Case Study # 1: Blood-Pressure Measurement App



Client

Biospectal SA

💉 startup company

- 📍 Lausanne
- Developed OptiBP, an app which can optically measure blood pressure using a smart-phone's camera





- For Biospectal, **time-to-market** was crucial.
 - However, they lacked the inhouse expertise to establish a Quality Management System (QMS) and obtain ISO 13485 certification for the company, as well as certification under the Medical Device Regulation (MDR) to launch their product in the EU, Switzerland, and the UK.
- Furthermore, the MDR's activation had overwhelmed all Notified Bodies, preventing them from serving Biospectal promptly.



Solution

Through EM's legal manufacturing service, Biospectal gained immediate access to Effectum Medical's certified Quality Management System (QMS) and was able to establish their technical documentation under the expert guidance of EM's specialists.

This allowed Biospectal to **focus on their core expertise**: product development.



Results

The technical documentation was established within nine months, and CE certification for OptiBP was obtained within 14 months after submission.

OptiBP went live in January 2024, with several hundred licenses sold in this short time. High growth is expected in the coming months.



- Timely establishment of key deliverables in close collaboration with Biospectal:
 - MDR compliant technical documentation
 - Definition and completion of verification and validation activities
 - Definition and completion of clinical evaluation activities
 - Definition and completion of the risk- and usability-analysis
 - Set-up of key suppliers, including contractual frameworks
 - Definition of post-market reporting and data collection activities
- Handing in the Technical Documentation to the Notified Body and management of all Notified Body interactions up to obtain CE certificate for OptiBP.
- Managing the change control process and communication with Notified Body (on-going)







Key Learnings: Frederic Frappereau | Head of Product @ Biospectal

- Successful Navigation in the Regulatory Environment: Under EM's guidance, we successfully adapted to working under a Quality Management System (QMS) and regulatory environment despite initial inexperience.
- Mastering **Medical Software Documentation**: Embracing the challenges of specialized documentation leads to successful outcomes.
- Working in an **eQMS Brings Clear Benefits**: Enhanced accuracy, efficiency, error reduction, and time savings.
- Substantial Reduction of **Time-to-Market**: Bypassing the establishment of our own Notified Body relationship and delaying internal resource setup enabled faster product delivery.
- **Reimbursement:** Our launch was successful despite not having secured reimbursement yet, as patients are willing to pay out-of-pocket.

