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# Design Controls for Drug-Device Combination Products



Live Online Training on 17/18 June 2025



*How to ensure GMP compliant Development and Life-Cycle Management  
for Drug-Device Combination Products*

## Highlights

- Regulatory Requirements (USA/EU)
- Quality System requirements (USA/EU)
- Standards, process and guidance for:
  - Usability Engineering
  - Risk Management
  - Design Planning
  - Design Input / Output
  - Design Review
  - Design Verification / Validation
  - Design Transfer
  - Quality oversight
- Requirements for Single-Integral Products in EU
- Case Studies

Presentations and Case Studies will guide you step by step through the whole development process!

## Objectives

This Live Online Course provides a comprehensive overview of the technical and regulatory requirements for the development and maintenance of drug-device combination products (with a focus on EU & US).

Participants will learn and understand

- the basics – distinctions between drugs, devices and ‘combination products’,
- the current applicable regulations, standards and guidelines related to the design and development of combination products and how to be compliant with those requirements
- the key elements of Design Controls, Risk Management and Usability Engineering.

Case Studies are an integral part of the course programme.

## Background

More than half of the TOP20 drug products on the market include at least one device constituent part and are therefore considered drug-device combination products. Drug-Device combination products are specifically regulated in the US. However, there is also an increasing oversight by regulatory authorities in the EU. GMP compliant development and life-cycle management are, therefore, essential for obtaining and maintain a marketing authorization for such products.

### What is a Combination Product?

“Combination Product”, as per 21 CFR Part 3.2(e), is a term defined by the FDA to cover products which consist of two or more components (i.e., drug, biologic, device) regulated under different regulations. The FDA differentiates between three basic types of combination products:

- Single-entity combination products,
- Co-packaged combination products,
- Cross-labeled combination products.

Beyond these basic types also combinations of those basic types are possible.

During the past years, FDA established regulations and guidances for Combination Products, which further clarify what Combination Products are and which rules apply to such combinations.

21 CFR Part 4, along with the final guidance “Current Good Manufacturing Practice (cGMP) Requirements for Combination Products”, provides guidance on applicable quality requirements for combination products.

One essential requirement is to apply Design Controls as defined in 21 CFR Part 820.30 to the combination product as a whole. Design Controls are a set of quality practices and procedures to control the design process to assure that the combination product meets the user needs, intended uses and specified requirements. Design Controls are in different extent described in ISO 13485 (applicable for Medical Devices), in ISO 15378 (applicable to primary packaging materials) and even in the general standard for Quality Management System ISO 9001.

In the EU, so far, there has been no equivalent term to “Combination Product”, a product is either considered a *Medical Device* or a *Medicinal Product*. Medical Devices have to comply with the EU Medical Device Regulation (MDR). Even though the term Combination Product does not exist, also in EU, the Design Controls apply to the so-called *single-integral products*, which are similar to single-entity combination products as defined in the US.

Also shared in EU and US is the requirement to apply *Risk Management* to those products. The respective standard ISO 14971 has been revised in 2019. The course will consider the current standard and provides guidance on how to apply Risk Management to drug-device combination products.

And lastly, also *Usability Engineering*, also known as Human Factors Engineering, needs to be considered in the Design and Development of combination products. The recent increase in attention to this topic has brought many manufacturers into difficulties as they aim to prove high levels of intuitive use, use safety and efficacy of the drug delivery system as a whole - for a Combination Product it is no longer just about the drug. Again, regulation, directives, guidance, standards and review expectations continue to evolve in this area.

This course focuses on design controls as applicable to various combinations of drugs and biologics with devices. The course intends to set a solid basic understanding of the application on Design Controls as well as on the topics of Risk Management and Usability Engineering. Beyond the basic understanding, the course also aims to offer some practical experiences with the different elements to be considered.

## Target Audience

This Live Online Course is designed for all scientists, engineers, managers and executives from Pharmaceutical and Biotech Development Units, including Device Development, Packaging Development, Quality Assurance, Regulatory Affairs, Marketing, and Project Management, who are involved in the development, industrialization and control of Drug-Device Combination Products.

