

# Signal Management in Pharmacovigilance Virtual Live Training Course

1-4 March 2021 09:00-12:30 CET



## OVERVIEW

This virtual live training course covers essential concepts of signal detection and signal management and provides guidance on how to apply these concepts at participants' function and their organisation, including the data mining techniques for large volume ADR data analysis.

The entire course is in line with the latest guidelines on EU Good Pharmacovigilance Practices (GVP): Module IX – Signal management (rev. 1), Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 520/2012, CIOMS VIII and relevant EMA guidelines.

This training is primarily developed based on EU legislation, but it also covers regulatory expectations for signal management in the US, Switzerland, Canada, Australia, and few other countries.

Participants benefit from the hands-on experience of trainers who have worked for many years in signalling activities and are ready to not only explain the legislation, but also provide personal experience and most commonly followed practices that are often considered as industry standards.

Training includes enough time for group works questions and discussions.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After the completion of this virtual live training course, participants will be able to:

- Apply the essential concepts and principles of signal management in PV and implement or improve this process in their own organisation
- Understand different approaches to signal management that are followed by various organisations
- Operate and implement EVDAS into signal management process
- Understand the regulatory expectations at different geographic regions

Learning objectives will be achieved using a combination of trainer presentations, trainer-led plenary discussions, and case studies.

## KEY TOPICS

- Signal Detection – Theory, methods (frequentist (PRR, ROR) and Bayesian (MGPS, BCPNN)), data mining
- Signal Management – Detection, validation, confirmation, analysis and prioritisation, assessment, and recommendation for action
- Regulatory expectations in the EU, US, Switzerland, Canada, Australia
- EVDAS introduction and implementation in signal management
- Strategy for implementation of signal management process in your own organisation (covering both small and large companies)

## WHO WILL ATTEND

This virtual live training course is designed for professionals working in:

- Pharmacovigilance (including EU QPPVs)
- Drug Safety and Risk Management
- Signal Management and Safety Science
- Pharmacoepidemiology
- Information Technology
- Pharmacovigilance Consultancies and Service Providers
- Quality and Compliance

Course level: Intermediate, for professionals with 2-3 years (or more) of experience in Pharmacovigilance, or related functions who are working in PV around signal management.

The individual modules always have introduction and space for discussion of more complex questions and scenarios.

## FACULTY

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## DAY 1

### 09:00 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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### 09:30 SESSION 1

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#### SIGNAL DETECTION – THEORY, METHODS, DATA MINING

- Terminology
- Sources of signals:
  - Traditional
  - Not (yet) traditional
  - Databases
- Group exercise on signal detection

### 10:30 BREAK

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### 10:45 SESSION 1 (CONTINUED)

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#### SIGNAL DETECTION – THEORY, METHODS, DATA MINING

- Data mining techniques:
  - Proportional Reporting Ratio
  - Reporting Odds Ratio
  - Multi-item Gamma Poisson Shrinker (MGPS)
  - Bayesian Confidence Propagation Neural Network (BCPNN)
- Principles of data mining in spontaneous reporting system (SRS)
- Group exercise on data mining methods
- Recent developments in data mining

### 12:00 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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### 12:30 END OF DAY 1

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## DAY 2

### 09:00 SESSION 2

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#### SIGNAL MANAGEMENT – DETECTION, TRIAGE, EVALUATION, FURTHER ACTION

- PV system overview
- Signal management process:
  - CIOMS
  - GVP Module IX
- Identification of sources and signal detection
- Group exercise on Periodic Safety Update Report (PSUR) data visualisation

### 10:30 BREAK

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### 10:45 SESSION 2 (CONTINUED)

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#### SIGNAL MANAGEMENT – DETECTION, TRIAGE, EVALUATION, FURTHER ACTION

- Signal validation/prioritisation
- Signal assessment/evaluation
- Action plan/communication

### 12:00 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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### 12:30 END OF DAY 2

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## DAY 3

### 09:00 SESSION 3

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#### SIGNAL MANAGEMENT – REGULATORY EXPECTATIONS

- Review of worldwide regulatory guidance
  - USA, Switzerland, Canada, Australia, Taiwan, Saudi Arabia
- Legal basis in the EU
  - GVP Module IX
  - Signal management process at EMA
  - Signal cycle at PRAC
  - Scientific guidance on signal detection
  - MAH role and responsibilities
  - EV access
- Link with other EU processes
  - PSUR/PBRER per E2C (R2)
  - Risk Management Plan (EU-RMP)
  - Company Core Data Sheet (CCDS/CCSI)

### 10:30 BREAK

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### 10:45 SESSION 3 (CONTINUED)

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#### SIGNAL MANAGEMENT – REGULATORY EXPECTATIONS

- How to handle signals coming from authorities
  - FDA Adverse Event Reporting System (FAERS)
  - PRAC
- Incoming signals – do's and don'ts
- Group exercise on signal management

### 12:00 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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### 12:30 END OF DAY 3

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## DAY 4

### 09:00 SESSION 4

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#### SIGNAL MANAGEMENT PROCESS – STRATEGY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- Overview of signal management process issues
  - Reporting, archiving, labelling changes, tools etc.
- Implications of EVDAS access
  - Principles of MAH access to EVDAS
  - electronic Reaction Monitoring Report (eRMR) and Reference periods
  - Line listing
  - Individual Case Safety Report (ICSR) form, L2B access

### 10:30 BREAK

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### 10:45 SESSION 4 (CONTINUED)

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#### SIGNAL MANAGEMENT PROCESS – STRATEGY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

- Approaches for small and large companies
  - Company differences
- Example of a signal management process
- Group exercise on signal management processes

### 12:00 QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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### 12:30 END OF DAY 4

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### Display

800x600 pixel resolution or greater (1024x768 pixels recommended).

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