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Computerised System Validation: How to handle Legacy Systems? Maintaining Compliance during Operation

Live Online Training on 25 February and 26-28 February 2025



Highlights How to handle Legacy Systems

- Regulatory requirements for the qualification / validation of legacy systems
- Considerations in the context of legacy system audits
- Legacy systems compliance from a QA perspective
- Data integrity for legacy systems
- Specifying requirements for existing systems
- Risk-based use of legacy systems

Highlights Maintaining Compliance during Operation

- Requirements from the EU GMP Guide Annex 11 and GAMP[®]5 2nd Edition
- The GAMP 5 Risk-Based Approach to Operation of GxP Computerized Systems Good Practice Guide
- Handover and Establishing Support Services
- Periodic Evaluation
- Change Control and Configuration Management
- CAPA Management
- Data Integrity and Audit Trail in Operation
- Security Management
- Service & Contract Management
- Retirement Management
- Inspection Readiness

Objectives

Systems must be qualified, and processes must be validated. These principles have applied in the pharmaceutical environment for many years. For many reasons, there are always cases in which this procedure cannot be implemented prospectively, or only with difficulty. These include equipment and systems that are purchased second-hand, equipment that has been used for non-GMP purposes, and equipment that has acquired from other companies.

Are such equipment/systems no longer fit for use in the GMP environment, or can they still be appropriately qualified and validated? This live online training offers you solutions on how to deal with this situation and focuses on the following questions:

- Can you still operate legacy systems, and if so, to what extent?
- What can the auditor expect, and what solutions would be considered acceptable?
- How can existing systems be specified retrospectively?
- How can compliance be achieved from a QA perspective?
- What can be done if important cybersecurity issues can no longer be technically controlled?

Target Audience

This live online training is aimed at subject matter experts from:

- IT.
- Quality Assurance
- Production / Quality Control
- Technology
- System Suppliers and Service Providers

Programme

Query / Discussion - Problems / Expectations

- Which systems are affected?
- Why have these systems not been adequately qualified?
- Retrospective qualification

Legacy Systems regulatory Requirements and Inspections

- Old systems, legacy systems and existing non-compliant systems - characteristics and problems
- Regulatory considerations
- Annex 11 and Annex 15
- PIC/S PI 011
- GAMP GPG: The Validation of Legacy Systems
- Inspection considerations

Legacy Systems: Ensuring Compliance from a QA Perspective

- Legacy systems: IT security / virus protection / data protection
- On-site infrastructure
- System-side IT components
- Qualification / validation of legacy IT systems

How to write URS for existing Systems

- How to write URS for existing Systems
- URS for existing systems: Waste of time or added value?
- Why creating URS is easier for existing systems
- Beyond the URS: the functional description

Case Studies: Contingency Planning / Support from the Manufacturer

- Initial situation for existing systems
 - Manufacturer support: Hardware & software, Security Patches
 - Mechanical spare parts
 - How and what can be planned?
- What "unsolvable" dependencies exist?

What does risk-based Deployment mean for existing Systems?

- Suitability for use
- Learning from operational experience
 Importance of periodic evaluation and its results
- Quality efficiency

Old Systems, Legacy Systems and existing Systems - Data Integrity light?

- Brief overview of the ALCOA++ principles
- PIC/S PI 041-1: Data integrity
- General problems: inadequate knowledge of the pharmaceutical process and data flow, lack of data definitions, non-existent definition of the GxP relevance of the generated data
- Examples of problems with legacy systems and possible solutions
 - Missing audit trail functionality vs. necessity of an operational audit trail
 - Problems with user administration (no/too few users can be parameterized within the system)
 - Data management: ring memory, system data on USB sticks/SD cards > how to deal with this?

Your Benefit

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Objectives

The programme has been substantially revised for 2025, with increased focus on the periodic review and evaluation of computerised systems in operation. What evidential records need to be maintained, and how can these be efficiently leveraged to confidently demonstrate ongoing compliance to auditors and inspectors?

