

The Gate-Health Audit

"A human reviews all AI output" is true in most organizations the way a decayed ritual is true: on paper. Pick your proudest review gate. Take its pulse. Gates rust open by default — these six rules keep them alive.

THE SIX RULES

- 1 · ACTIVE** The reviewer performs a task — samples, recalculates, traces sources — and produces information the output didn't hand her. Review is a performance, not a viewing.
- 2 · MEASURED** Rejection rate is a standing vital sign. A filter that passes everything is indistinguishable from a hole.
- 3 · INDEPENDENT** Review layers must not share blind spots. An AI checking an AI is one defense wearing two name tags. Give reviewers evidence, not the machine's summary of it.
- 4 · EMPOWERED** The reviewer can understand, override, disregard, and halt — and is praised for it. If rejection costs a form and approval costs a click, the 'no' lane has a toll booth.
- 5 · PLACED** Review attention is the scarcest resource. Gate by risk and reversibility; ungated-on-purpose funds gated-for-real.
- 6 · SEPARATED** Drafting, review, and approval never merge — three roles, three questions, separated in person or at minimum in time.

THE PULSE CHECK — ONE GATE, SIX QUESTIONS

- What does the reviewer actually DO? (If the answer is "reads it" — the gate is passive.)
- When did this gate last reject something? Pull the real 90-day approval rate.
- What does the reviewer see FIRST — the evidence, or the AI's summary of the evidence?
- Count the clicks: cost to approve vs. cost to reject. What happened to the last person who halted a workflow?
- Why is the gate HERE? Find the risk-tier decision that placed it — and the written list of what's ungated on purpose.
- Who drafts, who reviews, who approves — and are any of those the same person under deadline?

A gate that never rejects is not a gate.
 Three or more fails: redesign the gate, not the reviewer. She was only standing where the system put her.

THE RECORD (keep the ledger)

Gate audited: _____ Date: _____

Fails (0-6): _____ Auditor: _____

One change we will make this week: _____

Full doctrine and the six-question audit online: ai-nurse-solutions.github.io/domondon-dominium/governance.html

Carry the lamp. Keep the ledger. Agents propose. Humans judge. Nurses steward.