Winter Seminar 2019

Preliminary Programme

Medical Gases – a deep breath

Wednesday 30th – Thursday 31st January 2019

Brussels, Belgium

European Industrial Gases Association AISBL

EIGA Members have been supplying medical gases for over 100 years. EIGA has always focussed on the quality and efficacy of medical gas products and services to enhance patient safety, as well as the development of good practices and standards to protect our workers and users in the supply and handling of medical gases and homecare services.

EIGA also provides regulatory agencies and healthcare providers with advice on the safe manufacture, supply, handling and administration of medical gases. In recent years regulations and standards have developed into a complex landscape for EIGA members to navigate.

Objectives

This Seminar is intended to continue that sharing of good practices and initiatives; to provide an overview of regulations and how they impact the production and supply of gases; and will look at what the future holds for patient safety and for medical gases in the healthcare industry.

Through the Seminar we intend to provide guidance and perspective on these aspects of medical gases safety and on how people should be communicating and managing these issues. We will also be presenting proven tools and techniques which managers and employees will be motivated to take back to their companies and implement with conviction.

The Seminar will be structured around plenary sessions on:

- Safety (patient, product, personnel) and the basics of medical gases
- Medical gases
- The future for medical gases
- Homecare
- Medical devices
- Hot topics, and breaking news for medical gases.

Who should attend?

Personnel working in healthcare functions in our industry, including operations, engineering, supply chain, quality and regulatory functions. Those recently recruited to the industry and those with more experience.

Senior managers from our industry including general management, technical, supply chain, sales and marketing functions.

Regulatory and government officers. Representatives of industry and patient associations, equipment manufacturers and suppliers, hospitals, notified bodies, customers and business partners.

EIGA Seminars always act as an important forum for the exchange of knowledge between EIGA members and industry stakeholders such that best practices in safety and the environment can be widely implemented.

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Session 1: Introduction	
Safety, operational and regulatory challenges in healthcare	EIGA Medical Gases Council (MGC) Chair
How the regulation of medical gases ensures patient safety	Linde Group
Regulatory status of the medicinal gases and health authorities' marketing authorisation process	Air Liquide Healthcare
Session 2: Medical gases	
Safe supply of medical gases within a hospital	Air Products
Expectations from AGES on the pharmaceutical industry	Austrian Agency for Health and Food Safety (AGES)
Working with the authorities	Independent Consultant
Typical pharmacovigilance cases	Air Products
Off-label use	Messer Group
Session 3: The future for medical gases	
Digital health – lost in legal and regulatory challenges	NOVACOS Rechtsanwälte
Digital technologies enable major steps in personalized medicine	Institute of Biomedical Engineering, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology
New therapeutic and diagnostic gases	Mario Negri Biomedical Research Centre
Session 4: Homecare	
Improving the travel experience for patients who require oxygen	ELF President and RESPIRA Vice President
Safe supply of homecare medical oxygen systems at healthcare facilities	Praxair
How oxygen therapy contributes to my (grand)father's quality of life	Air Liquide Healthcare
Good Homecare Practice	Westfalen

* Presentations are preliminary and may be subject to change

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Session 5: Medical devices	
Medical device regulation - overview of new regulation and impact assessment	Linde Group
New medical device regulation from the perspective of a notified body	TÜV SÜD
Medical device regulation - action required! Selected examples	Linde Group
Vigilance: Post-marketing surveillance (PMS) and periodic safety update reports (PSUR)	Air Products
Session 6: Hot topics, breaking news I	
Old wine in new wineskins: validation of computerized systems realizes its potential regarding data integrity	Q-FINITY
New requirements on data integrity	British Compressed Gases Association
New horizons of high flow oxygen therapy in adults: from hospital to home	Hospital Universitario Ramon y Cajal
CGA activities with US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Health Canada	Compressed Gas Association
Session 7: Hot topics, breaking news II	
Cryopreservation: new regulatory topics	Rivoira Pharma
ICH Q3D – elemental impurities of gases	Messer Group
Numerical simulation of N_2O occupational exposure for healthcare professionals	Air Liquide Healthcare
VIPR drug-device combination	Air Products
Introducing a new gas package safely	Sodexo

Practical Information

Full registration package will be available on www.eiga.eu in October 2018

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