

# TransCelerate AI Pharmacovigilance: FDA & EMA Roadmap

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## Executive Summary

This report provides an in-depth analysis of TransCelerate BioPharma's guidance on implementing artificial intelligence (AI) in pharmacovigilance (PV), with a particular focus on the regulatory environments of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the European Medicines Agency (EMA). We begin by reviewing the role of TransCelerate as a pharmaceutical industry consortium and its initiatives to promote AI and automation in drug safety. We then survey the state of AI in PV, citing industry surveys and pilot studies showing that by 2021 "a large number of companies were either planning to use or had already started using intelligent automation tools in their PV processes" <sup>(1)</sup> [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com), and noting that workflow automation targets the "strongest cost driver" in PV operations <sup>(2)</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov). The regulatory landscape is examined in detail: the FDA has emphasized *Good Machine Learning Practice (GMLP)* and is actively developing quality assurance methods for AI in PV <sup>(3)</sup> [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov) <sup>(4)</sup> [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov), while the EMA has integrated AI into its 2025–2028 workplan and published a draft reflection paper on AI in the medicinal product lifecycle ([www.ema.europa.eu](http://www.ema.europa.eu)) ([www.ema.europa.eu](http://www.ema.europa.eu)). Both agencies have released joint high-level [principles for AI in drug development](#) that stress transparency, reproducibility, and human oversight <sup>(5)</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov).

The core of the report proposes an **Implementation Roadmap** for aligning TransCelerate's AI/PV guidelines with FDA and EMA expectations. Key steps include: (1) **Technical Readiness Assessment** – inventorying PV processes and data against AI applicability; (2) **Policy & Governance Development** – defining internal SOPs for AI use (covering data integrity, validation, change control, etc.) consistent with 21 CFR Part 11 (electronic records) and EU Good PV Practices; (3) **Regulatory Engagement** – early dialogue and submissions (e.g., FDA pre-submissions, EMA consultations) to align on risk-based validation strategies; (4) **Pilot Studies and Validation** – conducting controlled pilots (e.g., the 2018 TransCelerate-sponsored AI/RPA ICSR pilot <sup>(6)</sup> [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com) <sup>(7)</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)) and performing rigorous system validation per **GAMP 5/GMLP** frameworks; (5) **Scale-Up and Training** – phased rollout with training for PV staff, ensuring human oversight required by regulators <sup>(5)</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov); and (6) **Continuous Monitoring** – implementing metrics for algorithm performance, data drift, and compliance (in line with FDA's quality assurance project <sup>(4)</sup> [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov) and EMA's guidance workstream). Throughout, transparency and collaboration across stakeholders (sponsors, regulators, technology vendors) is emphasized.

The report is supported by extensive literature: industry case studies and surveys <sup>(1)</sup> [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com) <sup>(7)</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov), regulatory documents <sup>(5)</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov) ([www.ema.europa.eu](http://www.ema.europa.eu)), and TransCelerate publications <sup>(8)</sup> [www.slideshare.net](http://www.slideshare.net) <sup>(9)</sup> [www.transceleratebiopharmainc.com](http://www.transceleratebiopharmainc.com). Two tables illustrate (1) how TransCelerate's AI/PV guideline topics map onto FDA and EMA requirements, and (2) a step-by-step roadmap with associated regulatory considerations. We conclude that successful implementation of AI in PV, underpinned by TransCelerate's guidance, can significantly enhance drug safety monitoring, but requires meticulous alignment with evolving FDA and EMA regulations to ensure patient safety and data integrity <sup>(10)</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov) <sup>(5)</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov).

## Introduction and Background

Pharmacovigilance (PV) is the science and process of monitoring the safety of medicines and taking action to reduce risks and increase benefits. PV systems traditionally rely on human review of **Individual Case Safety Reports (ICSRs)** and statistical signal detection methods. However, the volume, variety, and velocity of safety data have exploded with global drug overviews and digital reporting. This has made routine PV tasks (case intake, coding, literature screening, [signal detection](#)) increasingly burdensome and error-prone <sup>(11)</sup> [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com) <sup>(2)</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov). Operators note that **ICSR processing** is "the strongest cost driver" of PV budgets, given the manual labor involved <sup>(2)</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov). As a result, the pharmaceutical industry is turning to *intelligent automation* and *artificial intelligence* to improve efficiency and consistency in PV.

In fact, surveys conducted by industry groups (such as TransCelerate BioPharma and PVnet) have found that **by 2021 most (often large) companies were either piloting or already using AI and robotics in PV** (<sup>[11]</sup> [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com)). The use cases include automated text mining (NLP) of case narratives, robotic data entry for ICSRs, and AI-assisted signal triage. One pharmaceutical pilot showed that an AI/RPA system could automatically extract patient age, gender, drug dose, and **adverse event information** from source documents with high accuracy (<sup>[12]</sup> [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com)). Overall, industry consensus is that “it is feasible to apply AI to automate safety case processing” under controlled conditions (<sup>[7]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)), which can free skilled professionals to concentrate on medical evaluation and new safety science (<sup>[13]</sup> [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com)) (<sup>[2]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)).

The **regulatory landscape** governing PV is **stringent** in the U.S., sponsors must meet FDA regulations (e.g. 21 CFR Parts 314, 600) for timely reporting of safety cases and undertake proper computerized system validation (CSV) per 21 CFR Part 11 for electronic records. In Europe, companies must comply with Good Pharmacovigilance Practices (GVP) as outlined in the EU’s EudraLex, volume 9A, and with Annex XI of the EU GMP for computerized systems. The use of any significant automated or AI-enabled system in PV implicates these rules: as one TransCelerate analysis noted, “*when such technology solutions are implemented to assist in processing AE cases, regulations require pharmaceutical companies to validate this software.*” (<sup>[14]</sup> [link.springer.com](http://link.springer.com)).

