

Begin with the end in mind

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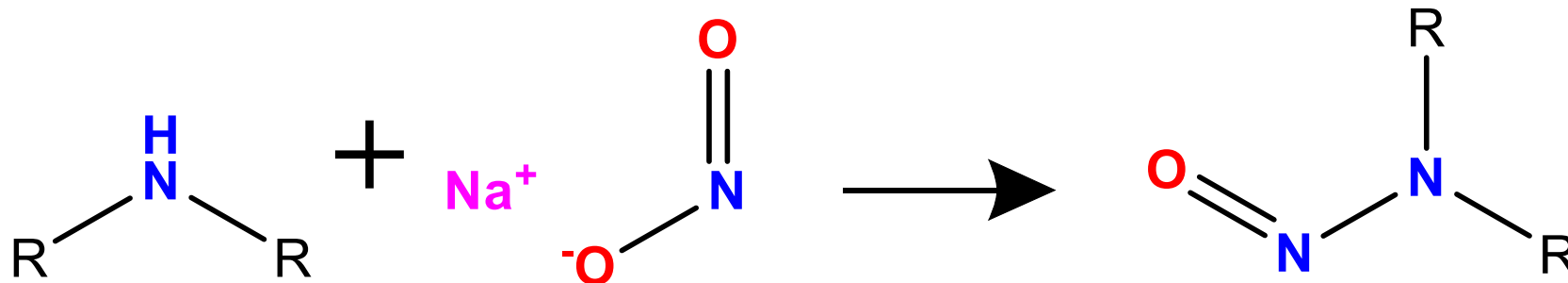
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Everyone deserves confidence
in their *next* dose of medicine.

Pharmaceutical quality
assures the
availability,
safety,
and efficacy
of *every* dose.

Nitrosamines are everywhere.

- NDMA and other nitrosamines are common contaminants in low amounts (ppm) in foods, beverages, cosmetics, water, tobacco products and consumer goods (1-4). But still not acceptable.



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NDSRIs in Drug Products

- *In silico* analysis found that ~40% of APIs are potential precursors for formation of NDSRIs¹
- NDSRIs have a broad impact on generic drugs
 - Need to maintain supply for essential medicines until NDSRIs can be eliminated or reduced to acceptable levels.
 - Collaborations with international regulators have been helpful as nitrosamines are a global issue.

¹ Schlingemann J. et al., The Landscape of Potential Small and Drug Substance Related Nitrosamines in Pharmaceuticals, J. Pharm. Sci., 2023, 112: 1287-1304

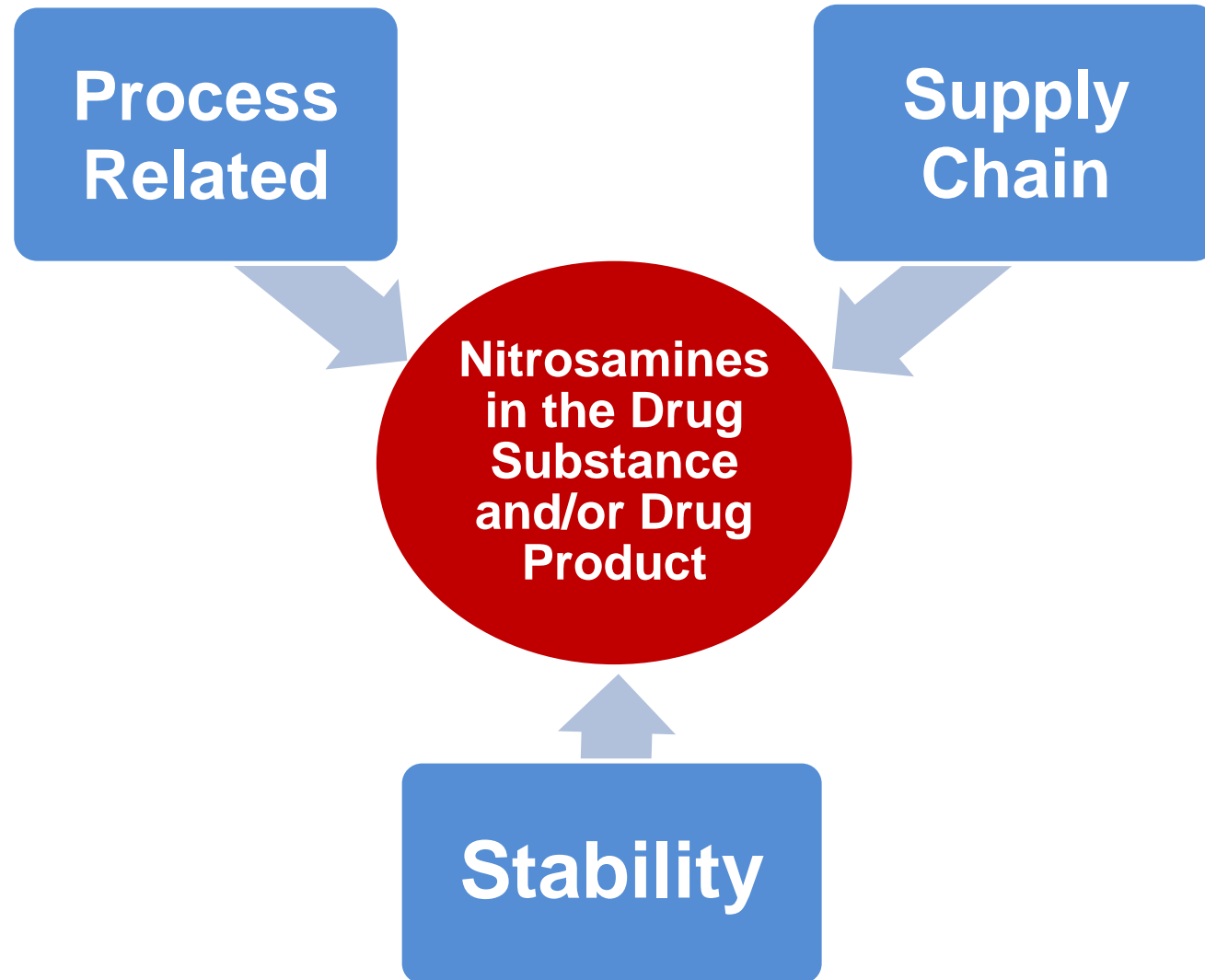


Impacts

- Drug Shortages
- Withdrawals (e.g., ranitidine)
- Many information requests to and from regulated industry
- Delays in drug approvals

Over the past 6 years industry and regulators have learned a lot about what factors lead to the risk of nitrosamine impurities in pharmaceuticals

Root Causes of Nitrosamine Contamination



Nitrosamine Lens



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NITWG-Safety
NITWG-Quality

Information is out there.
This meeting!

Determining recommended acceptable intake limits for *N*-nitrosamine impurities in pharmaceuticals: Development and application of the Carcinogenic Potency Categorization Approach (CPCA)



Regulators are sharing knowledge.

Other Sources of Information:

<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/information-about-nitrosamine-impurities-medications>

<https://nitrosamines.usp.org/>

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Regulatory Experiences with Root Causes and Risk Factors for Nitrosamine Impurities in Pharmaceuticals



The End in Mind



Process Change

Excipient Change

Nitrosamines eliminated or controlled to <AI limits in drug products

Formulation Change

- Fluid bed drying
- **Control Strategies**

- Low Nitrite excipients
- **Supply chain monitoring**

- Addition of antioxidants
- pH
- **Biowaiver**
- **Control Strategies**



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