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APIs in Focus: Understanding ICH, GMP and Supply Chain Excellence

29-30 April 2026
+ 21-22 October 2026

This course will cover key terminology, the EU and USA regulatory framework, Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) requirements including controls and validation, and consider Good Distribution Practice (GDP) and how to manage your supply chain.

Format:
Live online

CPD:
12 hours for your records

Certificate of completion

Course overview

An active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) or drug substance is the heart of every medicinal product, delivering the pharmacological activity or therapeutic effect needed to diagnose, treat, or prevent disease. Mastering the complexities of API manufacture is essential for ensuring quality, safety, and regulatory compliance in the pharmaceutical industry.

This course is designed to equip you with a clear and practical understanding of best practices and the regulatory landscape governing APIs. You'll explore critical terminology, dive into the EU and USA regulatory frameworks, and gain insight into Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) requirements, including controls and validation. The course also places strong emphasis on the International Council for Harmonisation (ICH) guidelines, which are increasingly central to global API regulation. You'll learn how recent and upcoming ICH updates shape expectations for API development, manufacture, and quality assurance.

This course will also cover Good Distribution Practice (GDP) and will give you the tools to manage your supply chain effectively. With interactive exercises integrated throughout, you'll cement your learning and leave ready to apply your knowledge in real-world settings. Whether you're building your expertise or refreshing your understanding, this course provides an essential understanding of expectations for success in the development, purchase and manufacture of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients.

Benefits of attending

- **Gain** a comprehensive overview of the API regulatory framework and position yourself to navigate compliance challenges with confidence
- **Enhance** your understanding of the key terms used in API manufacture so you can communicate effectively and make informed decisions
- **Recognise** how Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) apply to API synthesis and discover how to embed them seamlessly into your processes
- **Understand** the different approaches between small molecule and large molecule processing to stay ahead in a rapidly evolving industry
- **Learn** how to manage the risk associated with your supply chain and safeguard product quality from development to delivery

Who should attend

- New entrants to those individuals working in a GxP environment
- Quality management manufacturing specialists
- Regulatory compliance specialists
- Pharmaceutical technical professionals
- Pharmaceutical professionals looking to enhance their Continuous Professional Development (CPD)

Programme

Day 1

Introduction to APIs

- Terminology and acronyms
- Globalisation
- Introduction to the regulatory framework

Methods and equipment – Part 1

- Chemical synthesis
- Reactors
- Isolation
- Drying
- Exercise: managing particle size

Methods and equipment – Part 2

- Biological
- Fermentation
- Harvesting
- Exercise: impurities

Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP)

- Requirements
- Regulations
- EU
- FDA
- Exercise: similarities and differences

GMP requirements (continued)

- Pharmaceutical Quality System
- Validation and Qualification
- Outsourcing
- Exercise: specialist or generalist

Supply chain considerations

- Falsified Medicines Directive (FMD)
- Good Distribution Practice (GDP) for APIs
- Exercise risk mitigation

Day 2

Introduction and recap

Registration aspects of production and control

- The registration process
- The Common Technical Document (CTD)
- Active substance/drug master files
- Exercise: strategy

Laboratory controls

- Good Quality Control Laboratory Practice (GQCLP)
- Validation
- Stability
- Exercise: data Integrity

Process validation

- Purpose of validation
- General considerations
- Exercise: critical attributes

Cleaning validation

- Cleaning strategy
- Key requirements
- Residues
- Exercise: purpose

API control packaging materials

- What to consider
- Data requirements
- Extraction, interaction, migration and sorption
- Toxicology
- Exercise: environmental factors

Wrap up and Q&A

Presenter

Paul Palmer

Paul R Palmer is a Director / Pharmaceutical Consultant and a practicing EU / UK Qualified Person. He has over 35 years experience in the pharmaceutical industry in the development, manufacture and supply of medicinal products and medical devices.

Throughout his career, Paul has intentionally taken on all opportunities as they arose in order to develop a broad range of knowledge with an in-depth detailed understanding of manufacturing, storage, distribution, research, computerised systems, as well as the facilities and services to support each.

People and systems have always been a core focus, how to ensure best use, optimise and enhance efficiency. He has a level of curiosity rarely displayed in people taking on the qualified person role in pharmaceutical manufacturing. Culture, behaviour and psychology are all significant influences on the systems and processes we implement, but are often ignored.

Paul studied psychology as part of his MSc in 1993 and has always enjoyed observing the world around him with a curiosity that is rarely satisfied.

Course dates

29-30 April 2026	**Live online** 09:30-17:30 **UK (London)** (UTC+01) *Course code 16262*	GBP **1,299** ~~1,499~~ EUR **1,819** ~~2,099~~ USD **2,087** ~~2,399~~ **Until 25 Mar**
21-22 October 2026	**Live online** 09:30-17:30 **UK (London)** (UTC+01) *Course code 16549*	GBP **1,299** ~~1,499~~ EUR **1,819** ~~2,099~~ USD **2,087** ~~2,399~~ **Until 16 Sep**

How to book

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Further information

Fee
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Reviews

★★★★☆

I have accomplished a better understanding of API's after the two day webinar. Very good webinar which covers a good range of content, a little dense, so will need to refer back to it at some stage. Speakers were nice and accommodating. They clearly have a good understanding of the content they are presenting.

Stephany Banglayan
Research and Development Analyst
Xeolas Pharmaceuticals
Jul 16 2025

★★★★☆

I hoped to achieve a full picture of APIs for my new job and yes I accomplished it. A lot of information..

Marie Lucchini
Regulatory affairs Supervisor
Actylis
Jul 16 2025

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