**TransCelerate BioPharma**, a consortium of leading drug companies, has made AI in PV a strategic priority. Its *Intelligent Automation Opportunities in Pharmacovigilance* initiative (completed in 2025) has identified use-cases for AI/ML and produced guidance on technology evaluation and validation (<sup>[15]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)) (<sup>[9]</sup> [www.transceleratebiopharmainc.com](http://www.transceleratebiopharmainc.com)). TransCelerate’s mission is to facilitate harmonization among health authorities and share industry best practices (<sup>[8]</sup> [www.slideshare.net](http://www.slideshare.net)). In the AI/PV domain, TransCelerate’s published works (e.g. surveys, case studies) inform how to combine new tools with regulatory requirements. For example, their ICSR automation pilot study provided “strong evidence” that AI can reduce workload and improve consistency (<sup>[16]</sup> [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com)), and their position papers draw analogies to Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) approaches for validating automated systems (<sup>[17]</sup> [www.transceleratebiopharmainc.com](http://www.transceleratebiopharmainc.com)).

This report examines *TransCelerate’s AI in PV guidelines* (actual or conceptual) and lays out an **implementation roadmap** for pharmaceutical companies to adopt these in compliance with both FDA and EMA regs. We cover historical context (the slow uptake of AI compared to other sectors (<sup>[10]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov))), current PV and regulatory perspectives (citing recent FDA/EMA statements on AI in medicines (<sup>[5]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)) ([www.ema.europa.eu](http://www.ema.europa.eu))), and practical steps for bridging TransCelerate’s guidance to official requirements. Case studies (such as the Pfizer ICSR pilot) and technical surveys are used to ground the discussion in real-world data (<sup>[7]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)) (<sup>[1]</sup> [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com)). Throughout, we emphasize evidence-based analysis, multiple viewpoints (industry, regulators, patients), and fully reference all claims.

## TransCelerate’s AI/Pharmacovigilance Guidelines and Industry Perspectives

TransCelerate does not (publicly) call them “AI guidelines” specifically, but its PV initiatives effectively produce guidance on using AI and automation responsibly. The core TransCelerate **philosophy** is collaborative harmonization: identifying ambiguous regulations and “proposing a reasonable interpretation” or best practice that meets the intent of PV laws (<sup>[18]</sup> [www.slideshare.net](http://www.slideshare.net)) (<sup>[19]</sup> [www.slideshare.net](http://www.slideshare.net)). The consortium explicitly aims to “facilitate sharing of safety information” and build trust with regulators and patients (<sup>[8]</sup> [www.slideshare.net](http://www.slideshare.net)). In practice, its workgroups have:

- Developed an **ICSR process map** and technology matrix showing which PV steps are ripe for automation (<sup>[20]</sup> [www.transceleratebiopharmainc.com](http://www.transceleratebiopharmainc.com)) (<sup>[21]</sup> [www.transceleratebiopharmainc.com](http://www.transceleratebiopharmainc.com)). A 2020 survey by TransCelerate highlighted where intelligent tools (like NLP, ML, RPA) could impact each sub-step of case intake, coding, narrative writing, etc. In that survey, PV

professionals judged case data extraction and initial triage as “high effort/high benefit” targets for automation <sup>(20)</sup> [www.transceleratebiopharmainc.com](http://www.transceleratebiopharmainc.com)).

- Published an **Industry Perspective on AI/ML in PV (2022)**. This follow-up to their earlier ICSR paper catalogs major trends from 2019–2021, updates the “heat map” of AI readiness, and analyzes why companies adopt (or hesitate to adopt) AI <sup>(9)</sup> [www.transceleratebiopharmainc.com](http://www.transceleratebiopharmainc.com)). Key insights include the importance of robust training data (e.g. leveraging existing database annotations) and using statistical benchmarks (F1 scores, accuracy) to evaluate systems. They also note that explainability and regulatory acceptance are major concerns.
- Released **case study summary themes** for AI validation. Recognizing that novel AI tools don’t fit neatly into 1990s-era validation guidance, TransCelerate’s position paper recommends a risk-based, lifecycle approach. It borrows the GAMP 5 strategy from GMP (focus on intended use, risk ranking) and incorporates FDA’s concept of *Good Machine Learning Practice* <sup>(22)</sup> [link.springer.com](http://link.springer.com)). For example, TransCelerate advises distinguishing “static” AI systems (fixed after training) from “adaptive” systems (continuously learning) and tailoring validation accordingly <sup>(22)</sup> [link.springer.com](http://link.springer.com)).
- Convened pilot studies. Perhaps most consequentially, TransCelerate **sponsored a landmark 2018 pilot** where three commercial AI/RPA vendors processed real ICSR cases from multiple companies <sup>(6)</sup> [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com)). The trial measures (multi-cycle) demonstrated that AI engines could reliably extract key case fields from source documents <sup>(12)</sup> [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com)), even without costly manual annotation. “The results from the pilot demonstrated that it is feasible to apply AI to automate safety case processing,” the authors reported <sup>(7)</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)). This pilot has served as proof-of-concept: it “provided strong evidence that these technologies can significantly reduce workload, improve consistency, and support faster handling of safety data” <sup>(16)</sup> [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com)). The success of this study has been widely cited (even by regulators) as industry evidence that AI tools can meet high standards for case processing.

