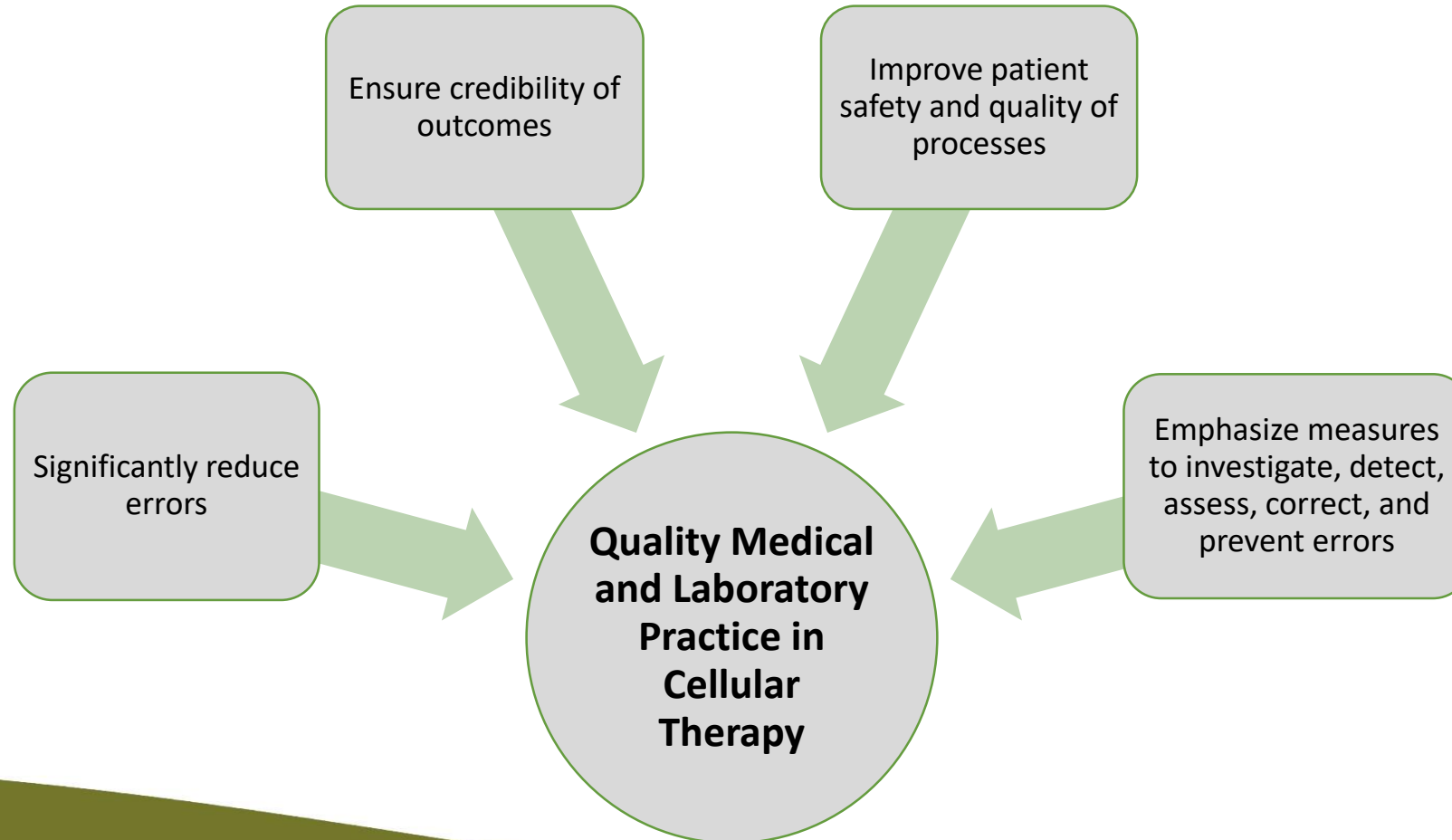


# Quality Management

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# Goals of Quality Management

