Qualified Person Education Course
Module A

Understand the Implications of becoming a QP

26/27 March 2025, Vienna, Austria

– With an optional Pre-Course Session –
"Investigational Medicinal Products (IMP) QP Education Course"
on 25 March 2025

Speakers:

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Dear Colleagues,

The European Qualified Person Association (EQPA) has developed two Education Course Modules for new, trainee and practising Qualified Persons to address general compulsory and regulatory issues. **This Module A** has been compiled by the EQPA Board of Directors to provide a general idea of the special tasks and responsibilities of a QP, but also to discuss and convey possible solutions to problems addressed in case studies and workshops. How to master the QP role in practice including interfaces and interactions is a central topic of **Module B**.
Further impacts of the latest developments, specific tasks and further discussions will be part of the **annual QP Forum** of the European Qualified Person Association.

Best regards,

Ulrich Kissel
Chairman of the European Qualified Person Association

Objectives

Broaden and intensify your knowledge of the Qualified Person's duties and responsibilities. Experts from the EQPA Board of Directors, pharmaceutical industry and regulatory authority will share their experience on important issues of the QP's daily business and will give first-hand information on current and future expectations.

Background

Over the last years the role and responsibilities of the Qualified Persons have been increasing considerably. As a key person in the company, the QP has to consider many issues and has to take up the challenges within its areas of responsibilities. Additionally, as laid out in Article 49 of the European Directive 2001/83/EC, the QP needs to be highly qualified and experienced. This education course is one important part to help the QP be on top of current developments in GMP and regulatory requirements.

Target Audience

New and future Qualified Persons, QPs who are looking for ongoing training and personnel who want to get a detailed overview of the role and responsibilities of a QP.

Moderator

Wolfgang Schmitt, on behalf of the EQPA

Programme QP Education Course Module A

The Legal and Professional Duties of the Qualified Person
- The EU legislation and regulation framework
- Requirements for becoming a QP
- Role and duties of a QP

Update on European Requirements
- EU GMP Guide Chapters
- EU GMP Guide Annexes
- Other important News
- What the QP needs to be aware of

Delegation of Duties and Responsibilities
- Duties and responsibilities of a QP (summary)
- Delegation of duties and responsibilities
  - Annex 16
  - Importation
  - Assessments by others
- Summary

Workshop on Case Studies: QP Discretion and Batch Certification
- Batch certification: degrees of freedom and limits
- Batch deviations and QP Certification: To certify or not, that's the question

What the QP needs to know about Pharmacopoeias
- The world of different Pharmacopoeias
- Pharmacopoeias are more than just Monographs
- How to deal with different methods

The role of QC and QA in Release (Presentation and Workshop)
- Basic, common, and advanced release concepts including QC and QA
- Reflections on OOS/OOT
- Case studies
- Discussion of possible solutions

What the QP needs to know regarding the Supply Chain (from Supplier Qualification to GDP)
- Introduction to Supply Chains and expectations
- QP´s role in supplier qualification and auditing
- Written confirmation and QP Declaration
- GMP meets GDP: where does the responsibility end?
- QP's involvement in the recall process
- QP's role in drug shortages

How the QP fits into the Quality Systems

- How much involvement is needed in systems like:
  - Product Quality Review
  - Inspection Management
  - Batch Record Review
  - CAPA
  - Change Control
  - Validation
  - Complaints and recalls

Liability and Indemnification

- Liability and indemnification of QPs
- Responsibility in the pharmaceutical industry
- Types of drug-related product liability claims
- Advanced tips -trends in liability
- Examples (interactive part)

Workshop: Deviations during the Manufacture of an API – What Actions should you take as the responsible QP?

Social Event

On 26 March you are invited to take part in an evening programme. This is an excellent opportunity to share your experiences with the speakers and colleagues from other companies in a relaxed atmosphere.

Participants' Comments

"I learnt many things in the case study."
Naaz Dubash, ProPharma Group B.V.

"Great Session with all the constructive dialogues between speakers and delegates"
Dr Anne-Marie R. Larsen, Scantox A/S, Denmark

"More than satisfied with the course!"
Dr Pavla Holubova, TPI Norway

"Very inspiring course with enthusiastic lecturers"
Anna Hellqvist, ProPharma Group Sweden AB

"Great, especially the workshops! Comprehensive, helpful for daily work"
Dr Cornelia Lux, CP-Pharma Handelsgesellschaft mbH

Speakers

Julia Gudd
GMP and GDP Inspector, Ministry of Justice and Consumer Protection, Hamburg, Germany
In addition to national and international inspections of pharmaceutical and API manufacturers, Julia Gudd's tasks also include ministry work in the area of pharmaceutical and pharmacy law.

Dr Ulrich Kissel
European QP Association
Ulrich Kissel is Qualified Person and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the European Qualified Person Association (EQPA). He works as a GMP consultant and contract QP to the Pharmaceutical Industry. Previous to his current role he held leadership positions in Quality and Supply Chain and served for many years as QP for Roche.