# Programme Day 1

## Design Controls – An Introduction

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- What are Design Controls?
- Purpose of Design Controls / Usability Engineering / Risk Management
- Drug Development vs. Device Development vs. Combination Product Development
- Terminology (e.g. DHF)

## Design Planning and Design Review

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- Definition of development scope / scope of Design Control
- Other planning activities
- Design Review Requirements

## FDA Regulatory Expectations on Drug-Device Combinations

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- Types of Combination Products and impact on GMP Requirements
- Which Medical Device Quality Systems are required and at which facilities are they required to be implemented?
- Expectations for Clinical Phases and for Submissions
- Post Marketing expectations

## EU Requirements for Drug-Device Combinations

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- Applicable EU regulations and guidances for Drug-Device Combinations
- Requirements for Single-Integral Products
- Setup of technical documentation
- Notified Body Opinion process



### Q&A Session 1

## Introduction to Risk Management

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- ISO 14971: Terms/definitions, process, relevance for design controls
- EU and US requirements
- Determine Known Use Problems

## Design Input

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- From user needs and other stakeholder needs to design input
- How to integrate results from UE, RM
- How to ensure „open-ended“ development
- Requirements for engineering techniques



### Case Study I: Risk Management (Example)

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- Documentation of Risk Management activities / Risk Management File
- Update of risk management during development
- Preparation of post-market surveillance (PMS) / PMS planning



### Q&A Session 2

# Programme Day 2

## Design Output

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- Development activities
- Definition of Design Outputs (Specifications)
- Quality Control Strategy

## Introduction to Usability Engineering

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- Introduction to IEC 62366-1
- How to determine user needs, user preference, use specification etc.
- US Guidances

## Design Verification

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- Design verification activities
- How to consider verification during design input
- What to do if verification fails?
- Requirements for test methods and for use of statistical techniques

## Design Transfer

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- Design Transfer – Why and how?
- Device Master Record setup



### Q&A Session 3

## Design Validation / Usability Engineering Part 2

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- Design Validation approaches
- Planning, setup and conduct of Summative studies
- Documentation of the UE activities / UEF
- HF/UE Report as required by FDA

## Design Changes

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- Design Change Control
- How to implement Design Change Control in Pharma



### Case Study II: Development of an Auto-Injector

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- Design Control, Risk Management and Usability Engineering aspects
- Setup of a technical documentation for Notified Body opinion



### Q&A Session 4

# Speakers



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Steve is a British Standards Institution (BSI) recognised expert on injection devices and has been a member of the ISO TC-84 committee (Devices for administration of medicinal products and catheters) for over ten years.



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Dr Bauer has more than 25 years of professional experience in the Life Science Industry. He has experience as project manager, Head of Controlling, Head of Procurement, external and internal consulting (GMP Compliance), Audits of pharmaceuticals, medical devices, and API manufacturers in the EU, Asia, and the US. Since After 12 years with the Fresenius Group he served as consultant and manager with the Chemengineering Group since 2004 and works as freelance consultant since 2019



**Torsten Kneuss**  
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Torsten Kneuss studied Business Administration and Engineering. Since 1999 he has been working with pharmaceutical packaging materials, medical devices and combination products, including several years within the field of quality control, development, operations, and pharmacovigilance. Since October 2020 he is, as a Quality Product Steward Medical Devices and Head of Project Office Medical Devices, responsible for devices and combination products within Bayer AG.



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Daniel Meier is currently senior consultant for RA, QA and QM services for clients including, product registrations in US and EU, remediation of technical documentation according MDR, implementation of (electronic) QMS and development project support of medical devices and combination products. He has more than 35 years experience with Medical Devices and Medicinal Products.



**Lee Wood**  
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Lee Wood is CEO and co-founder of medHF, a Medical Device and Combination Product Human Factors Engineering consultancy based in the Switzerland, UK and Austria. Prior to forming medHF, Lee was the Head of Human Factors Engineering at Roche Pharma and previously held Human Factors roles at Novartis Pharma and Cambridge Consultants.



## Date of the Live Online Training

Tuesday, 17 June 2025, 9.00 to approx. 17.15 h CEST

Wednesday, 18 June 2025, 9.00 to approx. 17.30 h CEST

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