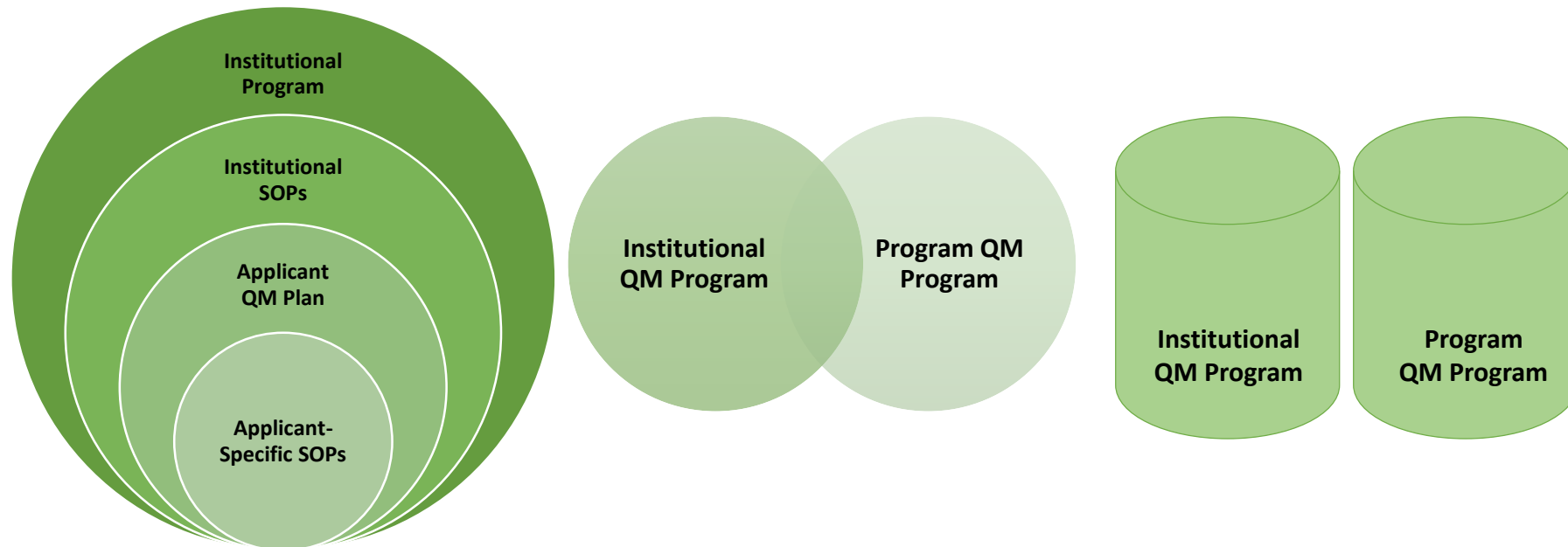


# Elements of a QM Plan

- Structural Requirements
- Assessment and Reporting
- Information and Document Control

# Quality Management Program

The Quality Management Program can be related to the institutional program in several ways, including:



## Quality Management Plan

A written document that describes the systems in place to implement the quality management program

## Policies

Documents that define the scope of an organization, explain how the goals of the organization will be achieved, and/or serve as a means by which authority can be delegated

## Procedures

Documents that describe in detail the process or chronological steps taken to accomplish specific tasks; a procedure is more specific than a policy