Taken together, TransCelerate’s outputs constitute a de facto set of AI/PV guidelines. Although not binding regulation, they articulate **principles** such as: maintain data integrity and traceability, employ risk-based validation, ensure clinical oversight, and engage regulators proactively. Many of these principles echo existing ICH and FDA standards (e.g. risk-based CSV per ICH Q9) but apply them to modern AI tools. For example, if FDA published guidance calls for a *Predetermined Change Control Plan* for ML medical devices <sup>(23)</sup> [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov)), TransCelerate would advise similarly that any AI system includes a protocol for future training updates. Likewise, if EMA’s draft reflection paper highlights lifecycle responsibilities for AI models, TransCelerate’s materials would emphasize that sponsors document concepts such as the data provenance and the continued validity of the model.

To illustrate, the table below compares key focus areas of TransCelerate’s AI/PV guidance (and allied frameworks like FDA’s GMLP) with relevant regulatory requirements in the U.S. and EU. It shows how an industry “guideline” topic (e.g. data integrity, algorithm validation) maps onto FDA/EMA rules and standards.

Area	TransCelerate / Industry Focus	FDA / U.S. PV Requirements	EMA / EU PV Requirements
<b>Data Integrity &amp; Quality</b>	Emphasize ALCOA+ principles, data provenance, standardized formats <sup>(18)</sup> <a href="http://www.slideshare.net">www.slideshare.net</a> <sup>(7)</sup> <a href="http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov">pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov</a> . Ensure training data accurately reflect case narratives.	<b>21 CFR 11</b> mandates attributable, legible, contemporaneous records; data standards (e.g. MedDRA coding) required in PV reports. FDA projects note data quality is “crucial” for AI <sup>(24)</sup> <a href="http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov">pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov</a> .	<b>EU GVP Module VI</b> and Annex XI <sup>(6)</sup> , plus <b>EU AI Act</b> (coming 2024), stress data governance and GDPR-compliant handling of personal data. EMA reflection paper requires consistent data for ML.
<b>System Validation</b>	Risk-based validation akin to GAMP 5: classify AI as “ISPE GAMP Category >= 5” with IQ/OQ/PQ steps. Use FDA’s GMLP checklist <sup>(22)</sup> <a href="http://link.springer.com">link.springer.com</a> ). Plan for change control.	<b>21 CFR 820</b> (QS regs) and Part 11 require CSV of computerized systems. FDA expects risk management (e.g. FMEA) in validation. FDA’s ongoing project on “Quality assurance for AI in PV” underscores need for robust evaluation <sup>(4)</sup> <a href="http://www.fda.gov">www.fda.gov</a> ).	<b>EU Annex XI</b> (computerized system validation) requires system qualification and risk analysis. EMA guidance expects validated processes, whether software or algorithm. Draft reflection and GMP Annex 22 (AI-specific GMP add-on) call for documented validation strategy.
<b>Explainability / Oversight</b>	Require human-in-the-loop for final medical review; use explainable AI methods for key decisions <sup>(5)</sup> <a href="http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov">pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov</a> <sup>(7)</sup> <a href="http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov">pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov</a> . Document algorithm logic, especially for safety signals.	FDA calls for transparency and human oversight in the new AI Guiding Principles (FDA/EMA 2026) <sup>(5)</sup> <a href="http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov">pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov</a> . The agency’s Good ML Practice principles encourage interpretability and validation. Medical device guidances (FDA/CMS) emphasize explanations for end users.	EMA’s principles highlight “human-centric” AI with transparency. The reflection paper notes that explainability (e.g. SHAP, LIME) aids regulatory acceptance <sup>(25)</sup> <a href="http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov">pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov</a> . Regulators expect final PV decisions to remain with clinicians.
<b>Change Management</b>	Define a <b>Predetermined Change Control Plan</b> : specify when retraining is needed, who approves changes, and how effects are assessed <sup>(26)</sup> <a href="http://link.springer.com">link.springer.com</a> ). Plan for version control.	FDA and IMDRF advocate for change protocols in AI/ML (e.g. total product lifecycle concept). 21 CFR 820.30 (Design Change) and emerging guidances require documenting any algorithm updates.	EMA GMP Annex 21 (change control for pharma) and Annex 11 extension (computerized system) apply to software changes. TransCelerate suggests formal risk review for each AI model update, similar to a new validation.

Area	TransCelerate / Industry Focus	FDA / U.S. PV Requirements	EMA / EU PV Requirements
Case Processing Workflow	Identify specific PV tasks for AI (e.g. duplicate detection, narrative summarization, seriousness determination). Automate lower-risk steps first ( <sup>[11]</sup> <a href="http://www.scribd.com">www.scribd.com</a> ). Provide fallback procedures.	FDASIA and current PV regs require 15-day reporting for serious events. Sponsors can use validated AI for upstream tasks (e.g. triage), but must ensure no delay in submission. U.S. guidance (CIOMS IX, ICH E2A) still govern aggregate reporting.	EU GVP VII-VIII need timely reporting (15 days). EMA expects ICSRs and aggregate reports to meet all content requirements, regardless of automation. Guidance (EMA, HMA) require that any automation preserves compliance.
Privacy & Ethics	Adhere to GDPR / HIPAA when processing patient info for model training ( <sup>[27]</sup> <a href="http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov">pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov</a> ). Assess bias and fairness in algorithms. Report ethics review procedures.	HIPAA and CVM guidance require patient data protection. FDA's AI principles stress patient safety and non-bias. Ongoing CERSI projects study privacy in AI-PV ( <sup>[4]</sup> <a href="http://www.fda.gov">www.fda.gov</a> ).	GDPR and EU data laws strictly regulate health data use. EMA highlights data privacy/security as a core AI requirement ( <sup>[5]</sup> <a href="http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov">pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov</a> ). The new EU AI Act will classify PV AI (likely as "high risk"), imposing transparency obligations.

Table 1. Comparison of key AI/PV guideline topics (left) with FDA and EMA regulatory expectations. Cited sources show how TransCelerate's industry-driven focus aligns with legal requirements (<sup>[18]</sup> [www.slideshare.net](http://www.slideshare.net)) (<sup>[5]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)).

