



Role of the Competent Authority

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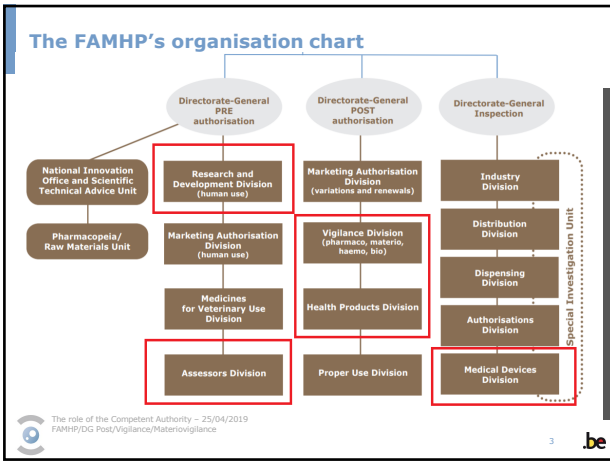
Responsible Minister: Maggie De Block, Minister of Social Affairs and Public Health, and of Asylum and Migration

Role & Mission: The FAMHP is the Belgian competent authority in charge of ensuring the quality, safety and efficacy of medicines and health products from clinical development to use on the market and from collection to use in case of blood, cells and tissues.

Slogan: "Your medicines and health products are our concern"



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Serious implant failure


Often a **Serious Adverse Event** or **Incident**
=> reportable to FAMHP

Serious Adverse Event (SAE):
Non CE-marked device
Clinical investigation to obtain CE mark
=> R&D Division at FAMHP

Incident:
CE marked device
=> Vigilance Division (Materiovigilance entity) at FAMHP



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Incident

Definition used by FAMHP (meddev 2.12)


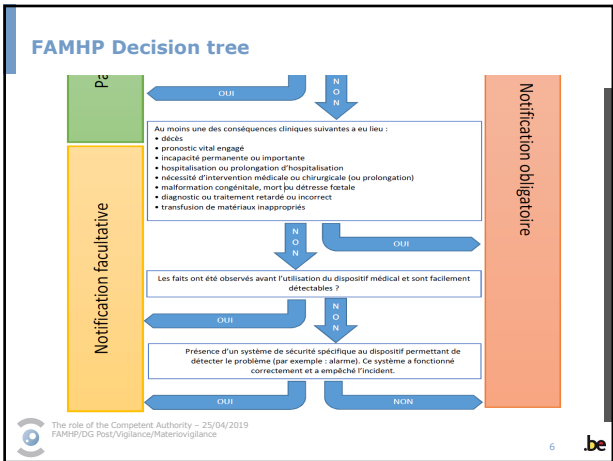
1. An event has occurred
2. The manufacturer's device is **suspected** to be a **contributory** cause of the incident
3. The event **led**, or **might have led**, to one of the following outcomes:
 - death of a patient, user or other person
 - **serious deterioration** in state of health of a patient, user or other person

FAMHP website:

- Decision tree to determine if event is incident or not



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Belgian legal obligations

Mandatory to report incidents to FAMHP:

(Royal Decree 1999 on MD article 11)

- ..
- **Healthcare professionals (HCP)**
- Contact point of materiovigilance (CPM)
- Mandatory for every hospital (often head of pharmacy)
- ...

FAMHP website:

- Incident report form for non-manufacturers
- Filled out form => meddev@fagg.be | meddev@afmps.be
- Manual on how to report incidents

FAMHP Incident form

5. Informatie over het medisch hulpmiddel	
Beschrijving van het hulpmiddel (bv. pacemaker, infusieset, heupimplantaat ...)	
Commerciële naam	
Catalogusnummer	Modelnummer
Serienummer (schrijf n.v.t. wanneer niet beschikbaar)	Lotnummer (schrijf n.v.t. wanneer niet beschikbaar)
Versienummer van de software	
6. Informatie over het incident	
Datum van het incident	Implantatieduur (wanneer van toepassing)
Beschrijving van het incident (zo gedetailleerd mogelijk)	

FAGG: Homepage – notifying incident

The screenshot shows the FAGG website homepage. The main content area features several news items with titles like 'Campagne over medische hulpmiddelen', 'Nieuws' (with sub-items: 'Vaccinatievrije, veilige en doeltreffende vaccins dankzij vaccinovigilantie', 'PRAC april 2019 - Hervervalute van het geneesmiddel LEMTRADA (alemtuzumab) voor multiple sclerose', 'Flash VIG-nieuws: elektronisch voorschrijf - nieuwe soorten potentiële medicatiefouten', 'Nieuwe editie VIG-nieuws beschikbaar'). A sidebar on the right contains navigation links: 'Databank van vergunde geneesmiddelen', 'Lijst van onbeschikbare geneesmiddelen', 'Werkportaal', 'Databank klinische proeven', 'Een probleem melden over een geneesmiddel voor menselijk gebruik', and 'Melden van bijwerkingen, ongeplande voorvallen en/of incidenten'. A red box highlights the 'Melden van bijwerkingen, ongeplande voorvallen en/of incidenten' link in the sidebar.

The role of competent authority ?



The competent authority: Risk analysis

- Risk assessment of incidents, FSCAs and other vigilance data (including adequacy of manufacturer's actions)



The competent authority: Monitoring

- Monitoring manufacturer's follow-up actions
- Assessment of vigilance procedures
- Search for trends, signals, etc. in the data



The competent authority: Collaboration

- Collaborating with other European and international authorities, notified bodies, scientific and clinical community, patient organisations, etc.



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The competent authority: Scientific literature

Follow-up on scientific literature to find new emerging risks, new failure modes/side-effects, changes in risk-benefit ratio, state-of-the-art, etc.



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FAMHP website on materiovigilance

Campaign: medical devices & materiovigilance

www.medischhulpmiddel.be
www.dispositifmedical.be

FAMHP website - materiovigilance

https://www.fagg.be/nl/MENSELIJK_gebruik/gezondheidsproducten/medische_hulpmiddelen_hulpstukken/materiovigilantie
https://www.afmps.be/fr/humain/produits_de_sante/dispositifs_medicaux/materiovigilance

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Additional information

FAMHP website - medical devices

https://www.fagg.be/nl/MENSELIJK_gebruik/gezondheidsproducten/medische_hulpmiddelen_hulpstukken
https://www.afmps.be/fr/humain/produits_de_sante/dispositifs_medicaux

European Commission – medical devices

https://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/medical-devices_en

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