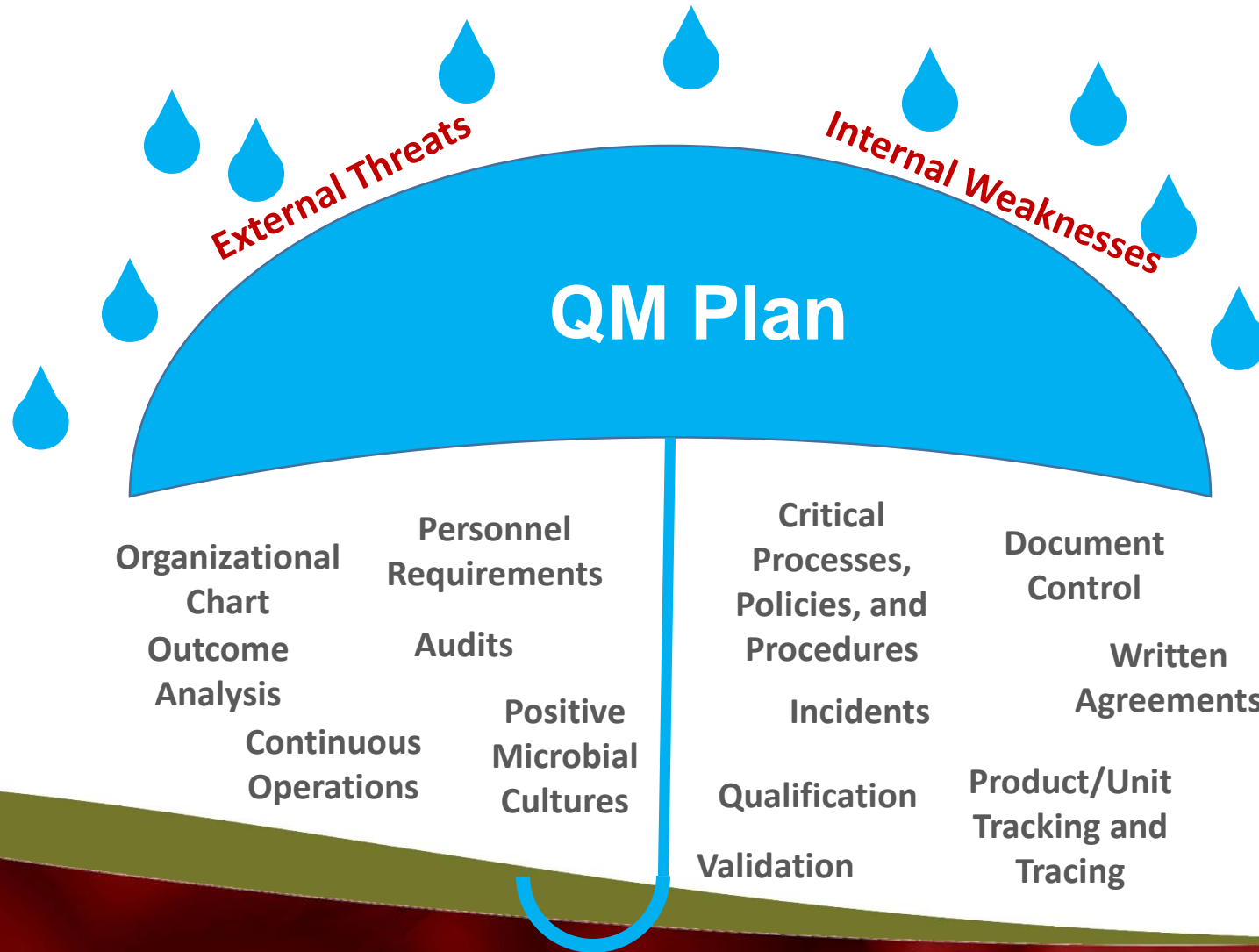
## Supporting Documentation

Worksheets, forms, and templates through which performance of a procedure is documented.

# QM Plan vs Policies vs Procedures

Quality Management Plan	Policies	Procedures
Example:		
The Clinical Program enters into written agreements with third parties whose services impact the clinical care of the recipient or donor.	Written agreements must be audited annually for compliance with contractual requirements.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Review contractual requirements</li><li>2. Request documentation from third-party</li><li>3. Reconcile documentation with requirements</li></ol>

# The QM Plan in Perspective



# Suggested Steps to Establishing a QM Plan

- Assess existing materials
- Address missing elements
- Conduct final assessment with FACT Inspection Checklist
- Obtain final approval of the QM Plan



# Common Questions

- “Where do we begin?”
  - Identify what you already have
  - Follow the order of the Standards
- How do we integrate with:
  - “Main institution’s QM Plan?”
  - “Distinct facilities?”

The Quality Management Plan shall provide:

1. Sufficient summarization of the elements of the Quality Management Program
2. Reference to applicable policies and procedures

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**Structure:**

An organizational chart of key personnel in the Collection Facility can be found in **Procedure 1-2007**. The Collection Facility Director is responsible for ensuring the Quality Management Program is effectively established and maintained. The Quality Management Supervisor is delegated responsibility for operational aspects of maintaining the Quality Management Program. This designated individual will report on quality management activities at monthly staff meetings and will provide a detailed quarterly report to the Collection Facility Director. All personnel in the Collection Facility are responsible for participating in the Quality Management Program through identification of improvement needs and establishment and review of policies and procedures. See **Procedure 2-2007** for details of this process.

**Quality Audits**

Independent quality audits will be conducted on a quarterly basis to verify compliance with the Quality Management Program, recognize problems, detect trends, and identify improvement opportunities. Policies and procedures will be selected for audits based upon sentinel events, importance to quality of care, and/or previous audits. See **Procedure 3-2007** for a detailed audit policy and procedure.

Cellular Therapy Product Institute		
Title: Policy and Procedure Management	Responsibility of: Program Director	Policy Number: 1.1.1 Implementation Date: 05-2005
	Issuer: QM Supervisor	Revision: 3 Review Date: 01-2007

**I. Purpose**  
Establish a standardized method of creating, approving, implementing, cataloguing, maintaining, reviewing, and revising policies and procedures.

**II. Scope**  
All Cellular Therapy Product Institute personnel.

**III. Implementation**

A. Policies

a. Policies must be written in a standard format (see Template FORM-1):

- i. Document type
- ii. Subject category
- iii. Policy Number (See Procedure 2.1.1)
- iv. Policy Name
- v. Date of implementation
- vi. Issuer name
- vii. Responsible party
- viii. Revision Number
- ix. Date of most recent review

b. Text Heading

- i. Purpose (required)
- ii. Scope (required)
- iii. Definitions (optional)
- iv. Policy (required)
- v. References (required)

c. Footer

- i. Page number
- ii. Signature of QM Supervisor and Program Director

A Procedure for preparation, approval, implementation, review, and revising all procedures

