this path alone



# Design opportunities

User & Time

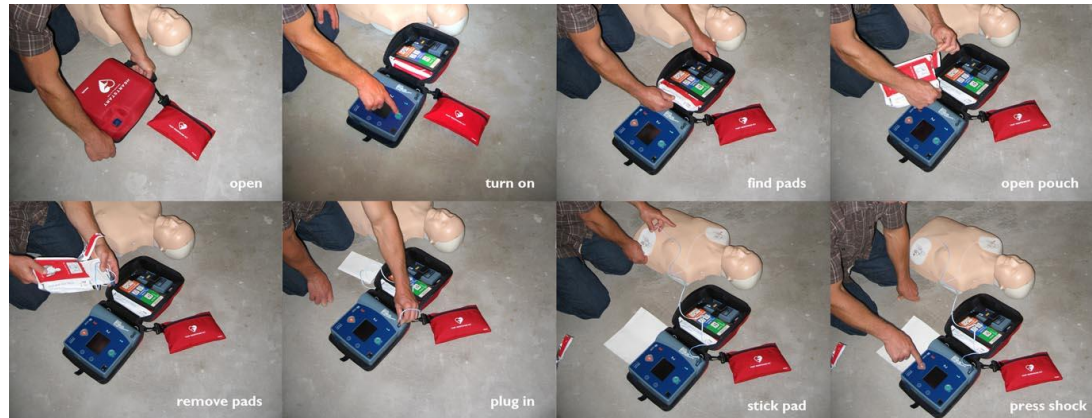
# Explore scenarios with sketches



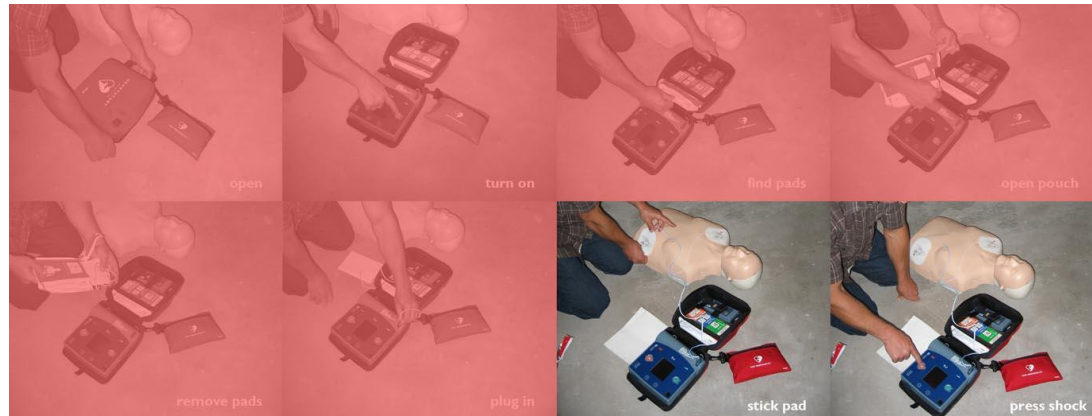


# Speed and simplify startup

8 Steps/  
90 sec



2 Steps/  
45 sec



# Formative test, test, and re-test

# Real life

- Immerse the people who use our devices in **'real'** scenarios'
- Evaluate your ideas in **their workflows and contexts of use**
- **Test for failure**: look for cognitive, emotional and physical challenges
- Test early and often! (test assumptions)