The above table illustrates that TransCelerate's guidelines – which emphasize data quality, risk-based validation, human oversight, and compliance – are largely consistent with both FDA and EMA mandates. In many cases TransCelerate is essentially translating regulatory intent into PV-specific best practices (for example, the requirement to retain ICSR data integrity (<sup>[7]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)) is handled through ALCOA+ data governance). The guiding principles being jointly developed by FDA and EMA (ten good-practice principles covering AI across development and safety) overlap strongly with TransCelerate's focus on accountability, traceability, and human involvement (<sup>[5]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)).

## Regulatory Landscape: FDA Perspective

From the FDA's standpoint, the critical questions are how to incorporate AI/ML tools into PV systems without compromising safety or compliance. Historically, the FDA's regulations have not explicitly addressed AI, but the agency is rapidly developing frameworks. Crucial existing requirements include (a) **21 CFR Part 11**, which governs electronic records and signatures, mandating validated systems and audit trails for any data used in regulatory submissions; and (b) **21 CFR 314/600/606** on safety reporting (e.g. MedWatch, or 112-minute expedited reports). Under Part 11, any software that creates or modifies electronic records (including an AI algorithm classifying cases) must be validated and under change control. As one TransCelerate paper bluntly puts it, "regulations require pharmaceutical companies to validate [any] software" used in case processing (<sup>[14]</sup> [link.springer.com](http://link.springer.com)). Thus even state-of-the-art AI systems must be integrated into a GxP-compliant environment.

**FDA Initiatives on AI.** The FDA has signaled strong interest in AI/ML. Notably, in January 2025 the International Medical Device Regulators Forum (IMDRF) – including FDA – released **ten Good Machine Learning Practice (GMLP) guiding principles** for AI in medical devices (<sup>[3]</sup> [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov)). These are not PV-specific, but they apply equally to any clinical AI. They emphasize a total product lifecycle approach (including post-market changes) and rigorous validation. The FDA has also teamed with Health Canada and others to publish guidance on AI-enabled medical devices (e.g. transparency requirements, change-control plans (<sup>[23]</sup> [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov))).

For *pharmacovigilance*, FDA programs are emerging. In June 2024 the FDA CERSI (Center for Excellence in Regulatory Science) announced a research project on "Quality assurance for AI algorithms in PV" (<sup>[4]</sup> [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov)). This project, led by FDA scientists and academic collaborators, aims to survey literature on how to evaluate AI in safety work. Its objectives include identifying methods to measure AI performance and ensure robust QA processes (<sup>[4]</sup> [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov)) (<sup>[28]</sup> [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov)). The very existence of this project shows the FDA's commitment to understanding AI validation – and suggests that industry best practices (like TransCelerate recommendations) will be aligned with formal QA methods in the near future.

**FDA Enforcement and Approvals.** Although there is no FDA-approved "AI-based PV system" label, FDA has already approved many AI-embedded medical devices (e.g. diagnostic software) under 510(k) or De Novo pathways. These approvals highlight FDA's concerns about bias, cyber security, and patient safety. In PV specifically, FDA experts (such as Dr. Gerald Dal Pan) have publicly discussed how AI can be used for signal detection—but only under controlled

conditions <sup>[5]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/) <sup>[24]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/)). The recent FDA statements (with EMA) call for **transparency, reproducibility, and human oversight** in AI applications <sup>[5]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/)). In practical terms, this means a sponsor must be able to explain how an AI tool came to a certain safety recommendation or warned of a signal, and must intervene when the model is uncertain.

**PV Database Systems.** From a PV operations viewpoint, companies already maintain validated safety databases (e.g. Argus, ArisGlobal) subject to FDA rules. Embedding AI into these systems generally takes two forms: upgrading the database with AI-capable modules, or interfacing AI engines externally. In either case, any change triggers re-validation under FDA's Computer Software Assurance (CSA) approach. FDA's own guidance on software validation (in the context of AI, via GAMP 5 analogues) calls for risk-based approaches <sup>[26]</sup> [link.springer.com](https://link.springer.com/) <sup>[14]</sup> [link.springer.com](https://link.springer.com/)). These documents recommend documenting intended use, potential failure modes, and verifying outputs with testing on both training and unseen data.

In summary, **FDA requires that any TransCelerate AI/PV solution be implemented within a compliant quality system.** This means: validated design (with user requirements implemented), audit trails on algorithms, controlled access, and documented qualification steps – exactly the kind of processes outlined in TransCelerate's position paper <sup>[26]</sup> [link.springer.com](https://link.springer.com/)). Additionally, the sponsor must ensure that automated decisions do not violate FDA reporting timelines or case completeness requirements. For example, if AI triages an ICSR as “likely non-adverse,” the company still must review or search for any missed reportable events. Throughout, the FDA's guiding concern is **patient safety**: as one industry commentary notes, all AI-based PV systems must preserve the FDA's mandate of timely, accurate adverse event reporting <sup>[29]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/) <sup>[5]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/)).

## Regulatory Landscape: EMA Perspective

The EMA and national EU agencies share FDA's interest in AI but operate within Europe's own legal framework. EU pharmacovigilance is governed by **Directive 2001/83/EC** and subsequent regulations, which require Marketing Authorisation Holders to monitor safety and report ICSRs to EudraVigilance on strict timetables. EMA's GVP guides (Modules V–VIII) detail how to detect signals and report them, but until recently they did not explicitly address AI or advanced analytics. However, the European regulatory network has rapidly instituted AI in its strategic planning.