A standardized format for policies and procedures, including worksheets, reports, and forms

A system of numbering and/or titling of individual procedures, policies, worksheets, and forms

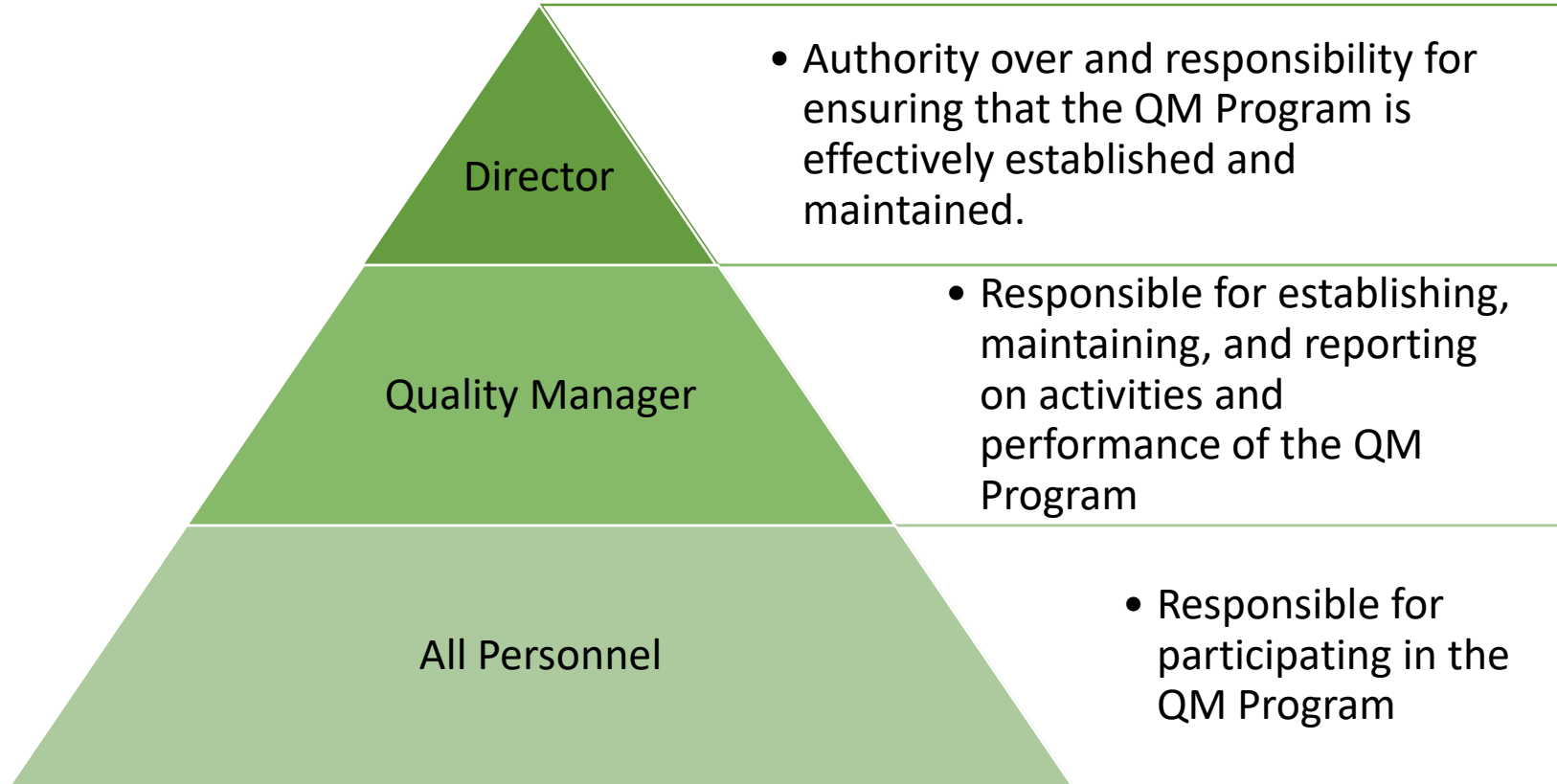
# Critical Processes, Policies, and Procedures

- Each critical process, policy, and procedure remains accurate, operational, and relevant
  - Development
  - Approval
  - Validation
  - Implementation
  - Review
  - Revision
  - Archival

