

## The Journey From Good to Great: Process Monitoring Leads to Improving Product Quality

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### **Serving Patients Is a Privilege...**





## This Privilege Comes with Significant Responsibilities



### **To Achieve World Class Quality**

Mature Quality Management System "Quality Beyond Compliance" Embracing Cultures of Continuous Improvement and Quality Measuring, controlling and Improving process capability 6σ



# Our Journey Started 10 Years Ago at a Management Review Meeting!

- Leadership decided to monitor manufacturing processes and product attributes using process capabilities
- Leadership focused on poor performing manufacturing processes and product attributes leading to improvements
- Leadership decided that any PpK less than 1.0 required a CAPA to drive continuous improvement

### Leadership relentlessly follow-up on these CAPAs at each Management Review Meeting



### **Results Through 2010 Were Good**

### QMS

- Reduced Error Rates 90%
- Improved Product Quality
- Good Global Compliance Track Record

### Culture

- 3000 trained in OE
- Scrap reduced 54%
- Disposition cycle time reduced 27%

### **Process Capability**

65% of Manufacturing Process and Product Parameters were at

 $6\sigma$  Levels



### But, to be Great....

## Manufacturing processes and product quality must achieve 6 sigma performance!

A Six Sigma Capable Process is Expected to Have No More than 3.4 Defects per Million Opportunities



## Companies That Claim Six Sigma ( $\sigma$ ) Capability





## What is Required to Achieve Six Sigma Quality

- Characterize Raw Materials, Manufacturing Processes and Products
- Identify, Tract, Control Variation
- Create Robust Manufacturing Process and Products
- Demand Flawless Execution
- Develop a Robust and Reliable Supply Chain

### Now, let me take you through our journey...



### Monitoring Process Capabilities, Management Review and Leadership Lead to Improvements

- First introduced Performance Boards
- Second introduction was "5S"
- The third technique introduced was Process Monitoring
- Then a comprehensive Operational Excellence Program was Introduced
- Op Ex was enhanced with Purposeful Presence on the Floor
- The next innovation was Defense-in-Depth
- And there were and will be more enhancements on our journey

"Rome was not built in a day"

It is a journey that requires dedication, effort and persistence



## **Combining SPC with Process Capability Monitoring Improves Reliability of Supply**

- Apply Statistical Process Control Charts
  - ✓ In-process & specification parameters
  - ✓ Process performance parameters
  - ✓ Analytical Method Performance
  - ✓ Identify statistically abnormal results
- Apply Process Capability Index
  - ✓ In-process & specification parameters
  - ✓ Apply actual process capability index (Ppk)
  - Identify parameters that are performing poorly compared to specifications or filed limits



## **Case 1:** Process pH at Upper Specification Limit

• **Opportunity:** pH of a particular Drug Substance was historically trending high with the result closer to the upper specification limit.



 Process monitoring required Amgen to open a CAPA and investigate to determine root cause and implement corrective actions



## **Improving Performance Increased Reliability**

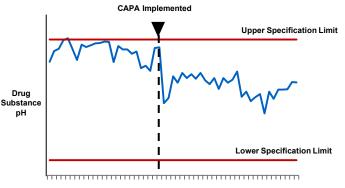
 Process Capability increased from a Ppk of 0.4 to 1.5 (Six Sigma) - decreasing the chance of an OOS from 12% to 0.0007%

Eliminated potential loss of a batch

- Eliminated 3 trend investigations and associated costs
- Assured more robust product quality over shelf life
- ✓Assured more reliable supply
- Drove approval eliminating the Drug Substance pH test in favor of existing buffer pH testing upstream

### **Less Capable**





Drug Substance Lots



**More Capable** 

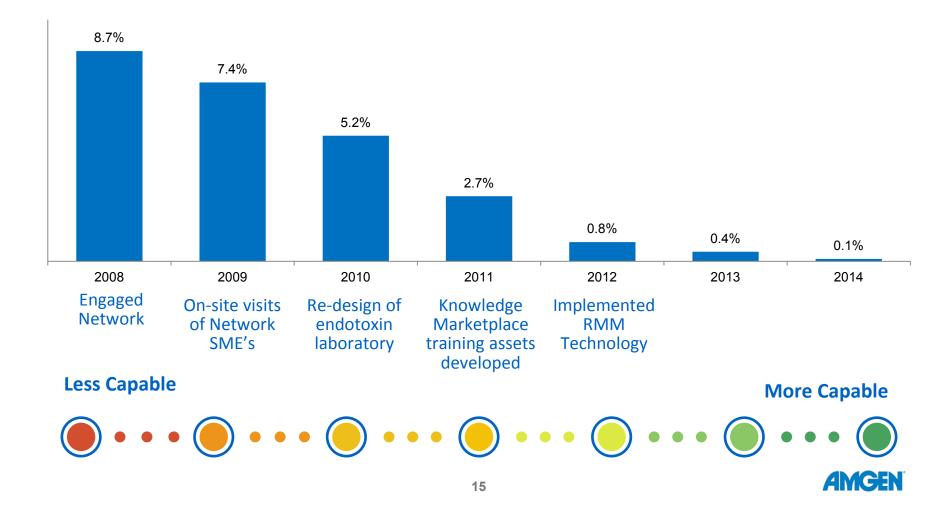
# **Case Study 2:** By Setting Capability Targets for Assays, Required Improving Robustness

