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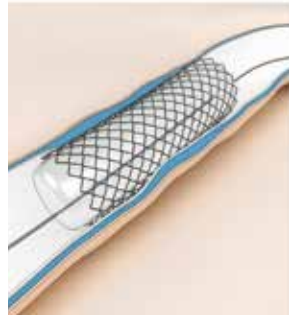


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Combination Products

Medicinal Products/Drugs meet Medical Devices

10/11 February 2026 | Heidelberg, Germany



Highlights

- Regulatory Requirements Medicinal Products/Drugs
- Regulatory Requirements Medical Devices
- Classification of Medical Devices in the USA
- How to get a Combination Product on the market?
- QM System for Combination Products
- Case Study: Registration of a Combination Product
- Workshops:
 - Application of Quality Risk Management to Combination Products
 - Approval of Combination Products in the EU
 - Notified Body requirements on Combination Products
 - Primary Packaging

How to handle Drug-Device
Combinations

Objective

The aim of the course is to identify similarities and differences between FDA's and European regulations for Combination Products.

During the course, speakers will cover the various regulatory requirements for Medicinal Products/ Drugs and Medical Devices and present their similarities and differences. How to launch a Combination Product on the market will also be part of the presentations. Moreover, Case Studies about approval procedures of combination products will give practical orientation. It is also important to know which QM system fits the US and the EU requirements and what their similarities are. Also this topic will be discussed.

A **Notified Bodies** representative will explain the EU certification procedure for Medical Devices.

3 parallel workshops – concentrating on approval processes of Combination Products in the EU and the US and examples of Notified Body requirements on Combination Products will provide practical orientation.

Background

Combinations of Medicinal Products/Drugs, Medical Devices and/or Biologics are becoming more and more important for the market, e. g. for the delivery of a medication. Such "Combination Products" meet two worlds: the pharmaceutical regulation world and the world of the Medical Devices Regulations.

In the EU the GMP requirements for Medicinal Products are laid down in the GMP Guideline based on an EU regulation. The medical devices industry was regulated by three EU directives and one amending directive in the past. The Medical Device Regulation has changed this in 2021. The distribution of Medical Devices in Europe is based on a CE Certification. Medical Devices Inspections are primarily performed by Notified Bodies.

The basis for the approval process of Medicinal Products /Drugs is for both the EU and the USA the ICH Common Technical Document (CTD). Inspections are performed by authorities. In the USA, there are special approval processes for Medical Devices.

The US-FDA has developed own GMP regulations for Drugs (21 CFR 210/211) , Medical Devices (21 CFR 820), Biologics (21 CFR 600 – 680) and tissue-based products (21 CFR 1271) So far, there had been no standalone GMP regulations for combination products. This has changed only at the FDA since 22 July 2013 with the publication of FDA's 21 CFR Part 4 (cGMP Requirements for Combination Products). An Office of Combination Products is responsible for this products in the USA. Until now, there is nothing comparable to 21 CFR 4 regarding Combination Products in the EU.

Target Audience

This event has been especially designed for the manufacturers who are subject to Combination Products and want to become familiar with the **practice-oriented implementation** of the legal requirements in the USA and in Europe.

Programme

Regulatory Requirements Regarding Medicinal Products / Drugs

- European Directive about GMP
- EU GMP Guide
- Guide to Inspections of/ Guidances for Industry
- Office of Combination Products
- Marketing Authorisation
- Regulatory Supervision

Regulatory Requirements Regarding Medical Devices in the USA

- 21 CFR 800ff
- Guide to Inspections of/ Guidances for Industry
- Classification EU vs USA
- Marketing Authorisation in the USA

Classification of Medical Devices in the USA

- How to classify Medical Devices in the USA
- Examples

How to Launch a Combination Product on the Market?