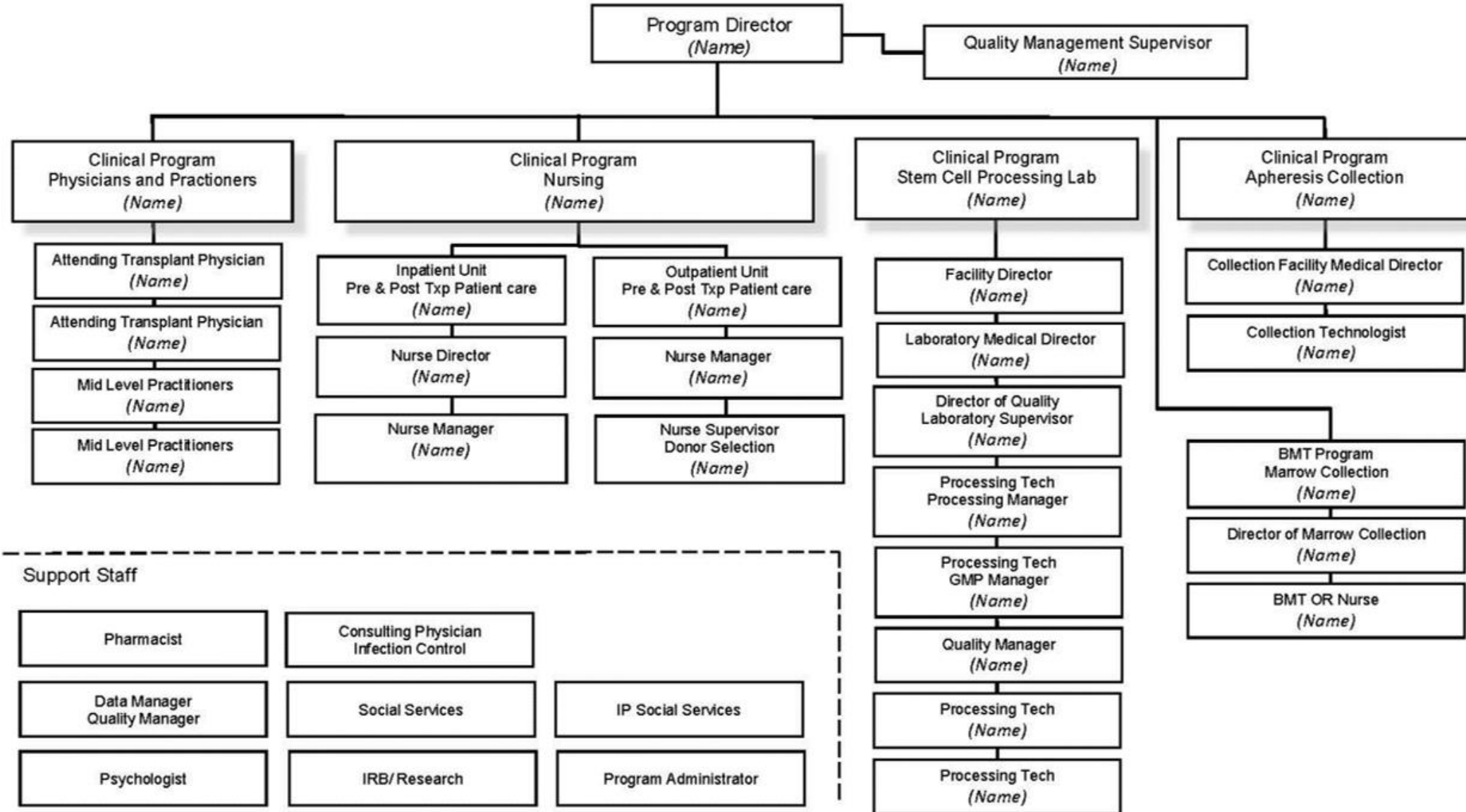
# Document Control

- Critical documents used in the manufacturing process are current and protected
- Similar to process control, but specific to *documents*
  - SOPs
  - Worksheets
  - Forms
  - Labels
- Make sure the specific types of documents are listed in the QM Plan!

# QM Responsibilities



## Cellular Therapy Program



# Organizational Chart and Description of Interactions

- Integration, cohesiveness, and objectivity throughout the entire life cycle of a cellular therapy product or cord blood unit
- Break down barriers
  - Physical space
  - Functions
  - Timing and chain of custody
  - Leadership
  - Third parties
  - Conflicts of interest



# Quality Management Program Meetings



Clinical Program

Collection Facility

Other Services

Cell Precessing Laboratory



# Personnel Requirements

## Position-specific Requirements

- Qualifications
- Job description

## Training

- Orientation
- Training plan

## Continued Assessment

- Competency
- Continuing education

# Personnel

- Documentation of personnel qualifications and ownership of processes
- Investments in personnel that increase quality:
  - Education
  - Self-improvement
  - Empowerment
  - Job satisfaction

# Written Agreements

- Third parties whose services impact the cellular therapy product or cord blood unit understand and comply with requirements
  - Reference Standards in agreements
  - Does not include suppliers (use vendor qualification)
  - Only applies to agreements that impact products or units
  - Include general description of process if no written agreements are currently used – commonly cited!