Four additional good reasons why you should attend:

- Delegates will gain understanding of the controls needed to maintain validated systems in compliance throughout their operational lifecycle.
- Taking a risk-based approach, you will learn how these controls can be scaled across a wide range of computerised systems, allowing you to focus your resources on the most critical systems and the most critical system components
- You will learn the importance of role clarity and making best use of Subject Matter Experts and the Quality Unit.
- In workshops / case studies / exercises, you will get the chance to put the theory into practice and discuss suitable solution strategies with your colleagues

Target Audience

This Education Course is directed at anyone who must deal with the validation and operation of computerised systems and the maintenance of the validated state.

Background

The greatest part of the system life cycle is represented by daily operation. It is now a clear regulatory requirement that GxP computerised systems must be kept in compliance throughout their operational lifetime. Audit experience shows that companies struggle with this task. Once the implementation project is complete and the computerised system is handed over for use how can the validated state be maintained? What exactly is required and how can these requirements be successfully established and maintained?

The course reflects the requirements of the EU Annex 11 and the approaches contained in the GAMP Guides (GAMP®5 2nd Edition and 'A Risk-Based Approach to Operation of GxP Computerized Systems – A Companion Volume to GAMP®5').

Programme

Welcome / Opening session: What the delegates expect?

- Overview of the Operation Phase
- Capturing delegates expectations
- Sharing and reducing to key points in groups
- Sharing with all delegates and tutors

Periodic Evaluation: Establishing a scalable PE strategy

- Objectives and intention
- Scope of Periodic Evaluation
- Periodic Evaluation: Between efficiency and effectiveness
- What information should be considered?

Handover

- Objectives and purposes
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Handover process
- Acceptance criteria
- Records and reports

Data Integrity in Operation

- ALCOA++ principles
- Technical controls vs procedural controls
- Data governance principles and responsibilities
- Data governance vs IT governance
- Governance pitfalls

Risk Management in Operation

- Risk management according to Q9(R1)
- Risk management applied to change management
- Risk management applied to incident and deviation management
- Keeping risk information up-to-date

Data Management in Operation & Business Continuity

- Understanding the data management processes
- Backup & Restore
- Archiving & Retrieval
- Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity
- Monitoring data management activities
- Records and reports

Change & Configuration Management in Operation

- Objectives
- Configuration management
- Change management
- Types of change
- Organizing effective operational change and configuration management

Incident, Problem & Deviation Management in Operation

- Objectives
- Incident & problem vs deviation
- Incident & problem management process
- Effective Root cause analysis
- Records and reports

CAPA Management in Operation

- CAPA objectives
- Correction vs prevention
- Process collaboration
- Records and reports

Service & Contract Management

- Objective of service and contract management
- Establishing a Service Level Agreement (SLA) and contracts
- SLA key topics
- Monitoring SLAs and contracts
- Records and reports

System Management / System Administration

- Objectives
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Activities to cover
- Records and reports

User Management & Access Control

- Objectives
- User management process
- User management pitfalls
- Records and reports

Security & Performance Monitoring

- Objectives
- Security areas of concern
- Efficient and effective performance monitoring
- Records and reports

Repair & Maintenance

- Objectives
- Points to consider
- Reporting
- Records

Patch & Update Management

- Between security, performance, and compliance
- Risk-based approach to patch and update management
- Patch and update management pitfalls
- Records and reports

Maintaining Cloud / SaaS compliance

- Objectives
- Required controls
- What and how to monitor
- Securing data availability
- Record and reports

Audit Trail / Audit Trail Review in Operation

- Objectives of audit trail review during operation
- Process relevant vs administrative audit trails
- What to review & how to review
- Records and reports

Performing Periodic Evaluation

- Implementing a scalable approach
- Leveraging existing records
- Learning from the experience
- Securing operational reliability and capability

Retirement Management

- Retirement process objective
- Retirement planning
- Performing retirement
- Consideration to data migration
- Retirement report

Inspection Readiness



- MCO Benchmarking Exercise
- What are the problems with Handover?
- Identifying Risks for Computer Systems in use
- Creating a SLA What are the key elements?

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Rob joined Pfizer Sandwich UK in 2000 as member of their Quality Unit operating within the IT group. As a long-standing member of the GAMP Europe Steering Committee Rob has contributed material to GAMP[®] 5 and the ISPE GAMP Good Practice Guide on "A Risk-Based Approach to Operation of GxP Computerized Systems" for which he was co-leader.



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