- "Combination product"- 21CFR 3.2 e in the US versus "combination products" in the EU
- What do medical device companies need to know about medicinal products?
- What does the pharmaceutical industry need to know about medical devices
- The importance of the primary mode of action (US) and the intended use (Europe)

QM System for Combination Products

- Quality Management System for Drugs
- Quality Management System for Medical Devices
- Similarities and differences
- Qualifying of Suppliers
- Quality Management System for the combination of Medicinal Products with a Medical Device



Workshop on Primary Packaging Material vs. Medical Devices

Case Studies: Approval Process for Combination Products in the EU

- Case Study for a single entity “combination” product – a medical device containing a drug substance having an ancillary action
- Case Study for an investigational medicinal product to be combined with a CE marked medical device (nebulizer)
- Case Study – drug eluting stents – requirements regarding the in vitro- in vivo correlation of the sustained release drug substance in carrier

Human Factors/Application of Usability Engineering to Medical Devices EN 62366-1

- Usability Norm EN 62366

Cross-Matrix EU/USA

- Comparison of EU/FDA requirements



3 Parallel Workshops

- **Application of Quality Risk Management to Combination Products**
You discuss in the workshop risk management aspects regarding the medicinal product and medical device.
- **Approval of Combination Products in the EU**
The workshop is intended to lay down the basis for a strategy for a „combination product“ taking into account the fact, that in the EU the regulatory frames of medical devices, medical devices containing a drug substance having an ancillary action and medicinal products and the respective quality management systems have to be taken into consideration.

Two cases will be studied:
 1. A medicinal product having a marketing authorization shall be combined with a medical device in development. How can this be accomplished? What needs to be done, where are possible pitfalls?
 2. A medical device marked with a CE shall be combined with a medicinal product that is authorized for marketing. What needs to be done, where are possible pitfalls?
- **Notified Body requirements on Combination Products**
The workshop is intended to assess examples of Notified Body audit findings and how to react.

Speakers



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Mr Rentschler is a Biomedical Engineer and since more than 25 years involved in regulatory requirements regarding medical devices. He is General Manager of mdc medical device certification GmbH, a Notified Body with broad experience in the field of medical devices and in-vitro diagnostic devices. Mr Rentschler is member of national and international working groups in the field of medical devices and quality system certification.



Dr Peer Schmidt
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Peer Schmidt brings more than 15 years of experience in the development, manufacturing, registration and supervision of Medicinal Products, Medical Devices and Combination Products. As Senior Manager Global Quality Systems, he leads the AbbVie Center of Excellence for Quality Risk Management. He also acts as EU Authorized Representative and Management Representative for AbbVie´s Medical Devices. He holds a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology and was previously the Head of Quality Assurance at Abbott Biotechnology Germany.



Dr Andrea Weiland-Waibel
Explicat Pharma GmbH

Dr Weiland is a Ph.D. pharmacist in pharmaceutical technology. After several leadership positions within Pfizer and IDEA AG she now is managing director of Explicat Pharma GmbH and specialises in CMC (Chemistry-Manufacturing-Controls) - Technical Project management for pharmaceutical development projects.

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Reservation Form (Please complete in full)

Combination Products on 10/11 February 2026 in Heidelberg, Germany

Please choose one of the following Workshops

- Application of Quality Risk Management to Combination Products.
- Approval of Combination Products in the EU
- Notified Body requirements on Combination Products

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Date

Tuesday, 10 February 2026, 09.00 – 17.30 h
(Registration and coffee 08.30 – 09.00 h)
Wednesday, 11 February 2026, 08.30 – 16.00 h

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Accommodation

CONCEPT HEIDELBERG has reserved a limited number of rooms in the conference hotel. You will receive a room reservation form/POG when you have registered for the course. Reservation should be made directly with the hotel. Early reservation is recommended.

Registration

Via the attached reservation form, by e-mail or by fax – **or search and register directly at www.gmp-compliance.org under the number 22201.**

Conference language

The official conference language will be English.

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The presentations for this event will be available for you to download and print before and after the event. Please note that no printed materials will be handed out on site and that there will not be any opportunity to print the presentations on site. After the event, you will automatically receive your certificate of participation.

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