



**Compliance & Validation Services**  
Presents a 3-Day Training Course on:

# Understanding Pharmaceutical Sterilisation

3, 4 & 5 November 2020

DoubleTree by Hilton, Amsterdam Centraal Station



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- **Understanding Sterilisation:**
  - Regulations, guidelines and current industry trends
  - What are we trying to kill and what is their resistance
  - Types of sterilisation processes
  - Comparison of wet heat and dry heat processes
  - Types of steam/heat sterilisation processes
    - Porous loads versus fluids load (includes super-heated water)
    - Sterilise in Place (SIP) Systems (includes SIP case study)
    - Dry heat processes (oven and tunnels)
  - Process Understanding
    - Overkill versus bioburden cycles
    - Steam temperature versus pressure relationship
  - Other methods, including gamma irradiation, filtration, e-beam, VHP and ethylene oxide
- **Process Control, Qualification, Operation and Maintenance:**
  - Managing loading patterns
  - Correctly reviewing/interpreting chart records (electronic and paper)
  - Maintaining sterilisation equipment and maintaining performance
  - Validation and revalidation requirements, including risk/impact assessments, equipment system qualification, process performance qualification (filtration, fluid/porous load autoclaves, dry heat processes) – includes load and chamber mapping
  - Minimising/resolving typical regulatory/company inspection/audit issues

## Course Summary: Understanding Pharmaceutical Sterilisation - 3, 4 & 5 November 2020 – DoubleTree by Hilton Amsterdam Centraal Station

This course provides delegates with a rounded appreciation of all aspects of sterilisation, ranging from equipment design and process understanding, through to qualification and maintenance requirements. One key learning objective is to separate the facts from the myths and legends that are sometimes associated with sterilisation processes. This will help ensure that attendees focus on the important science based facts when making risk based decisions when they return to their daily jobs. Other learning objectives include equipping delegates with the correct knowledge to improve compliance, reducing potential regulatory issues, improving operation effectiveness and maximising the benefits/effectiveness of validation/qualification activities. The course will be presented by industry experts who collectively have worked in all areas relating to the operation and qualification of sterilisation equipment/processes. Their hands-on experience will provide current industry best practice and up-to-date regulatory authority information and there will be opportunities to put the learning into practice during carefully chosen workshops. A complimentary drinks reception and course dinner will be held on the evening of Day 1.

### Presenters



**Mike James, Training Director, Compliance & Validation Services Limited.:** Mike has 25 years experience in the pharmaceutical industry, working in a variety of compliance and validation roles. His experience includes preparation and delivery of national/client-based validation training courses, hands-on validation work, validation project management and regulatory compliance consultancy. Previously, Mike spent four years as the Site Validation Manager for GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) at Speke, where he was responsible for all site validation activities, including the development and maintenance of the Site Validation Programme. Before moving to the pharmaceutical industry he spent 15 years as an industry chemist.



**Industry Expert:** Our industry expert has many years of operating sterilisation processes within the aseptic manufacturing environment and is an accomplished presenter.



**John Welbourn, Director, Compliance & Validation Services Limited:** A validation professional with over 30 years experience, John has been responsible for the management and execution of validation projects for many major pharmaceutical companies. He has broad experience in the qualification of equipment, critical utilities, computerised systems, and thermal mapping to support storage conditions. John has an in-depth knowledge of many types of autoclaves, covering their design, qualification/validation, operation and maintenance. He has very recent hands-on experience in taking autoclaves through their full qualification life cycle. John has presented at conferences in the UK, Europe and the US and has authored several articles on various aspects of validation.



**Kevin Owen, Global Aseptic Processing Subject Matter Expert at PM Group:** A microbiologist by profession (Hospital and Pharmaceutical), who has 30 years of aseptic operational experience and responsible for all aseptic processing capability within multinational Pharma. He ensured all industry and regulatory expectations were met (and anticipated) across sites by embedding a systemic approach to aseptic manufacturing. He has led draft Annex I compliance strategy and set up and developed Aseptic centres of excellence to transform aseptic assurance cultures. Expert fields include Regulatory compliance, positive and negative pressure cleanrooms, toxin handling, lyophilisation, specials manufacturing, clinical trials, and Laboratory design. He has led major aseptic facility improvement projects without interruption to the commercial supply of products to patients. His position as Aseptic Processing subject matter expert provides great technical leadership and operational depth on aseptic fill finish projects across the global footprint of the PM group. Kevin is always Patient centric.

