Product Transfer
Organisation of a GMP-compliant Site Change

25-27 October 2016, Berlin, Germany

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Authorities’ expectations on product transfers
- Development of a regulatory transfer strategy
- Handling of process changes during the transfer
- Handling of GMP and Regulatory gaps at the donor site
- Critical Quality Attributes to consider in transfers of sterile and solid dosage forms
- Organisation of the Analytic Transfer
- Project Management
  - Timelines, key milestones and structure of different transfer projects
  - Monitoring of the transfer activities
- GMP-compliant documentation of the transfer
  - Transfer SOP, Transfer Master Plan, Proof of Equivalence
- Finalisation of the transfer

Includes:
- Workshop: Development of a Transfer Plan
- Electronic copies of a Transfer SOP and a Transfer Master Plan on CD

This education course is recognised for the ECA GMP Certification Programme „Certified Technical Operations Manager“. Please find details at www.gmp-certification.eu
Learning Goals

Learn how a successful and GMP-compliant process transfer should be conducted. The key issues are the main topics of this course: development of a regulatory strategy, project management and monitoring as well as documentation of the transfer activities.

Background

The changing nature of the business strategies of pharmaceutical companies necessitates intra- and intercompany transfers of technology to create additional capacity for a new product, relocations of operations, site closures, and consolidations and mergers. Transfer of processes to an alternative site can occur at any stage in the product life-cycle, from development, scale-up, manufacturing, production and launch, to the post-approval phase.

Transfer of technology is a logical procedure that controls the transfer of any process together with its documentation and professional expertise between development and manufacture or between manufacturing sites. At least the expertise from development, manufacturing, analytics, regulatory affairs, supply chain and engineering is necessary. This means that a transfer cannot be handled by a single-person. Therefore it is essential to build cross-functional transfer teams as a first steps in the transfer project. As interests and expertise are quite different within the team it is further essential to understand the project in its entirety and the tasks and deliveries of the single sub-teams. This is especially true for the transfer project leader.

The team is confronted with manifold issues. The process being transferred must be understood and sufficiently described – which can be a problem, especially for products from development or older products. But without this understanding the proof of equivalence after the transfer will never be successful. In most of the cases the project is determined by the regulatory strategy. But Regulatory Affairs often finds that the filed process descriptions and the actual process in the donor site differ from each other. So transfer projects are very often also product maintenance projects. This costs time and money which both commonly were not budgeted.

The planned approach, the documentation of the transfer activities as well as written procedures are part of the EU GMP rules, as you can see, e.g., in chapter 7.4. Since 2010 Chapter 4 of the EU GMP Guide has continuously been supplemented with new requirements on the documentation of a transfer and the requirements on written procedures for the execution of a transfer. But also without these demands from authorities: planning and documentation are the key factors for a successful transfer.

We want to give answers to questions like this:

- What do agencies expect?
- How is the regulatory strategy developed?
- What are the milestones? How can the project be structured?
- What are the critical quality attributes in transfers of sterile or oral solid dosage form?
- How are process changes handled that are occurring during the transfer?
- What can a GMP-compliant documentation look like?
- How can the transfer activities be monitored?
- How can psychological problems in the transfer team be handled?
- What can go wrong?

Target Group

This course addresses to staff from production, engineering, quality assurance, regulatory affairs and project management in charge of transfer projects. This involves project leaders and project team members, from receiving site as well as from donor site.

Programme

Fundamentals of Technology Transfer

- Pharmaceutical product life cycle and Technology Transfer
- Various types of transfer
- Regulation and GMP challenges for Technology Transfer
- Setting up the transfer team
- Identifying key elements of Technology Transfer
- What to consider when planning Technology Transfer

Technological Aspects: Non-sterile Transfers

- Defining the transfer scope
- Identifying materials involved
- Defining the process, equipment and facility requirements
- Defining validation requirements
- Product hand over and completion of oral dose transfer

Sterile Manufacturing Site Change - Process Characteristics

- Comparison of equipment and clean rooms / barrier systems of sending and receiving unit
- Critical quality parameters of product and process
- How to establish comparability criteria
- What is fixed and what can be changed: packaging material, process parameters, equipment, ... (?)
- Frequent failures & trouble shooting

Participant comment:

“It was a very helpful training overall. Brought great discussion. This was a helpful exercise.”

Sonya Meheux, Cytonet LLC
Case Study Ferring: Transfer of an (aseptic lyophilized) US product between European sites

- Scope of the Site Change
- Project Plan, Project Phases and Timelines
- Documentation of the transfer
- Regulatory Strategy (US)
- Unforeseen gaps
- Project Reporting
- Lessons learnt...

Analytic Transfer – Organisation & Scheduling

- Pre-requisites when considering an analytical method transfer
- Dealing with non-validated methods
- Why analytical methods should be transferred first?
- Is training of “receiving” analysts to be performed at “sending” site?
- Is the “5M” approach relevant for the transfer of analytical methods?
- How to fix the transfer strategy and establish a protocol (samples, materials, standards)
- Using ICH Q2 as a support for the transfer of an analytical method
- Comparison of results: what are acceptable criteria?

