19\textsuperscript{th} international Pharmacovigilance Training Course

8-19 May 2017, Uppsala, Sweden

Uppsala Monitoring Centre (UMC) is at the forefront of advancing the safety and well-being of patients by identifying the benefits and risks of medicines – so that patients and health professionals world-wide can make wise therapeutic decisions.

UMC has close to two decades of experience in educating and training global pharmacovigilance stakeholders, and the 2017 course – the 19\textsuperscript{th} of its kind in Uppsala – draws upon this knowledge to create a unique opportunity for learning and collaboration. The course’s ultimate goal is to further develop effective and sustainable pharmacovigilance globally, taking the participants’ local needs into account.

Participants will acquire the theoretical as well as practical knowledge and skills essential to initiate or further develop pharmacovigilance plans in their own countries. Close interaction among participants will also provide an ideal forum for building important relationships at local, regional, and global levels to stimulate change in pharmacovigilance.

Course outline

The course focuses on topics essential to effective pharmacovigilance, such as pharmacovigilance best practices, signal detection, reporting culture, and pharmacovigilance tools. The course agenda also includes a management component designed to help participants improve their capacity to influence sustainable change in their countries. Issues related to health economics, pharmacoepidemiology, communications, fundraising, and risk management will be covered.

As UMC provides scientific leadership and operational support to the WHO Programme for International Drug Monitoring (WHO PIDM), the course also aims to strengthen the overall capacity in the programme’s member countries.

The training, which is built around lectures, workshops, and hands-on exercises, takes place in an open and interactive environment. Plenty of opportunities to discuss and converse with UMC staff, faculty experts, and fellow course participants will be provided. Social activities and events include an official course dinner and open house at UMC’s offices in Uppsala.

Course main focus

- Pharmacovigilance best practices
- Signal detection
- Reporting culture
- Pharmacovigilance tools
- Health economics
- Pharmacoepidemiology
- Communications
- Risk management

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Faculty

International pharmacovigilance experts from WHO Headquarters, various WHO Collaborating Centres, UMC, and other well-known organisations will lead the sessions.

Interested?

This two-week course is tailored for representatives of national pharmacovigilance centres, ministries of health, and public health programmes, as well as healthcare professionals from regulatory, academic, or industry settings. Participants should be fluent in English and have previous experience from the pharmacovigilance field.

How to apply

The goal of UMC’s admissions review process is to select individuals committed to patient safety who can contribute actively during these two weeks. All participants will be given access to pre-course reading materials. We encourage you to start the application process as soon as possible; the course is designed for a maximum of 30 people.

Please submit your application via the electronic form available on the UMC website (www.who-umc.org) by January 13th, 2017.

Cost

The course fee is 33,000 SEK (VAT included) for public/academic sector representatives and 58,000 SEK (VAT included) for industry sector representatives. This fee includes accommodation, breakfast, lunches during course days, course material, and social activities. The fee does not cover airfares, per diem, and health insurance.

Venue

The course takes place in the city of Uppsala in the heart of Sweden, located near Arlanda International Airport and about an hour’s journey from Stockholm. Uppsala is Sweden’s fourth largest city and home to over 200,000 people. It has retained its small-town charm, yet offers a big city’s selection of shops, restaurants, museums, and activities. This vibrant city also hosts the oldest centre of higher education in Scandinavia, Uppsala University, founded in 1477.

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Questions

If you have questions, please visit our website: www.who-umc.org or contact the course management via e-mail: pvtraining@who-umc.org

We look forward to welcoming you to Uppsala!

Our vision is a world where all patients and health professionals make wise therapeutic decisions in their use of medicines.

Our mission is to support and promote patient safety through effective global pharmacovigilance practice.

Building a global safety culture