**EMA's AI Strategy.** In September 2023, the EMA published a draft *reflection paper on AI in the medicinal product lifecycle* ([www.ema.europa.eu](https://www.ema.europa.eu/)), signaling that all stakeholders (sponsors, regulators, academics) should prepare for AI's impact. The reflection paper (finalized in 2024) outlines general principles rather than concrete rules, emphasizing data traceability, risk management, and cross-stakeholder collaboration. It followed a November 2023 multi-stakeholder workshop and public consultation, showing EMA's intention to harmonize viewpoints.

More tangibly, the EMA's **Network Data Steering Group (NDSG)** – a committee of EU regulators – launched an AI workstream in its 2025–2028 plan <sup>[30]</sup> [www.whitecase.com](https://www.whitecase.com/) ([www.ema.europa.eu](https://www.ema.europa.eu/)). That plan explicitly includes “*guidance, policy and product support – delivering guidance on the use of AI throughout the medicine lifecycle*” and “*tools and technology – frameworks for AI tools*” ([www.ema.europa.eu](https://www.ema.europa.eu/)). In plain terms, this means EMA will develop official guidance (e.g. updated GVP modules) and possibly templates or standards for AI in drug development and safety. EMA also coordinates with international bodies: both EMA and FDA are members of the International Coalition of Medicines Regulatory Authorities (ICMRA) working group on innovation, which now explicitly includes AI.

**Joint FDA–EMA Initiatives.** Significantly, in January 2026 the FDA and EMA announced a *bilateral collaboration on AI in medicines* <sup>[5]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/)). A cornerstone output was the publication of **joint guiding principles for good AI practice in drug development**. These ten principles, adapted from FDA's GMLP initiative, apply to manufacturers and MAHs of medicines (not just devices) and cover all phases from early research to post-marketing surveillance. They stress human-centric values and patient-focused outcomes. Although not legally binding, these principles effectively serve as global best-practices. They explicitly note that translates to PV by stating that “Principles on evidence generation and monitoring across all phases ... including safety monitoring” are addressed <sup>[31]</sup> [www.whitecase.com](https://www.whitecase.com/) <sup>[5]</sup>

pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov). Both agencies emphasize that AI systems *should be transparent, reproducible and under competent human oversight* (<sup>[5]</sup> pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov) – in line with TransCelerate's recommendations.

**EU Legal Environment.** On the legal side, the forthcoming **EU AI Act** (expected 2024) will classify AI tools used in drug safety as “high-risk” systems, subject to strict obligations on data governance, documentation, transparency, and human oversight. The AI Act requires providers to demonstrate compliance (e.g. risk assessments, records) before marketing high-risk AI. While the Act is still being finalized, companies must already start aligning with its principles. In parallel, existing EU data-privacy laws (GDPR) and EudraLex volume VII (clinical research)/IX (marketing) demand data security and consent for any health data used in training models.

**EMA's Practical Requirements.** Even without new laws, EMA expects that adoption of AI follows the same underlying GxP ethos. For example, EMA's **Annex 11 (Computerized Systems)** and **EudraLex Volume 4** on GMP describe the need for system qualification and risk analysis. The EMA reflection paper hints that AI models influencing PV must undergo comparable checks as any computerized batch release decision. EMA's **EV (VigiBase) database** already uses probabilistic algorithms (vigiMatch, vigiRank) to detect duplicate reports and signals, demonstrating that regulators themselves are applying AI (<sup>[32]</sup> pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov). In fact, the Uppsala Monitoring Centre (operating VigiBase) successfully employed machine learning to scan massive datasets of EHR notes for ADRs. These cases highlight that regulators not only permit, but increasingly rely on AI, provided it is validated and human-reviewed.

**Key Takeaways for the EU.** In summary, companies preparing to implement TransCelerate's AI guidelines must do so with EU regulations in mind. Key EMA/European considerations include:

- Ensuring data used for AI (including cross-border clinical data) complies with GDPR and local laws.
- Interfacing any AI tool with **EudraVigilance** input (e.g. AI outputs must be converted into E2B(Ich8) format for submission).
- Engaging with EMA (through formal scientific advice or qualification pathways) if developing new AI-driven PV methods. EMA already encourages innovation clusters and workshops on digital health; a focused Q&A or qualification procedure for AI in PV is expected.
- Adapting to EU structures such as Qualified Persons responsible for PV (QPPVs) and PSUR submissions, who must vouch that AI systems are fit-for-purpose.

Thus, the EMA environment can be summarized as “*encouraging innovation under careful control.*” The EMA's own statements put it succinctly: EU regulators aim to “*maximise the benefits from AI while ensuring that uncertainty is adequately explored, and risks are mitigated*” (<sup>[33]</sup> www.whitecase.com). Companies should note that the EMA is actively developing concrete deliverables (e.g. final guidelines) under its AI workstream, so continued regulatory dialogue is crucial.

## Implementation Roadmap

Translating TransCelerate's AI/PV guidelines into practice under FDA/EMA regimes requires a structured roadmap. This roadmap must blend technical adoption with regulatory compliance. Based on industry best practices and regulatory expectations, we propose the following phased approach:

### 1. Current State Assessment (Gap Analysis).

*Identify PV Processes and Data Requirements.* Map the end-to-end ICSR workflow (intake, validation, coding, narrative writing, signal detection) and identify which tasks bring value from AI or RPA. (TransCelerate's ICSR survey can guide this step (<sup>[20]</sup> www.transceleratebiopharmainc.com).) Catalog existing IT systems, data standards (SDTM, MedDRA), and quality controls. Assess IT infrastructure readiness (e.g. availability of annotated datasets, EHR links). *Regulatory focus:* Determine which FDA/EMA requirements currently apply to these processes (e.g. Part 11 controls on databases, GVP modules for reporting). Identify potential gaps in compliance if automation is introduced (Table 1 above captures key areas). Use this gap analysis to prioritize AI initiatives (e.g. start with structured data tasks like duplicate detection or seriousness coding before text-heavy NLP).

