

# Sterile Products: Formulation, Manufacture and Quality Assurance

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ACCREDITED  
COURSE

- Formulation and Manufacture of Solutions, Suspensions and Lyophilized Products
- Freeze-Drying Process Development
- Packaging for Sterile Products
- Aseptic Unit Operations
- Sterilization Principles
- Sterile Filtration
- Particulate Matter

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## about the course

Parenteral product development and aseptic manufacturing can be intimidating to people new to the topics. The approach to formulation and process development is substantially different than for oral and topical medications. Product development and manufacturing must consider how all of the manufacturing processes align to ensure chemical, physical, and microbiological stability with particular attention to proper aseptic technique.

This 18-hour accredited course introduces participants to aseptically manufactured products, routes of administration, and how routes of administration and other requirements affect product development. Interactive discussions are encouraged to ensure questions about the manufacturing processes are raised and different experiences are shared. Demonstrations are provided for gowning, reconstitution of a freeze-dried solid, and preparation of an infusion using proper aseptic technique.

Live interaction with the instructor allows for dynamic discussions and clarifications.

For attendance verification and to maximize participation, participants attending the live training are required to use their webcam during the course. Microphones and speakers/headset are encouraged.

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## who should attend

This intensive course is intended for those new to the topics of parenteral product development and aseptic manufacturing and those needing a refresher on the topics as well as those seeking confirmation of acceptability of existing practices. It will be of value, to those in:

- Research and Development
- Production
- Quality Assurance
- Quality Control

Those who wish to broaden their appreciation of these technologies and review the latest developments, as well as managers who have responsibility for a broader base of activities, will find the course of interest.

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## learning objectives

### Upon completion of this course, you will be able to:

- Define the unique characteristics of sterile dosage forms, how these characteristics are achieved and maintained
- Examine approaches to formulation and process development for parenteral products that include small and large molecules
- Describe the aseptic manufacturing processes and all unit operations involved in sterile product manufacturing and control, including sterilization, filtration and lyophilization
- Outline the facility, personnel, and microbial control requirements, fostering an appreciation of the distinctive requirements of sterile products and acquaintance with quality control procedures and international regulations
- Define the factors affecting aseptic technique and demonstrate the technique

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## course outline

### Review of Learning Objectives

#### Overview of the Sterile Dosage Form:

- Examine currently marketed parenteral products including those for the eye
- Discuss the basic characteristics and requirements of sterile products
- Discuss routes of administration and why they matter
- Review historical perspectives that changed the approaches to developing parenteral products

#### Formulation of Solutions:

- Thoroughly discuss factors affecting solubility and stability
- Examine development of formulations for small and large molecules with a focus on large molecules
- Excipients for parenteral products will be examined and examples will be provided on how and when to use them
- Excipients and concentrations used for multi-dose products will be discussed
- Tonicity will be discussed, and examples provided for when and how to adjust formulations based on their routes of injection

#### Formulation of Dispersed Systems:

- Examples of marketed dispersed systems and how they improved previous formulations will be provided
- Discussions include traditional suspensions, emulsions, colloidal dispersions, and liposomes
- Examples of manufacturing techniques

#### Visual Inspection and Particulate Matter:

- All products contain particles, but they should be non-specific and too small in number and size to find and identify

- Discuss visual and subvisible inspection, the equipment used, and the regulatory requirements
- Examine isolation and identification of visible particulate matter and considerations for quality control testing will be provided

**Formulation and Process Development of Lyophilized Products:**

- Examine how lyophilized formulations and the process to make them are intimately connected
- Consider formulation excipients needed for small and large molecules with a focus on large molecules
- Introduce how thermal analyses aid in development of the process
- Examine and thoroughly discuss the steps of a lyophilization process

**Preparation for Sterile Manufacturing:**

- A detailed review of the aseptic manufacturing facility and personnel requirements is conducted with examples of actual situations affecting GMP regulations
- Types of Aseptic Filling and Processing Environments
- Processes for cleaning, preparing, and monitoring the environment are discussed

**Sterile Manufacturing Unit Operations:**

- Discussions include descriptions for typical operations of component/equipment preparation, compounding and mixing, and other common processing steps.
- Filters and filtration are examined with respect to types available, how they are used, and how they are tested.

**Parenteral Product Packaging:**

- Materials of construction and primary packaging containers created from the materials is examined
- Challenges with glass and plastic materials with real examples are provided
- Currently marketed products and possible future products are discussed, and examples are available for evaluation

**Demonstrations**

- A demonstration of gowning for entering an aseptic processing area is provided.
- Proper aseptic technique is demonstrated through reconstitution of a lyophilized sample and transfer of the solution to an infusion bag.
- Demonstration of reconstitution and preparation of an infusion while focusing on aseptic technique

**QC Testing:**

- Examine the basic principles and methods for sterility testing, pyrogen testing, and GMP stability testing.
- Examine testing specific for certain products such as lyophilized formulations and pre-filled syringes.

**Sterility Assurance:**

- Discussions include the basics of microbiology and contamination control
- Examine the differences between cleaning, sanitization, depyrogenation, sterilization, and aseptic processing
- Review the methods used for depyrogenation and sterilization
- Examine when to use certain methods of sterilization for different materials used during manufacturing

**Questions and Discussion**

**Assessment Opportunity**

*Formulation and processing case studies and answers will be included in the course notes, but not necessarily covered in lecture. References and certain tables/ attachments also in back of course note  
Question and Answer Session*

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## course instructor

**Dr. Gregory A. Sacha**, leads the research and development team at Simtra BioPharma Solutions in Bloomington, IN, and has been a member of the team for over 18 years. Dr. Sacha has over 23 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry with expertise in injectable drug product development. Greg leads analytical method development, formulation development, and process development for large and small molecules. He and his team are especially well-versed in lyophilization process development where they follow a design space approach to primary drying cycle development. Greg and his team support manufacturing operations through their expertise in lyophilization and also through isolation and identification of particles. Greg directs a short course titled Sterile Products: Formulation, Manufacture and Quality Assurance and developed a lyophilization workshop. He and his team are active members of LyoHUB where they lead the development of best practice papers on lyophilization operations.

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## additional faculty

**James K. (Jamey) Jarman** is a Manger of Technical Services for Baxter BioPharma Solutions in Bloomington, Indiana. He has over 25 years of pharmaceutical manufacturing experience, specifically in sterile parenteral manufacturing. Mr. Jarman's background includes aseptic filling operations for vial, syringe, and cartridge products; suspension filling, lyophilized product manufacturing, formulation activities, equipment, and component preparation, and capping related operations. He also has experience in quality assurance, regulatory auditing, technical transfer, and process validation activities. Mr. Jarman received his BS degree from Indiana State University in 1990.

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