# Outcome Analysis

- Therapeutic outcomes can indicate the quality of a cellular therapy program's processes.
- Use the data to analyze the *entire* program :
  - Analyze the data on an ongoing basis
  - Share the analysis with all aspects of the program or bank
  - Required and suggested criteria for product efficacy/clinical outcome in applicable Standards and Accreditation Manuals
  - Entities only involved with collection and/or processing must make genuine effort to obtain the data from clinical programs

# Outcome Analysis

- Collection of Patient Outcome Data
- Evaluation of Data
- Distribution of Data
- Reanalyze

For more information on Outcome Analysis, please see several educational opportunities available in the FACT store at [www.factwebsite.org/store](http://www.factwebsite.org/store).

Audit	Validation	Qualification
Definition:		
Documented, systematic evaluation to determine whether approved policies or procedures have been properly implemented and are being followed.	Confirmation by examination and provision of objective evidence that particular requirements can consistently be fulfilled.	The establishment of confidence that equipment and reagents function consistently within established limits.
Example:		
Audit of documentation of proper donor eligibility and determination.	Review viability and sterility of products prior to processing to validate the effectiveness of the apheresis procedure.	Prospective qualification of new controlled rate freezer to confirm the freezing program meets predetermined freezing parameters.

# Performance vs Outcome Metrics

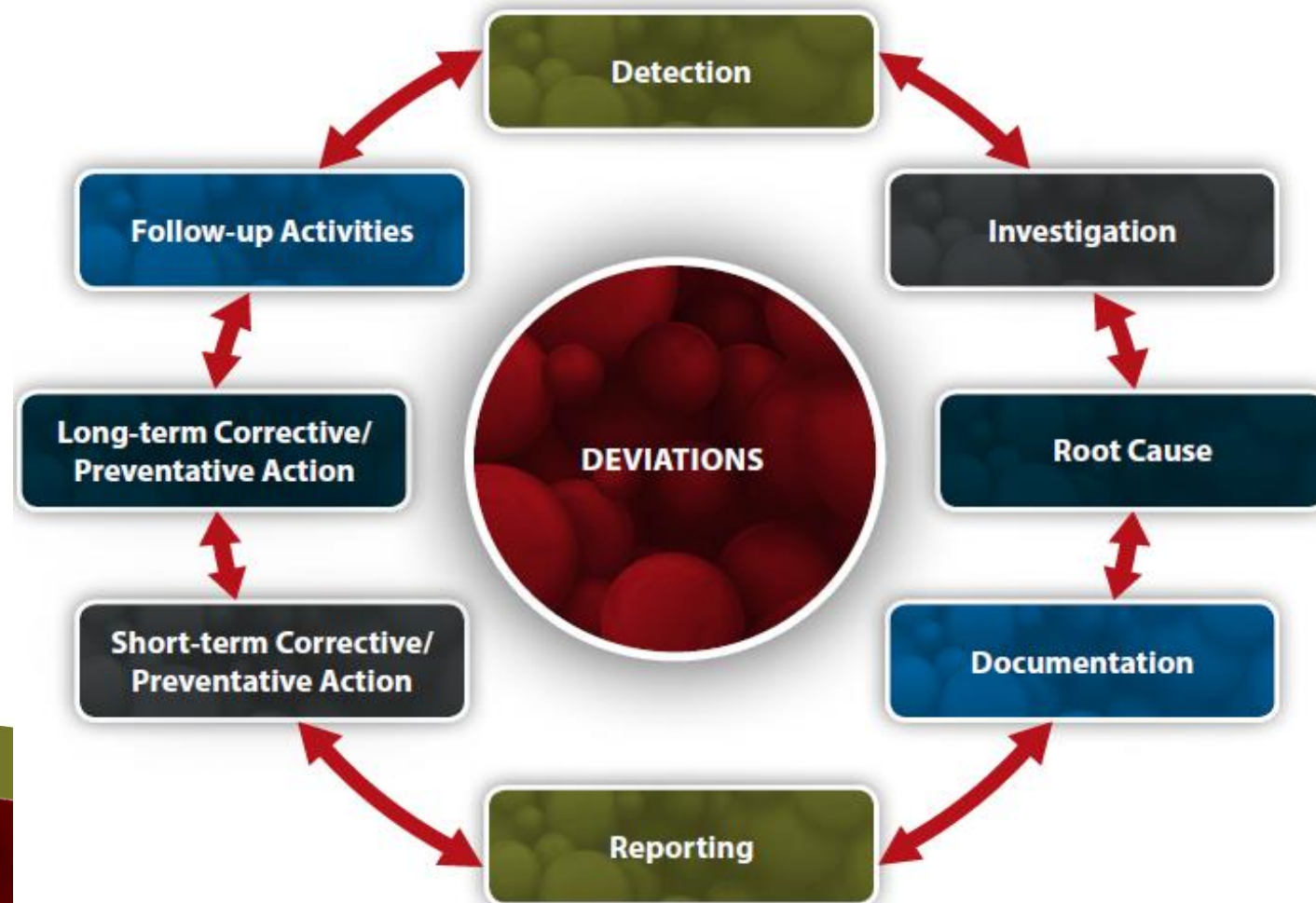
- Performance metrics: measure how personnel comply with policies and procedures, for example:
  - Completion of all donor evaluation steps
  - Inclusion of all requirements on chemotherapy order
  - Regular standardization and calibration of processing equipment
- Outcome metrics: measure success of therapy, for example:
  - Days to engraftment
  - Length of hospital stay
  - Survival



