

Pharmaceutical Discussion Groups

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Frequently Asked Questions - Participants

Pharmaceutical Stability Discussion Group Meeting

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Who can attend?

You need to be currently employed by a company that performs some or all of the stability function for a Pharma/Bio/Device/Cosmetic/Nutrition Product. You may also attend if you perform a direct support function such as Statistics, Regulatory Affairs, etc. and are accompanied by your Stabilitarian. The purpose of the meeting is to share information on a broad range of stability topics over the entire course of the meeting, so the quality and success of the meeting relies on a commitment to avoid filling the seats with those who “are there only to learn” as opposed to those who are “there to share.”

What topics are on the meeting agenda?

ALL of them ... attendees decide the topics by submitting them on the registration form or during the meeting. Virtually every aspect of the Stability function has been and will be discussed at PSDG Meetings. If there is a topic missed, it is because no one raised it.

Are there special segments /focus tracks?

If there are significant numbers of any given specialty at any particular meeting, PDG can arrange sessions for these specialists to spend time in independent discussion. In the past, meetings have provided special tracks for Biotech and Medical Device Stabilitarians, as well as Stability Statisticians, who spend some of their time with the main group and some time in separate sessions to ‘talk shop’ with those of kindred spirit.

What’s the Mini-Course?

A complimentary 2-hour mini-course provided on Sunday from 3:30-5:30pm by PSDG vendors or participants regarding focus topics associated with the stability function. It includes presentations, followed by discussion with the participants.

PSDG Mini-Course Topic: Accelerated Stability Extrapolation

Do I have to attend every part of the meeting?

If you don’t attend all meeting segments, you miss some of the good stuff, so why not learn all you can? Start your PSDG meeting experience with the 3:30-5:30pm Sunday Mini-Course and the 5:45pm Vendor Expo. If you really, really, really can’t attend on Sunday, you can start Monday morning, but you’ll miss a lot of great information.

How do I register for a PSDG meeting?

Fill out the Registration Application and send the completed document to psdg@rcn.com

Can I pay my registration fee with my credit card?

PDG is not able to accept credit cards. Checks (corporate or personal) are to be made payable to "PDG." Registration payment is requested at least 1 week prior to the meeting. Slower processing of corporate checks and late registrations will be accommodated, if possible. Payment by the time of the meeting is expected.

What is the Virtual Stability Facility Tour?

Tours can be a source of key information regarding equipment you see, practices you observe, and questions you ask, or hear answered for another person. When tours are available, you are welcome to join in the virtual presentation and interact with the tour presenter.

Will minutes or notes be available from the meeting?

The best source of meeting information is your own notes as the meeting progresses. The meeting Facilitator will endeavor to summarize bench marking poll results as they occur.

Can my company be a vendor?

If your company would like to participate as a vendor at a PSDG meeting, there is a separate vendor registration and a fee of \$800.00.

It is required to have a representative present at the virtual booth during the Vendor Expo. Qualifying attendees can fill the vendor role, as long as the vendor registration fee is paid in addition to your participant registration fee.

Why do I see both PDG and PSDG mentioned in conjunction with this meeting?

Pharmaceutical Stability Discussion Group is the name of this meeting. It is organized by Pharmaceutical Discussion Groups - a not for profit, volunteer-powered, professional affinity association.