Savvas Koulouridas
Fagron BV, The Netherlands
Savvas Koulouridas is Global Innovations Director. He is a lawyer in profession and has also worked as a consultant on pharmaceutical law (GMP regulations and Pharmaceutical Contracts).

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Aidan Madden is CEO of FivePharma, a Quality Services Company founded in 2003. Aidan held senior quality positions in Wyeth Pharmaceuticals, Baxter Healthcare and Fort Dodge Laboratories.

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Sue Mann is a Qualified Person and a QP Assessor in the U.K. working on behalf of the MHRA, representing the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. She was Vice President of International Quality Assurance at Shire Pharmaceuticals before founding her company in 2009.

Lance Smallshaw
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Lance Smallshaw is Head of Compendial Affairs, Global Knowledge and Analytical – Industrialization and Network Programs Team. He is also Co-Chair of the Executive Board of ECA and Chairman of the ECA Medical Cannabis Group.

Pre-course Session: "Investigational Medicinal Products (IMP) QP Education Course" on 25 March 2025

Objectives

This pre-course session provides a detailed overview of the specific characteristics in IMP manufacturing a QP must know to certify IMP batches for the release for clinical trials.

Background

The manufacture of investigational medicinal products (IMPs), including labelling, packaging, testing and certification, is carried out in accordance with the applicable GMP regulations. However, this is not a routine process, since, among other things, manufacturing and packaging procedures might be different for each and every clinical trial. The Qualified Person (QP) must therefore consider these particularities and the GMP/GCP interface.

Target Audience

New colleagues becoming IMP QPs, QPs looking for continuous training and personnel of CROs and "non-commercial" IMP organisations.

Moderator

Dr Susanne Ding

Speakers IMP QP Education Course

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Susanne Ding is Qualified Person for IMPs at Boehringer Ingelheim, Member of the Board of Directors of the European Qualified Person Association (EQPA) and Chair of the IMP Working Group within the EQPA.

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Programme

Principles of Clinical Trials
- Introduction to Clinical Trials
- Principles involved in;
  - API and excipients
  - Bulk manufacturing
  - Packing and labelling
  - QP Certification and batch release
- Final Thoughts for the QP

Specific Legal Requirements for IMPs
- Definitions
- Clinical Trial Regulation 536/2014
- Clinical Trial Directive 2001/20/EC
- MD Regulation 2017/745
- IMP Guidelines (various)
- Content of phase appropriate QMS overview

GMP meets Clinical Trials – Differences between IMPs and Commercial Products
- Starting materials – Active pharmaceutical ingredient, excipient, diluent / reconstitution media
- Bulk
- Placebo
- Comparator
- Auxiliary Medicinal Product AxMP
- Trial design, randomization
- Order
- Blinding principles
- Packaging scenarios
- Labelling
- Exemptions from the manufacturing authorization for packaging & labelling
- Future concepts

IMP Batch Confirmation, QP Certification and IMP Release
- Definitions / Regulations / Guidelines
- IMP Release Process
- Distribution Concept / Controlled Shipment of IMPs

GMP/ GDP/ GCP Interface
- Reconstitution
- Pre-requisites for randomisation and blinding
- Distribution
- Stability and shelf-life extensions
- Trial Master File
- Site to site transfers
- Complaints and recall
- End of study
- Where does QP responsibility end?

About the European QP Association

The European Qualified Person (QP) Association was founded in July 2006 by the European Compliance Academy's (ECA) Advisory Board Members. With this unique association the ECA wants to provide QPs in Europe with a platform allowing them to exchange their experience, discuss the latest regulatory requirements, to identify and address difficulties and challenges and to support a harmonised European approach.

Who can become member of the QP Association?

Only registered Qualified Persons in Europe can become regular members of the QP Association. Details about the registration of the QP will be required in the application form. Interested persons who want to become a Qualified Person can apply for an associate membership.

How to become member of the QP Association?

To become member please fill in the membership application form available at www.qp-association.eu. Membership is free.

What are the benefits of the membership?

As a member of the European Qualified Person Association you can exchange your experience with other colleagues (e.g. by using the exclusive QP discussion forum), send comments on new Guidances and Directives to EU Authorities through the Association and join the annual QP Forum with a discount of 10%.

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Date Pre-course Session:
IMP QP Education Course
Tuesday, 25 March 2025, 9.00 h – 17.45 h
(Registration and coffee 8.30 h – 9.00 h)

Date QP Education Course – Module A
Wednesday, 26 March 2025, 9.00 h – 18.00 h
(Registration and coffee 8.30 h – 9.00 h)
Thursday, 27 March 2025 2024, 8.30 h– 15.30 h

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The official conference language will be English.

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Pre-course Session: IMP QP Education Course
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EU GMP Inspectorates € 645

QP Education Course
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EU GMP Inspectorates € 1,045

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