

“Excellence in Pharmacovigilance” Module 4: Risk Management

In accordance with the GVP Module V on Risk Management System, Risk Management Plans (RMPs) should be submitted by companies to propose activities aiming to identify, characterise or minimise risks associated with medicinal products. Given the potential public health implications and costs of such interventions, RMPs should be based on robust data. Examples will be discussed in this session.

Nonetheless, specific data collection and analysis are desirable for some safety issues, and pharmaco-epidemiological studies are the most performed tools of those “additional” Pharmacovigilance activities. This session also presents recent developments regarding risk communication.

Day 1 22 Nov, 08:30-14:00

08:30 Welcome and Introduction of Faculty and Participants

09:00 Risk Management Plans – Regulatory Perspective: GVP Module V Revision 2

Inge Zomerdijs, Pharmacovigilance Assessor, Medicines Evaluation Board, Netherlands

10:00 Risk Management Plans – Industry Perspective

Jan Petracek, Director, Institute of Pharmacovigilance, Czech Republic

11:00 Break

11:30 Epidemiological Methods and Pharmacovigilance

Fakhredin Sayed Tabatabaei, Senior Pharmacovigilance Assessor, Medicines Evaluation Board, Netherlands

13:30 Discussion and Q&A

14:00 End of Day 1

Day 2 23 Nov, 09:00-14:00

09:00 Effectiveness of Risk Minimisation Measures – Regulatory Perspective

Inge Zomerdijs, Pharmacovigilance Assessor, Medicines Evaluation Board, Netherlands

10:00 Effectiveness of Risk Minimisation Measures – Industry Perspective

Jan Petracek, Director, Institute of Pharmacovigilance, Czech Republic

11:00 Break

11:30 Harmonisation of RMP (HaRP) in Europe

Paul ten Berg, Pharmacovigilance Assessor, Medicines Evaluation Board, Netherlands

12:30 Risk Communication in EU – Challenges and Possibilities

Jan Petracek, Director, Institute of Pharmacovigilance, Czech Republic

13:30 Discussion and Q&A

14:00 End of Module 4

“Excellence in Pharmacovigilance” Module 5: Signal Management

New safety signals may emerge at any time following product launch and must be evaluated for relative risk, medical importance, and likelihood of occurrence. Signal Management is, therefore, one of the crucial “routine” Pharmacovigilance activities. Approaches to Signal Management using qualitative and quantitative methods will be illustrated in a workshop with examples as well as general considerations on signal management in the EEA.

Day 1 25 Nov, 08:30-13:00

- 08:30 Welcome and Introduction of Faculty and Participants
- 09:00 Introduction to Signal Detection in the European Union – Regulatory Perspective
Bianca Mulder, Pharmacovigilance Assessor, Medicines Evaluation Board, Netherlands
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Signal Management in the European Union – Industry Perspective
Jan Petracek, Director, Institute of Pharmacovigilance, Czech Republic
- 12:30 Discussion and Q&A
- 13:00 End of Day 1

Day 2 26 Nov, 09:00-11:45

- 09:00 Signal Management – Workshop
Bianca Mulder, Pharmacovigilance Assessor, Medicines Evaluation Board, Netherlands
- 11:00 Discussion and Q&A
- 11:30 Closing Remarks
- 11:45 End of Module 5