# Analyze the data

Looking for **patterns** of use error & any potential **safety** issues

FR3 Sherlock user testing

Kalamazoo

Usability / performance key

No usability concerns

No usability concerns - User did not use function

Some concerns

Users had trouble with this interaction

NA= Not Applicable

	KALAMAZOO													
	1 - Police		2 - Nurse		3 - Police		4 - Nurse		5 - Police		6 - Police		7 - Student Nurse	
	a - default	b - Scheduled	a - default	b - Scheduled	a - default	b - Scheduled	a - default	b - Scheduled	a - default	b - Scheduled	a - default	b - Scheduled	a - default	b - Scheduled
Data points														
Opening Case	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
CPR meter use / deployment	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pads deployment	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Stay clear during shock delivery	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Starting CPR	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Stopping CPR when instructed	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Stopped CPR on beeps	N/A	N	N/A	Y	N/A	N	N/A	N	N/A	N	N/A	N	N/A	N
Looked at device on beeps	N/A	N	N/A	Y	N/A	Y	N/A	Y	N/A	N	N/A	N	N/A	Y
Use of analysis button	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N
Transition to PAS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Other observations:	Kotecki (1) Protocol: 30/2 Metro: helps with cadence Notes: Held off CPR until prompt. Slight hesitation initially on beeps Hunted for opening zipper. Meter cord went through loop													
1. Walked to press shock until "press..." prompt. (X times)	Carol Protocol: Compressions only Metro: helps with cadence Notes: searching for opening, stopped because of ECC NSR. Placed meter on stomach. Improved depth with meter feedback Y1 - Stopped CPR on "prepare to shock" text													
2. CWA - Is for trained responders who practice it.	Craig Protocol: Compressions only Metro: helps with cadence Notes: Orientation and tape, not responding to CPR feedback. Some confusion on what to do first - scheduled scenario.													
3. Fire used AED as tool.	Erica Protocol: 30/2 Metro: helps with cadence Notes: Trouble with opening case, chose CPR over pads in scheduled scenario. Y1 - slight touching during shock.													
4. Communication helped facilitate workflow	Jamie Protocol: 30/2 Metro: adjusted rate based on metro Notes: Went for meter first, (trying to decide), started with CPR, then pads. 2nd test, did not respond to apply pads graphic on screen, went thru PAS analysis, giving breaths during S.C. prompts. Question: Apply pads prompt after a 100 of no pads detection?													
5. CPR arrows modestly affective. Speedo not affective.	Kotecki (2) Protocol: 30/2 Metro: adjusted rate based on metro Notes: Tried to open case from bottom, Meter did not come out easy so left in case. Waited to press shock until "press..." prompt. (1) 2nd test, count was erratic - not using counter.													
6. Stopped (1) or was confused (1) by "prepare to shock" text	Kelsey / Ashley Protocol: 1 Metro: ignoring metro Notes: waited till "press..." prompt, (2) 2nd test, looking for zipper. Y1 - pressed shock button, when not armed - "it said to shock", she thought the "prepare for shock" meant to press.													

General

Sherlock

Use comments



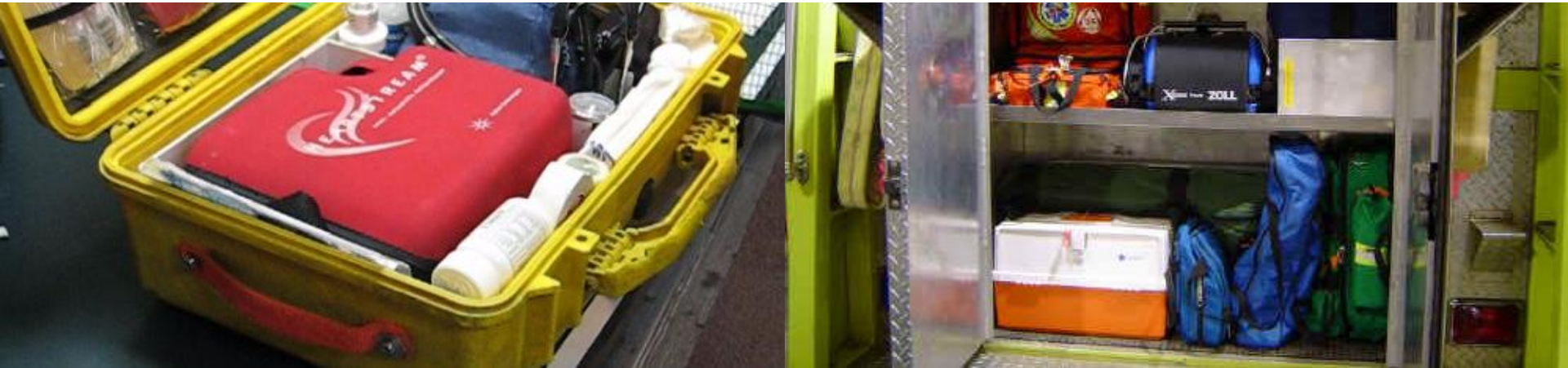
# Tests uncover additional unmet needs

## Help manage our “system”

- We need to carry so much stuff (AED, spare pads, spare battery, ventilation mask) can you help us organize things...

