The 2 days course introduces to sterile products development, manufacturing, and quality assurance. The first day focuses on formulation and process development of solutions, dispersed systems, and freeze-dried products, with emphasis on development of biomolecules, supported by specific case studies. Parenteral manufacturing operations, quality control testing, and packaging are thoroughly discussed in the second day. The optional, half-day short course discusses the most recent trends on cGMP regulations, quality auditing, and considerations for responses to Agencies observations.

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Course topics include:
- Principles of designing stable sterile formulation
- Formulations of Proteins, Antibodies, Antibody-Drug Conjugates
- Dispersed systems
- Lyophilized Products
- Sterile manufacturing and quality control
- Packaging
- cGMP trends
- Auditing and inspection

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Learning objectives
- Understand types of sterile products and their different requirements.
- Become aware of current and future topics affecting sterile product development and manufacturing.
- Understand how excipients are used to stabilize small and large molecules formulations.
- Learn differences in formulation components and processing for solutions, dispersed systems and lyophilized formulations.
- Learn the fundamentals for aseptic manufacturing in a cGMP environment and become familiar with unit operations required for different products.
- Consider analytical tests needed for quality control of sterile products.
- Understand the importance of packaging materials for the stability of formulated products and for ease of manufacturing.
- Evaluate current trends in cGMP inspections and discuss how they are related to regulations.
- Consider approaches to auditing in a cGMP environment and how to respond to questions.

Course directors
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8:30-09:00
Registration
09:00 -17:30
Introduction
• Historical review of injectable products and events that influenced manufacturing types of sterile products with hands-on examples.
• Considerations for routes of administration.
• Hot topics.

Formulation Development for Small and Large Molecules
• Principles of designing stable sterile solutions. Formulation approaches used to overcome problems with drug solubility and stability.
• Coverage of solvent systems and additives (solubilizers, stabilizers, preservatives, competitive binders, and toxicity adjusters) used in small molecule and in biopharmaceutical sterile dosage forms.
• Special focus on biopharmaceutical formulation development of Proteins, Monoclonal Antibodies, Antibody-Drug Conjugates.

Formulation of Dispersed Systems
• Design, development and manufacturing of macro-suspensions (including Antibodies, ADC's and Vaccines), micro- and nanosuspensions. Also formulation of emulsions and liposomes.

Formulation of Lyophilized Products
• In depth evaluation of data needed to support formulation development for a lyophilized product.
• Excipients used in the formulations and their purpose.
• Thermal characterization and identification of the failure point.
• Considerations for evaluation of the finished product.
• Data needed to support a successful Technical Transfer.

Process Development for Lyophilized Products
• Fundamentals of freeze drying, design and operation of equipment.
• Evaluation of in-process data in the laboratory and at full-scale: methods of data collection, data needed to support Technology Transfer and routine manufacturing.

8:30-17:30
Preparation for Sterile Manufacturing
Application of cGMP regulations to sterile manufacturing, facility and personnel requirements, air systems, room classification, equipment and packaging preparation, overview of complete process.

Sterile Manufacturing Unit Operations
• Basics of microbiology, components of contamination control, cleaning and sanitization, depyrogenation, sterilization, aseptic processing, environmental monitoring.
• Aseptic process validation with emphasis of FDA guidelines for aseptic processing and coverage of EU GMP guidelines for manufacture of sterile medicinal agents.

Quality Control Testings
Basic principles and methods in sterility testing, pyrogen testing, specific testing methods for lyophilized products, visual inspection and particulate matter, and methods of automated inspection.

Parenteral Products Packaging
• Discussion of packaging options for different sterile formulations.
• Explore the effects of formulation and packaging materials on product stability.

cGMP updates: Auditing, Inspection and Trends
The half-day course consists of two sections: one lecture evaluates trends in observations and the regulations that support them. The second lecture provides an overview of conducting cGMP audits, how to relate observations directly to regulations, and considerations for responses.

8:30-12:45
GMP Updates and Recent Trends
• What is new in the EMA, FDA, ISO 13485, Mexico, and other regulatory environments.
• Recent findings and how they apply to the industry.

Auditing in a GMP Environment
• Practical approach to auditing based on following regulations.
• Auditing of manufacturers and third party suppliers.

Group Discussion and wrap-up