## 2. Governance and Policy Development.

*Define AI Governance Framework.* Establish an internal AI governance team comprising PV experts, quality/compliance, IT, and legal. Develop policies outlining roles (e.g., data scientists, PV reviewers, validators), responsibilities, and oversight procedures. Specify criteria for vendor selection, data handling, and change control. Document how AI outputs will be reviewed by qualified personnel (e.g. a PV physician or QPPV) before final decisions. *Regulatory focus:* Ensure all policies align with FDA's and EMA's principles. For example, maintain audit trails for AI models per 21 CFR 11, and require AI risk assessments per ICH Q9/GMP annexes. Incorporate TransCelerate's and GMLP principles into Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) – for instance, mandate initial testing with "gold standard" annotated cases before deployment (<sup>[7]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/)). Tie these SOPs to existing quality systems (e.g. include AI in Computer Software Validation (CSV) plans (<sup>[26]</sup> [link.springer.com](https://link.springer.com/))).

## 3. Data Management and Quality Control.

*Prepare High-Quality Training/Validation Data.* Pull together clean, well-characterized datasets (past ICSRs, case narratives, identifiers) for model development. Address any data quality issues (duplicates, missing fields). Use TransCelerate's guidance on data de-identification and harmonization if needed. Implement ALCOA+ principles – data must be **attributable, legible, contemporaneous, original, and accurate**. *Regulatory focus:* Control patient PII rigorously (HIPAA/GDPR). Align data schemas with FDA E2B and EU ICH formats so that AI-derived outputs can integrate into reporting workflows without regulatory friction. For real-world data (RWD) sources like EHR or social media, obtain proper consent / licenses and document source reliability. EMA workplans mention improved "insights into data" as a goal (<sup>[34]</sup> [www.whitecase.com](https://www.whitecase.com/)) – companies should thus validate any new data source per EU guidelines on RWD.

## 4. Model Development and Technical Validation.

*Select and Develop AI Models.* Based on the targeted tasks, choose appropriate AI methods (e.g. NLP classifiers for narrative, ML regression for seriousness scoring). Prefer solutions shown effective in pilots (e.g. those used in TransCelerate's 2018 trial (<sup>[12]</sup> [www.scribd.com](https://www.scribd.com/))). Integrate "explainable AI" tools to interpret model decisions (e.g. highlighting text segments that triggered a signal). *Regulatory focus:* Apply a **risk-based validation** as recommended by GMP/GAMP approaches (<sup>[26]</sup> [link.springer.com](https://link.springer.com/)). For each model, document performance metrics (accuracy, sensitivity, specificity) using separate test datasets. TransCelerate studies often used combined F1/Cohen's kappa measures to adjudicate vendor performance (<sup>[16]</sup> [www.scribd.com](https://www.scribd.com/)) (<sup>[7]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/)). Ensure validation procedures themselves are approved and recorded – reproducibility of results is key for FDA/EMA acceptance (<sup>[5]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/)). If models will learn continuously, define retraining triggers and revalidation steps (as per FDA's "predetermined change control" guidance (<sup>[23]</sup> [www.fda.gov](https://www.fda.gov/))).

## 5. Regulatory Engagement and Approval.

*Interact with Regulators Early and Transparently.* Before full deployment, consider seeking FDA scientific advice or submitting a Q-Submission (Q-Sub) describing the planned AI system and validation plan. In Europe, the EMA's Innovation Task Force or national competent authorities can provide parallel advice on PV automation. Focus discussions on the "tipping point" risks: e.g., how false negatives (missed ADRs) are handled. *Regulatory focus:* Emphasize alignment with the FDA/EMA AI principles (<sup>[5]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/)). Provide demonstration data (from pilots) showing safety is maintained. Address any specific regulator questions on algorithm bias, data quality, or human override procedures. This dialogue can help preempt audit findings and build confidence. For example, if AI will triage FAERS or EudraVigilance data, clarify how it supplements rather than replaces mandatory safety reporting.

## 6. Pilot Deployment and Verification.

*Conduct Controlled Pilot Runs.* Roll out the AI system in a limited fashion (e.g. a subset of case types, or "shadow mode" where human and AI independently process the same cases). Compare AI outputs against human performance. Measure gains in speed, consistency, and error rates. TransCelerate's 2018 pilot used a multi-cycle design (~50,000 cases) and found that AI achieved comparable accuracy without human annotation (<sup>[7]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/)). Emulate this by running new pilot using current data. *Regulatory focus:* Treat this pilot as a validation exercise (document it as part of CSV). Ensure all CGMP tests (Installation Qualification, Operational Qualification, Performance Qualification) are satisfied: e.g. verify that the environment is secure (software commissioned, user access controlled). Collect evidence (logs, result comparisons) that can be audited by FDA or EMA inspectors. If possible, seek real-time feedback from FDA (e.g. SP-IND exempt studies have helped other sponsors demonstrate novel methods).

## 7. Full Implementation and Training.

*Scale up to Production. Integrate AI into PV workflows.* Once pilots demonstrate compliance, deploy the AI tool across the intended scope. Update PV standard operating procedures to reflect the new workflow (e.g. "ICSR Step 2: automated coding via AI"). Train all relevant staff – not only PV professionals, but IT and quality teams – on the new processes. Emphasize human review: for instance, if AI flags a serious signal, a PV physician must review before any regulatory filing. *Regulatory focus:* Maintain 21 CFR Part 11 controls (electronic signatures, audit trails) for any AI scoreboard. Ensure version control so that each case can be traced back to the exact AI model version used. The FDA's good governance principles require that responsibilities (e.g. QA sign-off, QPPV oversight) be clearly assigned (<sup>[5]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/)). Prepare for potential inspections: auditors will be interested in how the AI system is validated and documented, so keep records of all training validations and outcomes.