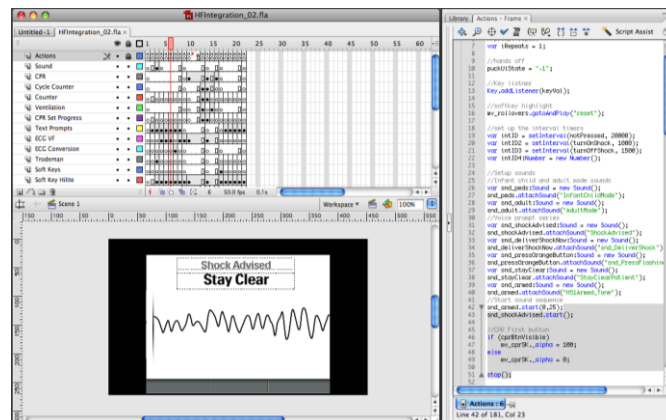
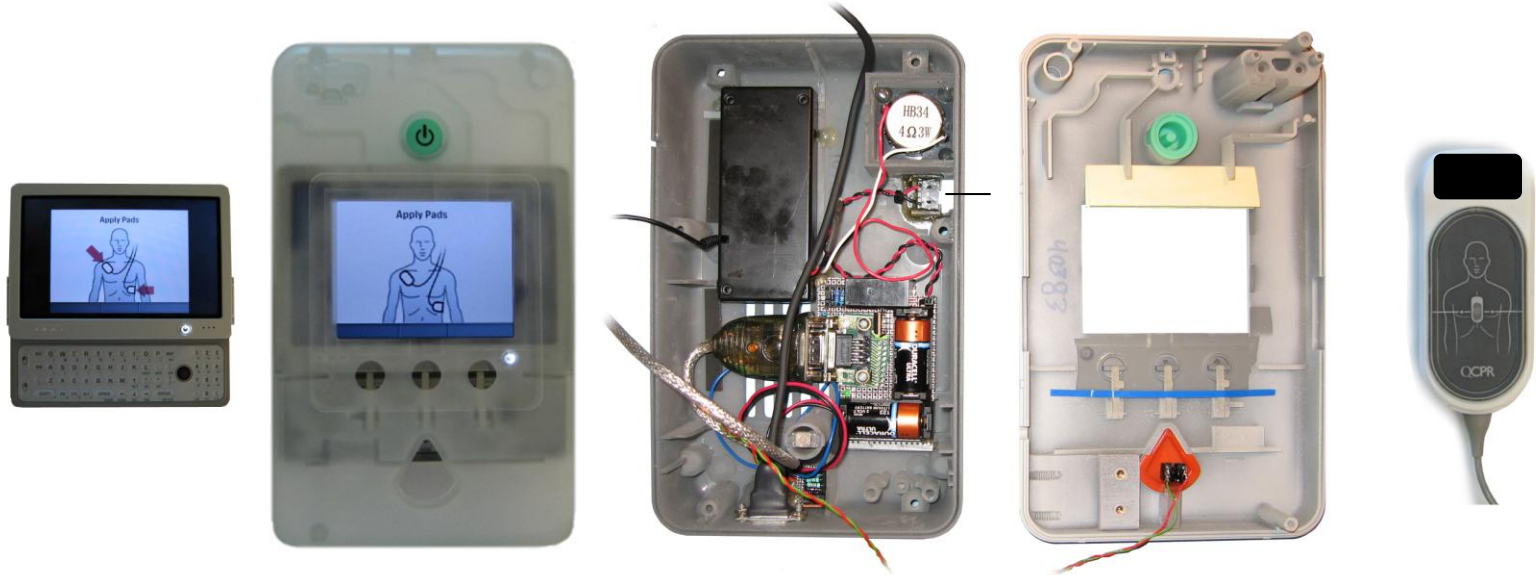
## Help with CPR

- Improved feedback and “don’t make me feel like an idiot.”