Developing a regulatory strategy for a site change

- Regulatory Guidance documents
- Differences EU, US, RoW
- Classification of transfers from a regulatory point of view
- Data & documents needed
- Timelines
- Costs

Handling changes during a process transfer

After having set up a regulatory strategy for a site change, most often further process and technology changes occur and become necessary for continuing with the transfer project.

- How to deal with this unplanned changes?
- Classification of changes
- How do this changes alter the overall strategy?
- Examples

Project Management

- Setting up the project and the Transfer team
- Project Plan and Transfer Mater Plan: how to document the transfer activities
- Monitoring of the transfer activities
- Definition of milestones and time management
- Pre-evaluation and feasibility phase, preparatory phase, project completion phase
- Project Examples

GMP-compliant Documentation

- Defining documentation required pre-transfer
- Defining documentation required during the transfer
- Documentation required post transfer
- Roles and responsibilities of parties in preparation, review and approval of documentation
- Sign off and completion of transfer

Finalisation of transfer

- Reporting of transfer findings and change control
- How to manage the transition period (e.g. first few batches!)
- Roles and responsibilities of both parties
- Key challenges during the transfer (people and cultural aspects)
- What can go wrong?

Workshop: Development of a Transfer Plan

Develop a Transfer plan – the objective of the workshop is to allow participants to practice developing a formal plan for a product transfer between two sites. Workshop participants will be provided with information about the product and its history, they will be asked to develop an appropriate transfer plan which includes sourcing of the materials, the validation plan, training at the new site, risk assessment and action planning. Additional information will be available if delegates request it to help them to develop the plan.

Speakers

Dr Reinhard Adam, Berlin-Chemie AG, Germany
Dr Adam is a pharmacist and has been working for almost 20 years for sanofi-aventis and predecessor companies such as Hoechst and Aventis before he joined Berlin Chemie in 2010. At Aventis he used to work as Head of Lead Technology & Engineering Centre Sterile Products and has held various positions in Italy, France, UK and Germany where he has been responsible for the transfers of development products to routine production and for site changes of marketed products. Since 2010 he is Head of Production at Berlin-Chemie where he is responsible for manufacturing of oral solid and liquid forms, sterile products and for managing toll manufacturing.

Dr Hiltrud Horn, Horn Pharmaceutical Consulting, Germany
Dr Hiltrud Horn is managing director of HORN PHARMACEUTICAL CONSULTING with focus on CMC, GMP and Regulatory Affairs (EU and US). She started in pharma industry in 1990 and held several managerial positions within Hoffmann-La Roche in Basel and Knoll / now Abbott in Ludwigshafen with global responsibility within QC / QA / Regulatory Affairs / Project Management / Medical Writing. She was consult-
ant for the biotech and life science industry at Cap Gemini Ernst & Young prior to starting her own business more than 13 years ago. She is pharmacist with a Ph.D. and holds a Diploma in Pharmaceutical Medicine (Basel). Furthermore she is specialised pharmacist for pharmaceutical analytics and for drug information.

**Dr Afshin Hosseiny, Tabriz Consulting Limited, GB**
Dr Afshin Hosseiny is Managing Director of Tabriz Consulting Ltd. Before working as a consultant, he was Director of Quality Assurance for the Global Supply Network of GlaxoSmithKline. He was involved with transfer of 23000 products after the GSK merger, and wrote the GSK guidance document on technology transfer.

**Dr Eva Keller, Ferring GmbH**
Eva Keller studied pharmacy at the university of Kiel finishing with a PhD in Pharmaceutical Biology. She has more than 10 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry. Since 2006 she is Senior Manager at Ferring GmbH in Kiel, where she is responsible for validation and product transfer to and from the Kiel site.

**Dr Jean-Denis Mallet, ECA; former head of the French Inspection Department AFSSAPS; NNE Pharmaplan, France**
Jean-Denis Mallet is a pharmacist. He was previously the Head of the Pharmaceutical and Cosmetics Inspection Department at the French Health Products Regulatory Agency (Afssaps). He also used to work in or with the pharmaceutical industry during many years at various positions including Quality Assurance, Production Management, Engineering and GMP Consulting. He has also been auditor of the International Red Cross. Now he is member of the ECA advisory board and works for NNE Pharmaplan.

**Social Event**

On 25 October you are cordially invited to a social event. This is an excellent opportunity to share your experiences with colleagues from other companies in a relaxed atmosphere.
Date

Tuesday, 25 October 2016, 10.00 to approx. 18.00 h
(Registration and coffee 09.30 – 10.00 h)
Wednesday, 26 October 2016, 08.30 to approx. 17.30 h
Thursday, 27 October 2016, 08.30 to approx. 15.30 h

Venue

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Conference Language

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Organisation and Contact

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Workshop (please select ONE workshop)

- Transfer of a sterile process
- Transfer of a non-sterile dosage form

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