# Positive Microbial Culture Results

- A major role of a Quality Management Plan is to assess regulatory affairs and ensure requirements are met
- One of the concerns of the US FDA is the use of products with positive microbial cultures
  - Will not be allowed for licensed products, but could be allowed for products under IND
  - Must notify the recipient and all facilities of the positive culture, an investigation is completed, and the incident is reported to the regulatory authority
  - Requires extensive teamwork between collection sites, processing facilities, cord blood banks (if applicable), and clinical programs

# Errors, Accidents, Adverse Events, Biological Product Deviations, & Complaints



# Information & Document Control

- Process for product tracking
- Actions to take when operations are interrupted

# Tracking and Tracing

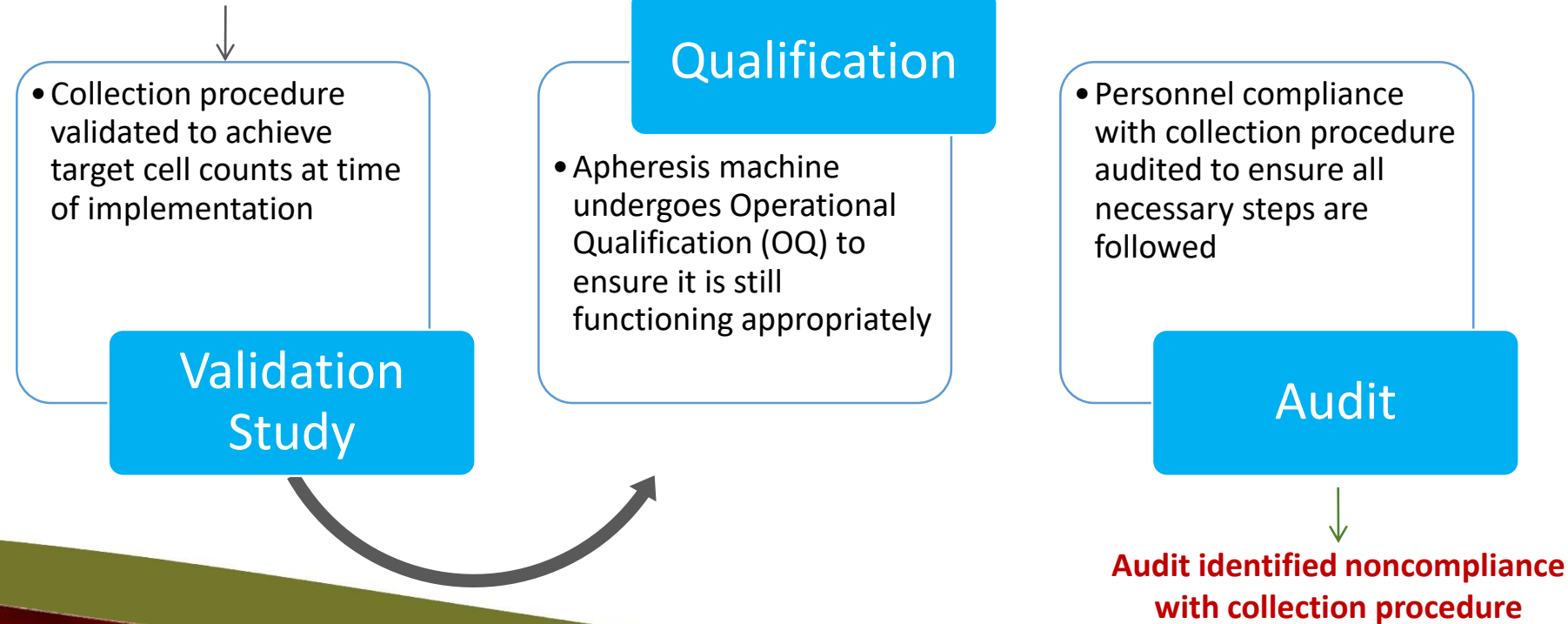
- Enable investigation of issues, document chain of custody, and maintain information needed for further action
  - Tracking: to follow a process from beginning to end
  - Tracing: to follow the history of a process, product, or service by review of documents