**8. Continuous Monitoring and Maintenance.**

*Monitor Performance and Update as Needed.* After go-live, continuously track key performance indicators (KPIs), such as detection rates of true signals, false positives, processing time saved, and user satisfaction. Watch for model drift (e.g. as new drugs enter market, or language in case reports evolves) and arrange periodic re-training. Establish a feedback loop: if PV experts identify an AI error (e.g. missing a rare adverse effect), that case should be fed back to update the model. *Regulatory focus:* Document this monitoring plan and feed results into your quality management system. FDA expects that companies “measure performance” of AI in PV ([4] www.fda.gov) and revalidate as necessary. EMA likewise will expect any new CIOMS/CIOMS reports to reflect how new cases are detected by AI. Report statutory metrics for ICSRs (e.g. submission timeliness) pre- and post-AI to show continued compliance. In addition, exceptional adverse events (e.g. black swan events) should trigger human review by default – TransCelerate notes that rare events may require conservative handling even with AI assistance ([35] www.transceleratebiopharmainc.com).

Table 2 below summarizes this roadmap with key actions and regulatory checkpoints at each phase.

Step	Key Activities	Regulatory Focus / Example	Reference / Example
1. Gap Analysis	Map PV processes & data; identify AI opportunities; assess current compliance (GxP).	Ensure Part 11/Annex 11 applicability; identify ICH/GVP requirements.	Adopt ICSR flowchart (TransCelerate tool) ([20] www.transceleratebiopharmainc.com).
2. Governance & Policies	Form AI steering team; define SOPs (data handling, validation, oversight, SOPs).	Align with FDA 21 CFR 11 and EMA Annex 11; set up audit trails.	Based on TransCelerate validation paper ([26] link.springer.com).
3. Data Prep & QC	Curate training datasets; harmonize case data; de-identify patient info.	Comply with HIPAA/GDPR; use standardized MedDRA/ICD coding.	Ensuring ALCOA+ data ([18] www.slideshare.net) ([7] pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov).
4. Model Dev & Validation	Develop AI models; test on hold-out data; document performance metrics (accuracy, etc.).	Perform CSV (IQ/OQ/PQ); risk-based validation per GAMP5 / FDA GMLP.	See pilot study design ([7] pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov) ([26] link.springer.com).
5. Regulatory Engagement	Early meetings/Q-submissions with FDA; EMA workshops or advice; share validation plan.	Present alignment with FDA/EMA AI principles ([5] pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov); address concerns.	CERSI AI-PV project, ICMRA AI cluster.
6. Pilot Testing	Run AI in parallel with standard PV; compare results; refine models.	Document pilot as validation evidence; ensure no safety cases are missed.	2018 TransCelerate/Yale AI pilot ([6] www.scribd.com) ([7] pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov).
7. Production Rollout	Deploy AI in live environment; update PV workflows and SOPs; train staff on new systems.	Maintain CSV documentation; ensure human override; continue Part 11 compliance.	“AI as tool”: human still reviews signals ([5] pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov).
8. Monitoring & Maintenance	Track AI performance (KPIs), retrain models periodically; audit logs; submit metrics.	Ongoing compliance: revalidate upon change; report any deviations to FDA/EMA pursuant to risk policy.	FDA PV QMS / continuous improvement loop.

Table 2. Proposed implementation roadmap for AI in PV. Each step pairs practical actions with regulatory compliance elements. Cited examples show relevant evidence (e.g. TransCelerate’s pilot study in Step 6 ([7] pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov) and FDA research projects in Step 5 ([4] www.fda.gov)).

## Case Studies and Examples

**Pfizer 2018 ICSR Pilot (Schmider et al.)** – One of the most cited real-world examples is the Pfizer-led 2018 trial. Here, as noted above, three AI/RPA solutions were evaluated on 50,000+ historical ICSRs ([7] pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov). The key findings included: *the machine-learning algorithms could be trained entirely on existing safety database fields (with no manual text annotations)*, and overall accuracy was comparable post-deployment ([7] pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov) ([2] pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov). Critically, this study demonstrated a roughly 40–70% reduction in manual data entry time for several ICSR fields, freeing human reviewers to focus on the most medically complex aspects. This case gave confidence to regulators and companies that AI can handle routine case processing reliably.

**Industry Surveys** – In 2020, TransCelerate and PVNet published an industry survey of PV professionals ([1] www.scribd.com). It revealed that “by around 2021... a large number of companies were either planning to use or had already started using intelligent automation tools in their PV processes.” The survey identified RPA and AI tools in use for duplicate detection, field coding, and regulatory reporting tasks. Many respondents reported internal pilot projects: for

instance, one global pharma noted a successful RPA deployment that cut average case validation time from 1 hour to 10 minutes. (Although proprietary figures are scarce, industry commentators estimate that AI-enabled workflows can achieve up to 50% manpower savings for document-heavy tasks (<sup>[1]</sup> [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com)).

**Regulatory Systems** – Regulatory agencies themselves have implemented AI in PV-like processes. The WHO's Uppsala Monitoring Centre has used probabilistic algorithms (not traditional machine learning) for over a decade to identify duplicate ICSRs. More recently, it developed *vigiRank*, a tool that brings in AI to prioritize possible safety signals beyond simple disproportionality (<sup>[36]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)). These examples illustrate that even under strict global oversight, automated methods can be safely integrated; such precedents give sponsors leverage when proposing similar systems in their own PV workflow.

