



Diploma in Pharmaceutical Medicine (DPM) Training Programme Topic List

Modules 1-6 are our content-based modules and include self-study materials and two half-day expert led Zoom sessions for in-depth discussion and Q&A.

Modules 7-9 are our exam revision modules and offer mock exams with personalised feedback, and one full day expert led Zoom session per module covering exam technique, further question practice, and practical tips.

Modules 1-6 cover every aspect of the [PharmaTrain Syllabus](#) in some shape or form. This document provides a broad overview of the topics covered.

Module 1 Regulatory Affairs

- General Principles of Medicines Regulation, ICH, GMP, GCP & GLP
- Clinical Trials Regulations – IND, CTA, EU Directives, Ethics & Ethics Committees, Fraud & Misconduct
- Licensing – MAA, Abridged Applications
- Common Technical Document & Overviews
- Updating & Maintaining Licenses
- Product Defects & Recall, Product Discontinuation
- Unlicensed Medicines & Early Access Programmes
- Medicines Regulation in the US & Japan
- Rare diseases regulation
- ATMP Regulations, Medical Devices
- Scientific Advice/Protocol Assistance
- Legal Reclassification (POM to OTC)

Module 2 Statistics and Data Management

- Types of Data & Descriptive Statistics
- The Null Hypothesis, Type I & Type II Error & Significance Confidence Intervals
- Sample Size Calculation & Power
- Minimising Bias, Randomisation & Handling of Missing Data



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- Multiplicity
- Subgroups & Meta-analysis
- Trial Design: Adaptive Designs, Non-Inferiority & Equivalence
- Data Collection, Data Management & Standardisation
- Interim Analysis, Survival Analysis & Hazard Ratios
- Presentation & Interpretation of Study Results, Violations & Withdrawals

Module 3 Discovery and Early Development

- Discovery of New Medicines
- Non-Clinical Safety Testing & Safety Testing of Small Molecules vs. Biologicals
- Principles of Pharmacokinetics
- Factors Affecting Pharmacokinetics
- Mechanisms of Action and Interaction
- Exploratory Development & Phase 0 Trials, Biosimilars, Pharmacogenetics & Pharmacogenomics
- Biomarkers, Clinical Endpoints & Surrogate Endpoints
- First in Human Studies, Dose Selection & Risk Minimisation
- Advanced Therapies & Drug-Coupled Devices
- Pharmaceutical Development

Module 4 Clinical Development

- Project Teams/Management, Planning & Budgets
- Clinical Development Plans, Target Product Profile & Target Label, Clinical Development in Special Groups
- Confidentiality & Data Protection
- ICH Good Clinical Practice
- Paediatric Clinical Development
- Consent, Indemnity & Compensation
- Study Conduct, Documentation, Investigator Brochure & Contractual Arrangements
- Manufacturing & Labelling of Study Medication
- Phase 3 Clinical Trials



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Module 5 Drug Safety

- Classification of AEs & ADRs
- Assessment of Evidence for Causality & Association
- Testing for Specific Safety Issues
- Collection of AEs in Clinical Trials, DSURs, Role of Sponsors & Investigators in Reporting, Regulatory Requirements & CIOMS
- Spontaneous Reporting
- Off Label Use
- Sources of Epidemiological & PV Information, Post-Authorisation Safety Studies & Signal Detection
- Benefit-Risk Assessment, Risk Management & Safety Specifications
- Medication Errors
- Issue/Crisis Management, Dear HCP Communications & Product Withdrawal Procedures
- Periodic Safety Update Reports/Periodic Benefit-Risk Evaluation Reports
- Clinical Trial Reports and DSURs
- Adverse Events in Clinical Studies

Module 6 Communication, Value and Access

- Legal & Regulatory Framework for Medicines Promotion
- Pricing & Reimbursement
- Product Liability & Compensation
- Medical Marketing & Life-Cycle Management
- Information Provision & Publication Planning
- Principles of Health Economics
- Quality of Life & Pharmacoepidemiology
- In-Licensing & Co-Marketing
- Government Policy, Third-Party Reimbursement & Formularies
- Intellectual Property, Parallel Imports & Legal Issues

Module 7 MCQ Preparation (CPM candidates and DPM candidates)

- MCQ mock exam and marking



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- Coaching for the MCQs
- Exam technique
- Practice MCQ's

Module 8 SAQ Preparation (DPM candidates only)

- SAQ mock exam and marking
- Coaching for the SAQs
- Exam technique
- Practice SAQs

Module 9 CAP Preparation (DPM candidates only)

- CAP mock exam and marking
- Coaching for the CAP
- Exam technique
- Practice CAP

Booking Information

Bookings for the 2027 DPM Training Programme will open on 24 November 2026. The programme officially begins on the first working day of February 2027. Delegates may choose to book either:

- Individual modules; or
- The complete programme series.

Access to the materials contained within the LMS is granted under licence for a period of 24 months from the official start date of the programme.

The 24-month access period applies regardless of the date on which a delegate enrolls onto the programme and cannot be amended or waived other than in exceptional circumstances and upon written agreement from FPM.

Delegates whose access is due to expire will be notified at least 30 days in advance of their removal from the LMS.

Upon expiry of access, all data associated with the delegate will be permanently deleted from the system as part of routine data management.

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