- Apply Industry benchmarks to assay invalid rates
- Review assay performance at Management Review
- Prioritize remediation efforts
- Root cause identified
  - Method
  - Equipment
  - Materials
  - ✓ Procedure
  - Personnel
- Track effectiveness at Management Review



### Use of Network Expertise to Reduce Laboratory Invalids

2013 Invalid Target for Bacterial Endotoxin Testing (BET) = 0.5% Reduced invalids 8.3% over 5 years to exceed the goal



## **Case 3:** Roller Bottle Defense in Depth Implementation

- Opportunity: Percentage of roller bottles lost for quality defects was 10% per batch
- Provided ~ 200 improvement recommendations, including:
  - ✓ Improved Design of Process
  - Improved Reliability of Equipment
  - Improved equipment maintenance
  - ✓ Focus operator training on critical tasks



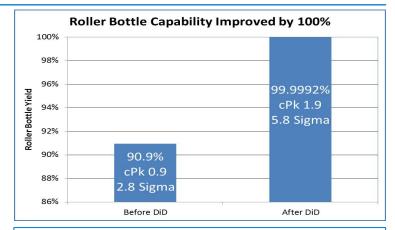
## DiD is an investment that requires significant investment retrospectively but less if done prospectively

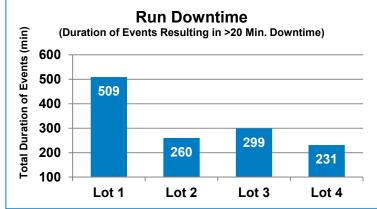


## Defense in Depth Delivered Better than Expected Results

- Only 7 roller bottles lost every 1,000,000 processed
- 40% reduction in downtime events
- Saved \$1M per lot
- Implemented robust maintenance plans
- Increased staff knowledge and proficiency

**Less Capable** 





#### **More Capable**



## **Case 4:** Lyophilizer Defense in Depth Implementation

• **Opportunity:** Average loss of three lyo lots/year and significant non-conformance events.



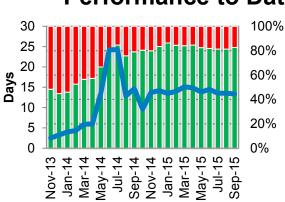


- Provided ~ 300 improvement recommendations, including:
  - Opportunities to strengthen Steam in Place and Clean in Place methods
  - ✓ Closure of maintenance gaps identified during FMEA (e.g., vacuum pumps)
  - ✓ Pre-flight checks to reduce risk of failure during production
  - ✓ Identification of critical steps in SOPs

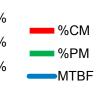


### PM2 Lyo Performance Current Maintenance and Operational Performance

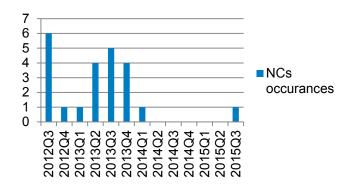
Lyo Metrics	<u>Baseline</u> (Pre - DiD)	<u>Target</u>	<u>Aspirational</u> <u>Stretch</u>	<u>Performance</u> <u>Sept 2015</u>
Mean Time Between Failure	6.5 Days	10 Days	15 Days	13.4 Days
CM:PM Ratio (%)	63:37	40:60	30:70	17:83
Success Rate - # Lyo Related Rejected Batches	3 Per Year	Zero	Zero	Zero
NC's - # Lyo Related Class 2/3 NC's	14 in 2013	25% Reduction	50% Reduction	2 - 86% Reduction
Lyo Cycle Success Rate	88%	95%	98%	99%



### Performance to Date



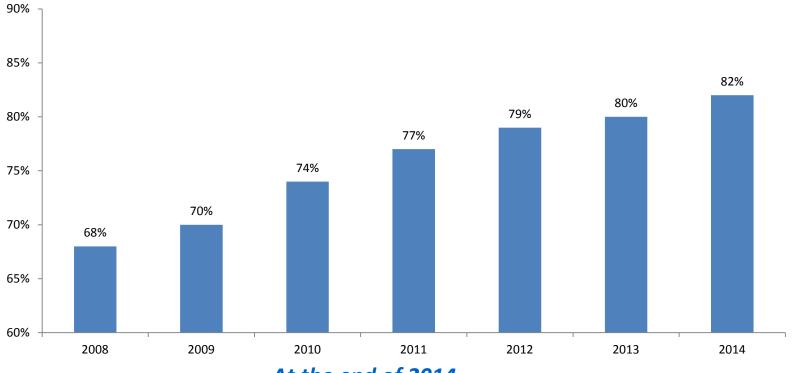
### **Non-Conformances**



# Less Capable More Capable ••••

## Growing $6\sigma$ Capability

Since 2007, The Actual Number of Parameters Achieving 6 Sigma has Doubled



At the end of 2014,

- 82% of the parameters were performing at a 6σ level
- 14% of the parameters were performing between  $3\sigma$  and  $6\sigma$  levels
- 4% of the parameters had CAPA's open to improve performance