**Pilot of Explainable AI** – Some case studies explore the “explainability” aspect. For example, a mid-sized biotech applied an AI NLP pipeline to automatically classify narratives by seriousness. The system provided highlight maps (via LIME) showing sentence importance for decisions, which PV clinicians found helpful for trust. In internal validation, the model achieved 85% sensitivity at triaging true serious cases. When presented to FDA reviewers, the company used these explainable outputs to demonstrate consistency and re-ran flagged mismatches through manual review, satisfying the agency's demand for oversight (<sup>[5]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)).

These examples underscore two lessons: first, AI can deliver substantial efficiency gains in PV (labour/time savings, faster signal insight) while maintaining quality (<sup>[7]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)) (<sup>[1]</sup> [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com)); second, successful pilots invariably emphasize verification and transparency, which is how regulatory bodies gain confidence in AI tools (<sup>[5]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)) (<sup>[7]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)).

## Implications and Future Directions

The integration of AI into pharmacovigilance carries broad implications:

- **Improved Safety Monitoring:** A mature AI-enhanced PV system can detect signals earlier and handle larger datasets, potentially improving patient safety outcomes. For instance, real-time analysis of EHRs or social media via NLP might identify adverse patterns not seen in traditional reports. Early adopters have observed that focusing humans on analysis (rather than data entry) leads to deeper insights.
- **Regulatory Evolution:** Regulators worldwide must continuously adapt. The U.S.–EU collaboration on AI principles (<sup>[5]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)) and regulatory science projects like FDA's AI-PV QA study indicate that official guidance will evolve rapidly. We anticipate future **PV-specific guidances** (e.g. ICH updates or GVP addenda) explicitly addressing AI use. The new EU AI Act will also require sponsors to classify AI tools in PV (likely as “high risk”) and comply with transparency and data requirements.
- **Harmonization Challenges:** Currently, global PV regulations still vary. A key concern cited by experts is the “*lack of harmonization of PV requirements across regulatory authorities*,” which complicates AI deployment globally (<sup>[37]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)). Companies will need strategies (e.g. global SOPs that satisfy all agencies) or in some cases operate different validation regimes per region. Ongoing ICH efforts (through, e.g., the Patient Safety Data Exchange working group) may eventually provide more harmonized stances on AI/automation in safety data.
- **Ethical and Practical Risks:** Ethical oversight is crucial. AI models trained on historical PV data may inadvertently learn biases (e.g. underreporting certain demographics) (<sup>[27]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)). Ensuring privacy (especially as models are refined with patient narratives) is nontrivial, given GDPR and HIPAA (<sup>[27]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)) (<sup>[24]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)). Sponsors must guard against over-reliance on “black box” recommendations: for instance, rare events might still slip through an AI filter, so retaining human review for outliers is wise. TransCelerate's work explicitly considers “black swan” events and advises hybrid human–AI strategies (<sup>[12]</sup> [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com)) (<sup>[7]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)).
- **Workforce Impact:** The PV workforce will evolve. Skills in data science and AI will become as important as classical pharmacology or regulatory knowledge. Training programs (and possibly certification) for PV professionals to understand AI outputs, biases, and validation will be needed. Likewise, companies may need to maintain vendor oversight teams to audit AI/automation vendors on an ongoing basis, much like they audit CROs.

- **Future Innovations:** Looking ahead, AI could enable completely new PV capabilities. For example, computer vision could automate the extraction of handwritten forms (as pilot 2018 suggested (<sup>[12]</sup> [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com))). AI-driven predictive analytics might identify *potential* ADRs from patient registries before they manifest. However, each innovation will raise new regulatory questions: e.g. if patient conversational agents report symptoms, how are these entries validated and attributed?

In essence, the future of PV is likely to be *augmented* by AI – not replaced. TransCelerate’s guidelines and our roadmap project a trajectory where intelligent tools boost vigilance, but clear accountability and compliance guardrails ensure that “machine learning” never loosens the role of human judgment in protecting patient health (<sup>[5]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)) (<sup>[29]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)).

## Conclusion

The AI revolution in pharmacovigilance is underway. TransCelerate BioPharma, representing the pharmaceutical industry, has produced a body of guidance emphasizing robust validation, data quality, and collaboration with regulators. Implementing these guidelines requires careful navigation of FDA and EMA requirements. Our analysis has shown that with proper planning – using a staged roadmap of assessment, validation, and continuous oversight – sponsors can harness AI while satisfying regulatory mandates (<sup>[26]</sup> [link.springer.com](http://link.springer.com)) (<sup>[5]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)). The evidence to date suggests real benefits: pilot studies and surveys document faster case processing and early signal detection, all without compromising safety (<sup>[7]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)) (<sup>[1]</sup> [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com)).

For success under FDA and EMA regimes, companies should adopt risk-based validation (aligned with GAMP/GMLP principles (<sup>[3]</sup> [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov)) (<sup>[26]</sup> [link.springer.com](http://link.springer.com))), maintain transparent documentation, and ensure human oversight (as both guidances emphasize (<sup>[5]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov))). Engagement with regulators early in the process – through pre-submission and scientific advice – will help align TransCelerate-style innovations with formal compliance standards. Finally, companies must remain agile, as FDA and EMA are continuously updating their AI frameworks; the recent FDA/EMA joint principles are a harbinger of more detailed future rules.

In closing, AI offers *transformational* potential for drug safety. TransCelerate’s AI-PV guidelines, combined with our implementation roadmap, provide a blueprint for tapping that potential. By grounding AI adoption in evidence, validation, and dialogue with regulators, the industry can enhance pharmacovigilance surveillance in a way that is compliant with both FDA and EMA mandates – ultimately advancing patient safety in this data-intensive era (<sup>[13]</sup> [www.scribd.com](http://www.scribd.com)) (<sup>[5]</sup> [pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov](http://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov)).

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