# Validate

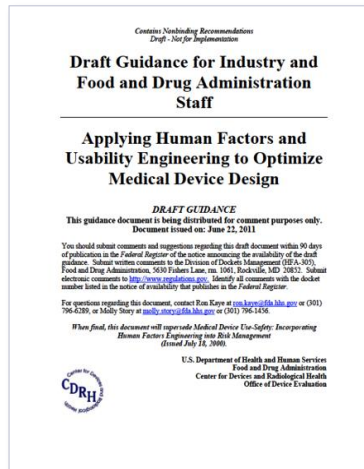
# Production equivalent



# Validation – FDA and IEC focus on safe and effective use

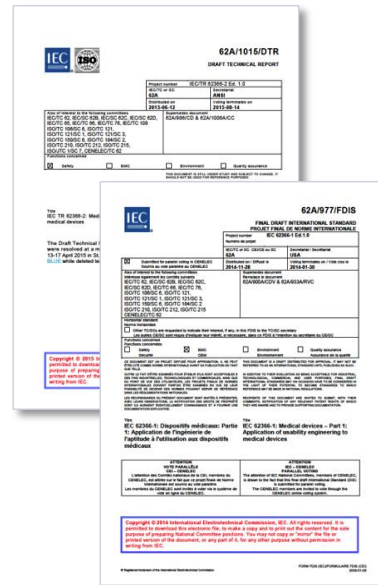
## FDA Guidance:

Applying Human Factors and Usability Engineering to Optimize Medical Device Design



## IEC 62366-1 & IEC 62366-2:

Application of usability engineering to medical devices





# Validation - Reporting

## Appendix 1: Test Data Tables

### Scenario 1/2 - Pre-shock pause, Pass / Fail measures

ADULT TESTING SCENARIO (Shoreline + Northshore combined) - Pre-shock pause and 3-Lead				
MEASURE	PERCENT	PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS	PASS/ FAIL	COMMENTS
Both responders remained clear during analysis or only minor delay in treatment.	100%	90%	PASS	
Did the participant use the CPR Meter during this scenario?	100%	90%	PASS	
Responders were clear during shock delivery or minimal touching (arm) was observed that would not result in harm to the responder.	100%	90%	PASS	
Responders were able to deliver a shock at appropriate time.	100%	90%	PASS	
Either responder acknowledged the hyperventilation feedback during test or in post interview.	90%	90%	PASS	14/15 recognized the feedback.

### Scenario 1/2 - Pre-shock pause, observation measures

ADULT TESTING SCENARIO (Shoreline + Northshore combined) - Pre-shock pause and 3-Lead				
MEASURE	PERCENT	PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS	PASS /FAIL	COMMENTS
During Armed can the participant recognize when to start CPR?	100%	Observation	N/A	
Did the participant use the CPR Meter during this scenario?	100%	Observation	N/A	
Did the participant recognize the CPR Meter feedback?	Majority	Observation	N/A	Majority responded immediately, most responded as they became more familiar with the meters feedback.
Did the participant place the CPR Meter per the specified placement graphic on the CPR meter?	Majority	Observation	N/A	3/15 responders placed the CPR meter below the specified placement on the meter. This was deemed acceptable due to the limited training the teams received prior to the study.
When did the participant deploy the CPR Meter?	All	Observation		Always
When did the participant remove the CPR Meter?	All	Observation	N/A	Various points and depending on protocol.

# Results



# A good usability engineering process

- Multi-disciplinary **team**
- **Understanding** end-user
  - User profiles, user needs, context of use, ...
  - Workflow and possible hazards
- Basis for **iterative design**
- **Test**, test, and re-test
- **Validate**



**Mindset** - “to design and produce every device as if the life of someone we love depends on it.”



