Sources of grey literature for medical devices

This list is adapted from http://www.greynet.org/greysourceindex/documenttypes.html, and includes some information from MEDDEV 2.7/1 revision 4 and the EU MDR (Council Regulation 2017/745).

This list can be used for any search, including in processes such as medical device clinical evaluation/systematic review, medical device PMS/business research project, medical device biological evaluation, and others. The rigor of the search will be determined by the requirements of the specific process.

This list can also be used to categorize the information search and results, by separating them by category.

This list can also have other uses, but they are not described here.

All sources can be used for all processes, but for some sources below, we included some comments/pointers related to some regulatory processes, such as CER (for Clinical Evaluation), PMS (for Post-Market Surveillance) and BER (for Biological Evaluation).

Abstracts
Announcements
Annuals
Article

Bibliographies
Blogs
Booklets
Brochures
Bulletin
Boards
Bulletins

Call for Papers
Case Studies (possible source of clinical data, if explicitly used a method in PMS/
Business research project - see also our document on PMS activities, as per MEDDEV 2.7/1 revision 4, item 4 and EU MDR 2017/745, Article 2, item 48)

Catalogues
Chronicles

Clinical Trial:
- Source Document (possible source of clinical data, if for target or equivalent
device, as per MEDDEV 2.7/1 revision 4, item 4 and EU MDR 2017/745, Article 2, item 48)

(possible source of clinical data, if explicitly used a method in PMCF, as per MEDDEV 2.7/1 revision 4, item 4 and EU MDR 2017/745, Article 2, item 48)

Codebooks
Conference Papers
Databases (possible source of data for BER, as per ISO 10993 series, in particular, toxicological databases such as Toxnet)

Data Papers
Datasets
Datasheets
Deposited Papers
Directories
Discussion Papers
Dissertations
Doctoral Theses

E-Prints
E-texts
Enhanced Publications
Essays
ETD (Electronic Theses and Dissertations)
Exchange Agreements

Fact Sheets
Feasibility Studies
Flyers
Folders
Forum:
- Internet

Glossaries
Government Documents (possible source of data for several processes, including CER, BER and PMS)

Green Papers
Guidebooks

Handbooks
House Journals

Image Directories
Inaugural Lectures
Indexes
Interactive Posters
Internet Reviews
Interviews

Journals:
- Articles
- Grey Journals
- In-house Journals
- Non-commercial Journals
- Synopsis Journals

K-blogs (Knowledge Blogs)
Leaflets
Lectures
Legal documents

**Legislation** (possible source of data for several processes, including CER, BER and PMS)

LibGuides

Manuals
Memoranda

Newsgroups
Newsletters
Notebooks

Off-prints
Orations

Pamphlets
Papers:
- Call for Papers
- Conference Papers
- Deposited Papers
- Discussion Papers
- Green Papers
- White Papers
- Working Papers

Patents
Policy Documents
Policy Statements
Posters
Précis Articles
Preprints
Press Releases
Proceedings
Product Data
Programs

Project:
- Deliverables
- Information Document (PID)
- Proposals
- Work Packages
- Work Programmes

**Questionnaires** (possible source of clinical data, if explicitly used a method in PMS)

Business research project - see also our document on PMS activities, as per MEDDEV 2.7/1 revision 4, item 4 and EU MDR 2017/745, Article 2, item 48)

Readers
Registers

Reports:
- Activity Reports
- Annual Reports
- Bank Reports
- Business Reports
- Committee Reports
- Compliance Reports
- Country Reports
- Draft Reports
- Feasibility Reports
- Government Reports
- Intelligence Reports
- Internal Reports
- Official Reports
- Policy Reports
- Progress Reports

- **Regulatory Reports** (possible source of data for several processes, including CER, BER and PMS)

- **Scientific Reports** (possible source of clinical data, if for equivalent device, as per MEDDEV 2.7/1 revision 4, item 4 and EU MDR 2017/745, Article 2, item 48)

- Site Reports
- Stockbroker Reports
- Technical Reports

- **Toxicological reports** (possible source of data for BER, as per ISO 10993 series)

- Reprints
- Research Memoranda
- Research Notes
- Research Proposals
- Research Registers
- Research Reports
- Reviews

- **Risk Analyses** (possible source of data for several processes, including CER, BER and PMS, if the risk analysis is for the target device and complies with ISO 14971)

- Satellite Data
- Scientific Protocols
- Scientific Visualizations
- Show cards
- Software
- Specifications Speeches
- Standards

- **State of the Art** (possible source of data for several processes, including CER, BER and PMS, related not only for the target device, but the related medical field in general)

- Statistical Surveys
- Statistics
- Supplements

- **Survey Results** (possible source of clinical data, if explicitly used a method in PMS Business research project - see also our document on PMS activities, as per MEDDEV 2.7/1 revision 4, item 4 and EU MDR 2017/745, Article 2, item 48)

- Syllabus

- **Technical Documentation** (possible source of data for several processes, including CER, BER and PMS, wither for target device or similar and/or equivalent devices)