

Lessons Preserved: Thirty Years of Transitional Review

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Purpose

Lessons Preserved captures observations whose original circumstances may disappear but whose reasoning remains useful. Transitional review is an appropriate subject because a condition can remain in place long enough to become ordinary without ever having been formally accepted.

1987–1991 / Naming the interim

Early Transitional Solutions records used temporary arrangement broadly. Reference Series 4 narrowed the distinction: a temporary condition carries an intended review interval; a condition not yet reviewed may have become ordinary through use. The two can look identical and remain different in governance.

1994 / Return and equivalence

PCP clarification added that a nearby position is not necessarily equivalent. This mattered in transitional work because a provisional arrangement could acquire an ordinary return path before its original purpose had ended.

2006 / Persistence requires an interval

Practitioners learned that duration was evidence, not intent. MCS-01 and PCP began recording persistence alongside a review condition. A seven-year arrangement could be stable, ordinary, provisional or some combination until the record stated which observations supported the determination.

2016–2024 / Handoff and integration

Cross-divisional handoff language made the distinction portable. MTS could record the review interval, MPS the return position, MNM replacement consistency and MOIG the SCR-6 relationship. Meridian One aligned these records without collapsing their ownership.

What remains useful

The lesson is not that temporary conditions are suspect. It is that duration should not silently perform the work of a decision. Current practitioners preserve the original purpose, ordinary use, return condition, owner and next review date.

Related records

See Reference Series 4 , PCP-87-24 , MCS-01 and LR-06-11 .