### Who Should Attend

Individuals to benefit from attending this course include anyone involved directly or indirectly in managing, operating, qualifying and maintaining sterilisation equipment and processes. The course is ideally suited to people who wish to deepen their knowledge and understanding of sterilisation processes and sterilisation equipment. It can also provide useful refresher training. Target disciplines include microbiology, production (operators, supervisors and management), quality assurance, validation, technical support and engineering. The course is also suited to people who are new to sterilisation.

On leaving the course delegates will: have a sound understanding of science of sterilisation, coupled with knowledge of all key the aspects related to design, operation, qualification and maintenance/calibration of sterilisers/autoclaves and sterilisation processes; be able to apply and share their new knowledge; improve their individual effectiveness; and look back on an enjoyable experience.

### Venue

**Hotel: DoubleTree by Hilton, Amsterdam Centraal Station:** Just a five-minute walk from Centraal Station, the hotel very close to the main travel hub of Amsterdam. It is ideally situated to explore the attractions of Amsterdam. The hotel has a fully equipped fitness centre.

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Delegates are kindly requested to arrange their own accommodation. Course fees are **£1,995.00 (GBP)** per delegate. Accommodation is **NOT** included in the course fees. (See Page 4 for further details on fees/bookings)



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Registration (08:45 to 09:00) – Delegates arrive at the meeting room and sign the attendance register.