# Continuous Operations

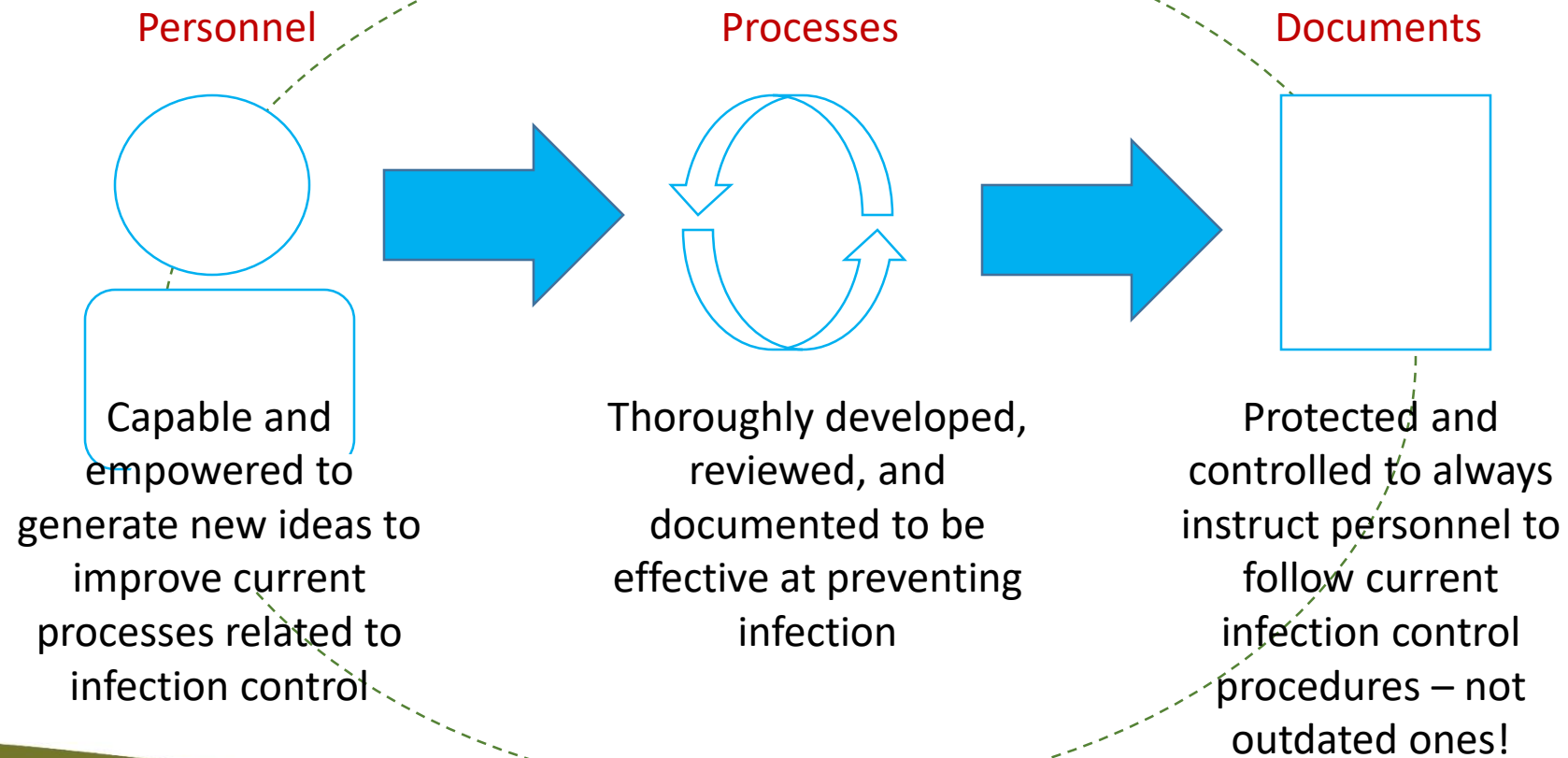
- Be prepared for situations that may interrupt typical operations
  - Policy or procedure is required that addresses emergencies and disasters
  - Programs must also have a plan for the management of interruptions that do not rise to the disaster level
  - Program is required to describe actions to take when an interruption presents, including:
    - Who needs to be contacted
    - How to prioritize cases
    - Key personnel to be involved in identifying alternative steps to continue functions

# Case Study: Investigation of Poor Engraftment Results

**Clinical Program reports  
outcome analysis results: poor  
engraftment likely due to low  
cell counts**



# Case Study: Clinical Program Infection Control



# Thank You