

INTRODUCTION

This seminar will take many aspects of animal health and veterinary research and development through a typical clinical trial, and pay attention to compliance with GCP as outlined in the two guidelines on safety and efficacy produced by FEDESA and the CVMP. The meeting will address a typical case study where a practical approach will be made to setting up, running and monitoring clinical trials followed by an audit of these studies to satisfy the stringent requirements seen in Europe. Standard documentation utilised for recording data, performing audits and a typical protocol will be supplied for use in the company attendees' own laboratories.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Personnel involved in the Animal Health industry who are responsible for monitoring Clinical Veterinary Studies, setting up protocols and studies, both in the Laboratory and Field environment to comply with Good Clinical Practice guidelines. It will be immediately relevant to Quality Assurance professionals who are required to audit these types of studies. Clinical Project Managers and Regulatory Affairs personnel will also benefit from this course by gaining an overview of the conduct of studies, the regulatory requirements and European perspectives.

ATTENDANCE LIMITED – EARLY REGISTRATION RECOMMENDED

This limitation, a unique feature of all MANAGEMENT FORUM seminars, will give participants the opportunity for a thorough discussion of issues to be covered by the programme.

A Certificate of Attendance for Professional Development will be given to each participant who completes the course.

CHAIRMAN

Julian Braidwood is Managing Director of Triveritas which is a contract product development company offering a comprehensive range of services to the Animal Health industry. He qualified with Honours as a Veterinary Surgeon in 1982. After two and a half years in mixed practice he entered the Veterinary Pharmaceutical industry in the field of product development and registration. He has worked in all aspects of product development with five different companies and was responsible for all veterinary product development in two of these. He has been involved in the development and registration of a large number of veterinary products internationally and has worked with all of the key Regulatory Authorities.

SPEAKERS

Professor George Gettinby is Professor in Statistics, Department of Statistics and Modelling Science, University of Strathclyde. A Consultant Data Analyst to the Pharmaceutical industry and international agencies, with particular consultancy interests in the analysis of data associated with the research, development and manufacture of veterinary and medical preparations. He is a Member of various associations including the Royal Statistical Society, the Association of Consultants to the Biosciences Industries and the Veterinary Products Committee.

Sue Lester qualified in Biology and Chemistry and worked in a veterinary laboratory before joining the Animal Health industry where she has now worked for nearly 20 years. Sue rapidly became a leading international expert in Quality Assurance (GCPv, GLP and GMP). She has a Diploma in Research Quality Assurance and is a Fellow of the British Association of Research Quality Assurance (BARQA). Sue was a founding member of the BARQA Animal Health Committee, and is the author of a chapter on GCPv in the textbook "Veterinary Clinical Trials from Concept to Completion". Having been employed by four companies Sue was a founding Director of Triveritas, a leading international contractor to the Animal Health industry and is responsible for all aspects of Quality Assurance.

DAY ONE

PROGRAMME

DAY TWO

▶ The Regulatory Requirements and Study Design

- Overview of GCP status covering VICH guidelines
- An indication where trials must comply
- Ethical aspects of GCP in all studies
- Field study vs laboratory studies – regulatory GCP and GLP compliance
- European anomalies
- Project planning and timescales
- Types of trials
- Project design and teamwork
- A case study

▶ Protocol Design and Application

- Protocol production and approval
- Protocol content and special points for inclusion
- A case study

▶ Setting up Clinical Trials – A Practical Case Study

- Case report form design and supportive documentation
- Investigator selection
- Responsibilities of the Monitor and the Principal Investigator
- Test material
- In-life activities
- Study close-out and reporting
- Principal differences between laboratory and field studies

▶ Pharmacovigilance Requirements and Considerations

- Recent regulatory developments
- Impact on clinical studies

▶ Data Handling and 'Appropriate' Statistics

- Review of the current CVMP statistics guidelines
- Types of data
- Types of statistics
- Evaluation of data
- A case study

▶ Producing the Final Report

- Data and QC
- Archiving data
- A case study

▶ Assuring Quality in Laboratory and Field Studies

- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) writing, use and review
- The QA function
- Interaction between GLP, GCP and GMP in veterinary studies
- Pre-study involvement
- Protocol review
- Audit planning
- In-life audit
- Sponsor/site trial master file review

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