DAY 1 (Tuesday 3 November 2020)	DAY 2 (Wednesday 4 November 2020)	DAY 3 (Thursday 5 November 2020)
<b>09:00 Opening/Welcome</b>	<b>Day 2 Introduction (09:00)</b>	<b>Day 3 Introduction (09:00)</b>
<b>Introduction to Sterilisation [Industry Expert]:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Why sterilise ?</li> <li>Definition of sterility</li> <li>Consequences of sterilisation failure</li> <li>Probability of detecting a failed unit</li> <li>Challenges of sterile product manufacture</li> <li>Brief history of sterilisation</li> <li>Examples of uses of sterilisation processes (where they fit in)</li> </ul>	<b>Sterilisation By Other Methods [Industry Expert]:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Filtration</li> <li>Ionising and non-ionising irradiation methods</li> <li>Chemical processes</li> <li>Surface sterilisation</li> <li>Selection of sterilisation method</li> </ul>	<b>Qualification of Depyrogenation Tunnels [John Welbourn]:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vial filling line and tunnel configurations</li> <li>Machine settings and configured parameters</li> <li>Typical IQ/OQ testing</li> <li>HEPA filter integrity testing and demonstration of Grade A conditions</li> <li>Thermometric testing and endotoxin spiking</li> <li>Integrated line PQ</li> </ul>
<b>The Sterilisation Process [Kevin Owen]:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic microbiology and the destruction of micro-organisms</li> <li>Sterility assurance level, kill rate and D values</li> <li>Biological indicators</li> <li>Moist and dry heat sterilisations</li> <li>Effect of moisture and heat on proteins</li> <li>Typical moist and dry heat sterilisation cycles</li> </ul>	<b>Thermocouples and Data Loggers [Roman Lorets, Ellab A/S (Instrument Manufacturer)]:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thermocouple selection and use</li> <li>Calibration approach</li> <li>Pressure and time calibrations</li> <li>Data collection devices requirements</li> </ul>	<b>Equipment System Qualification [Mike James]:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>User Requirement Specification</li> <li>Risk and impact assessments</li> <li>Identifying critical components/aspects of the system</li> <li>Aligning testing (depth and scope) with criticality/complexity</li> <li>Static and functional testing overview</li> <li>Example tests</li> </ul>
<b>Regulatory Authority Inspection Issues [Industry Expert]:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EU, China and US Regulatory Authority Guidelines</li> <li>Regulatory Authority sterilisation focus and expectations</li> <li>Typical inspection sterilisation requests</li> <li>Regulatory authority sterilisation related observations</li> </ul>	<b>Sterilising Grade Vent Filters [Industry Expert]:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vent filters as a contamination control method</li> <li>Typical applications</li> <li>Vent filter requirements</li> <li>Particle removal mechanisms</li> <li>Regulatory authority guidelines</li> <li>Autoclave vent filter failure – Workshop</li> </ul>	<b>Validation (Performance Qualification) [John Welbourn]:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Validation requirements</li> <li>Approach to steriliser validation</li> <li>Thermocouple positioning and placement</li> <li>Validation frequencies and schedule of validation tests</li> <li>Basis for routine steriliser operation</li> </ul>
<b>Moist Heat (Steam) Sterilisation [Mike James]:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principles and advantages of steam sterilisation</li> <li>Saturated steam temperature and pressure relationship</li> <li>Autoclaves and porous loads and fluids sterilisation cycles</li> <li>Overkill and bioburden cycles</li> <li>Sterilise in place (SIP)</li> </ul>	<b>Cycle Lethality (Sterilisation kinetics) [Kevin Owen]:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The <math>F_0</math> approach to sterilisation</li> <li>Understanding D and Z values</li> <li><math>F_0</math> and Sterility Assurance Levels</li> <li>Biological indicators for the determination of <math>F_0</math> values</li> <li><math>F_H</math> concept for dry heat sterilisation</li> </ul>	<b>Steriliser Loading Patterns, Chart Records and Process Control [Mike James]:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requirements for loading patterns</li> <li>The link between validation and loading patterns</li> <li>Routine load preparation</li> <li>Paper chart and electronic cycle records and their interpretation</li> </ul>
<b>Dry Heat Sterilisation [Kevin Owen]:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Principles and uses of dry heat sterilisation</li> <li>Advantages and disadvantages of dry heat</li> <li>Endotoxins and depyrogenation</li> <li>Tunnel and oven dry heat sterilisation and depyrogenation</li> </ul>	<b>Routine Testing of Autoclaves [John Welbourn]:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Test required and their frequency                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>e.g. Bowie Dick Test, Calibration and Maintenance, Revalidation, Air Detector Function Test, Leak Rate Test, Automated Process Control Verification</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<b>Steam in Place Systems [John Welbourn]:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gravity discharge vis vacuum air removal</li> <li>Thermometric Testing – deciding where to position thermocouples and BI's</li> <li>Dealing with SIP challenges – heat exchangers / vent filters / multiple flow paths / large mass heat sinks / narrow bore tubes</li> </ul>
<b>Porous load Autoclaves [John Welbourn]:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Typical autoclave design and operation</li> <li>Effective air removal and steam penetration</li> <li>Sterilisation and cool down</li> <li>Steam penetration and Bowie Dick testing</li> <li>Autoclave chamber and filter housing leak testing</li> <li>Air detector function test and process control test</li> </ul>	<b>Steam Quality [John Welbourn]:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Importance of steam quality for effective sterilisation</li> <li>What is superheated, saturated &amp; wet steam?</li> <li>Dryness fraction</li> <li>Non-condensable gases</li> <li>Superheat</li> </ul>	<b>SIP Case Studies [John Welbourn]:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Freeze Dryer and a Large Scale Fermenter SIP case studies</li> <li>Commissioning issues concerning SIP</li> <li>Rectification of issues</li> </ul>
<b>Fluid Load Autoclaves [Kevin Owen]:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Process and operation (how it differs from porous loads)</li> <li>Typical equipment components and configuration explained</li> <li>Different types of autoclaves, e.g. steam / steam + air ballasted and superheated water.</li> <li>Typical cycles and control</li> </ul>		

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<b>* Total Fees Due</b> <b>£1,995 [GBP]</b> per delegate	NOTE: If your finance centre or delegates are based in the United Kingdom (UK), the course fee will be subject to an additional 20% UK VAT charge (£2,394 per delegate including UK VAT). For EU Countries where finance centres and delegates are NOT based in the UK, VAT will be ZERO RATED under the reverse charge rule. For non-EU countries and non-EU delegates, VAT is not applicable.	

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- Between 28 days and 14 days' notice will qualify for a 75% refund.
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- No refund will be given for cancellations received with less than 7 days' notice.
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