We Are Also Driving Six Sigma Performance by Applying A Number of Operational Excellence Methods that Directly Reduce Error Rates



### Applying "Lean" and "5S" Practices in the Lab (Sort, Systematic, Shine, Standardize and Sustain)

### A place for everything, everything in its place







## **Applying Operational Excellence On the Floor**



Visual Management Purposeful Presence Work Center Teams Problem Solving Learning Groups



# And, Other Methods the US Nuclear Navy Used to Implement an Ideal QMS





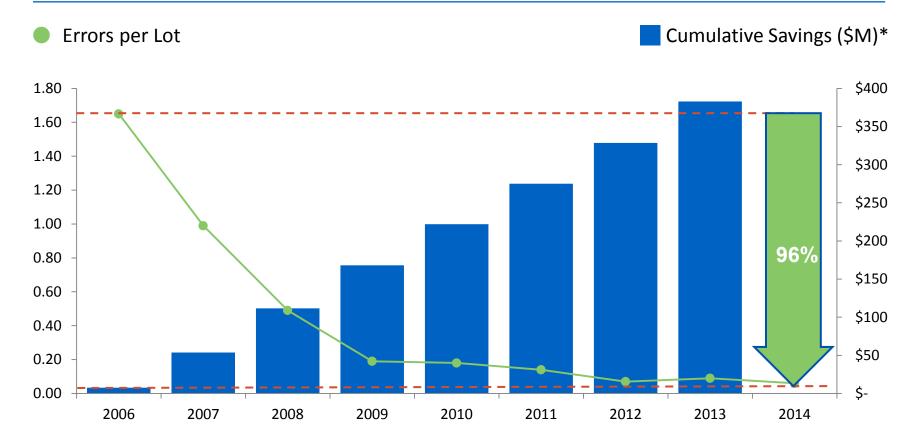
## **This Journey Will Never End...**

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### Leadership and hard work has produced results...

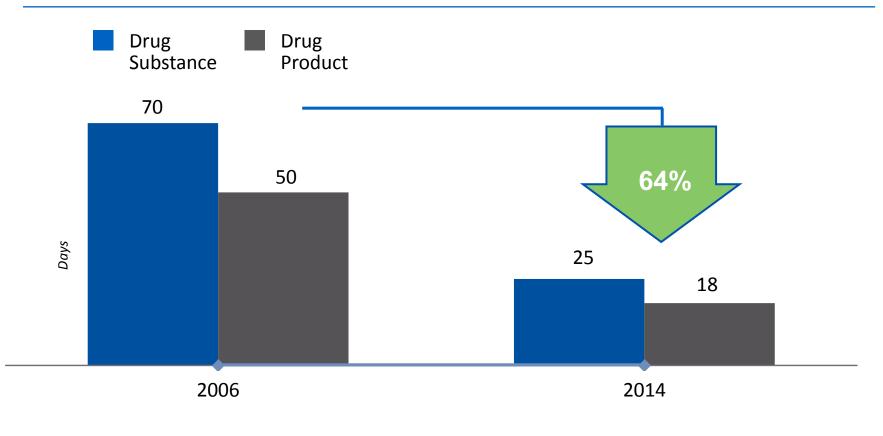


# When You Succeed – The Power of Error Reduction





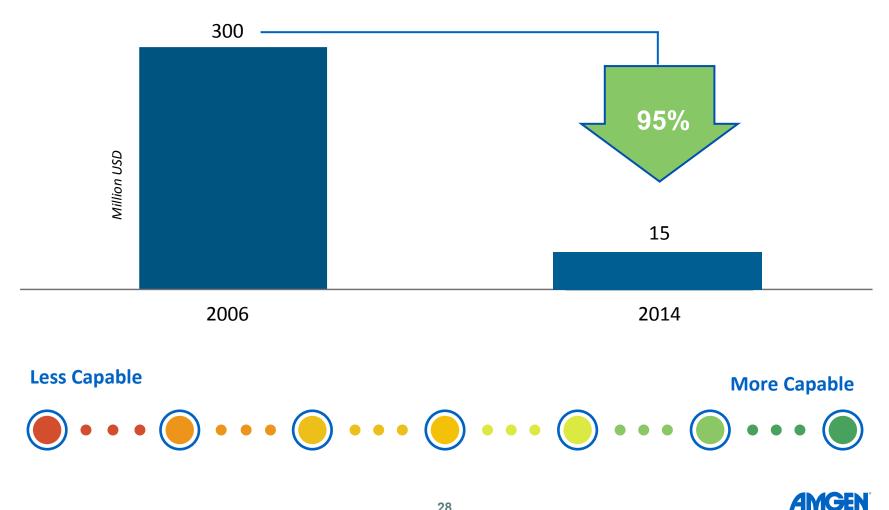
### When You Succeed – Faster Cycle Times







### When You Succeed - Reduced Scrap



## The Effort has a Positive Business Impact



### But Most Importantly Our Efforts Enable Us to Serving Every Patient, Every Time





