



PRESENTS



PHARMA ANTI-COUNTERFEITING, SERIALIZATION & SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY

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 Hilton Washington Dulles Airport, USA

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Plus more coming soon....

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KEY TOPICS & INDUSTRY DISCUSSIONS

- Serialization / Track & Trace / Supply Chain Strategies
- Fighting Fake Drugs / Packaging / Labeling
- SCM Security / Resilience
- Technology Impact / Analytical Technologies
- Impact of AR
- Manufacturing 4.0 / Logistics / Cold Storage
- Operational Excellence
- Regulatory

WELCOME TO THE PHARMA ANTI-COUNTERFEITING, SERIALIZATION & SUPPLY CHAIN SECURITY CONFERENCE

In an era where counterfeit pharmaceuticals pose an ever growing threat to global health and patient safety, the need for robust supply chain security and advanced anti-counterfeiting measures has never been more urgent. This conference serves as a vital platform for industry leaders, regulatory experts, and technology innovators to collaborate and strategize on securing the pharmaceutical supply chain.

JOIN US IN SHAPING A SAFER, MORE SECURE PHARMA SUPPLY CHAIN!

By attending this conference, you will be at the forefront of the fight against counterfeit pharmaceuticals, equipped with the latest tools and knowledge to ensure compliance, security, and trust in the pharmaceutical industry.

Let’s work together to create a resilient, transparent, and patient-safe supply chain!

THE RISING THREAT OF COUNTERFEIT PHARMACEUTICALS / SECURE YOUR SUPPLY CHAIN

The counterfeit drug market is a **\$200 billion global industry**, making it one of the largest sources of illicit trade. According to the World Health Organization (WHO): **1 in 10 medical products** in low- and middle-income countries is either substandard or falsified. Counterfeit medicines contribute to **more than 250,000 deaths per year** worldwide. The sale of counterfeit drugs increased dramatically during the COVID-19 pandemic, highlighting vulnerabilities in the global pharmaceutical supply chain. These alarming statistics underscore the urgent need for **advanced serialization, track-and-trace systems, and regulatory enforcement** to combat illicit trade and protect patient lives.

(DSCSA) mandates full traceability of prescription drugs, requiring all stakeholders to implement electronic, interoperable track-and-trace systems. **(FMD)** requires serialization and verification of prescription drugs at every stage of the supply chain. **(WHO) and INTERPOL** have intensified cross-border crackdowns on counterfeit medicines, leading to an increasing need for industry-wide cooperation. Governments and regulatory bodies worldwide are tightening compliance requirements to combat counterfeiting and ensure supply chain integrity. Companies failing to comply with these regulations face **severe penalties, loss of market trust, and potential legal actions**, making it essential to stay ahead of evolving compliance requirements

WHY ATTEND?

- Get Expert Insights – Hear from leaders in compliance, supply chain, and tech.
- Connect with Industry Pros – Network with top execs and officials fighting pharma counterfeits.
- Explore New Tech – See how AI, blockchain, and packaging innovations boost security.
- Stay Regulatory-Ready – Learn about global rules and risk strategies.
- Protect Patients & Brands – Apply best practices to ensure safety and trust.

09:00 - Chairperson opening remarks

MARK KARHOFF
Principal Consultant, SCM, Life Sciences, Serialization
Ten Count Consulting

AI & SCM

09:10 – AI’s Coming Impact on Supply Chain Professionals: Drawing Parallels from Adjacent Industries to Identify Key Skills of the Future

- What do supply chain leaders, cybersecurity experts, and capital market traders have in common? Uncover the surprising overlap and learn how supply chain professionals can future-proof their careers by adopting the mindset and skills driving success across these high-stakes fields.
- Gain insight into must-have capabilities like AI literacy, data interpretation, and adaptive thinking, which are essential tools for thriving in increasingly autonomous and predictive supply chains.
- Walk away with a future-ready mindset – understand the parallels between supply chain transformation and quantitative finance, and how you can prepare your team for what’s next.

ANTHONY PULEO
Director, Data Science
AstraZeneca

ANALYTICAL TECHNOLOGIES

09:40 – Analytical Technologies for the Authentication of Counterfeit Drug Products

- This presentation will provide insight into ongoing counterfeit trends and describe the roles and responsibilities of BMS in combating drug product counterfeiting.
- Real suspect product investigations submitted to BMS will be highlighted, including counterfeit tablets and biologics.
- Analytical techniques such as microscopy, vibrational spectroscopy (IR, Raman), UV-Vis, and chromatography are typically used during these forensics analyses.
- Portable technologies are also utilized to detect potential counterfeits in the field.

BRITTANY HANDZO
Senior Scientist, Forensics & Innovative Technologies
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10:10 – Solution Provider Presentation

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10:40 – Morning Networking Coffee / Tea & Discussion

CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

11:10 – Keynote Panel Discussion: Counterfeit Drugs: Challenges & Opportunities for Effective Solutions.

- Understanding the scale and consequences for public health and patient safety.
- Evaluating existing policies and identifying gaps in enforcement across different regions.
- Assessing vulnerabilities and implementing strategies to protect the pharmaceutical supply chain.
- Exploring tools like blockchain, AI, and advanced serialization to combat counterfeiting.
- Discussing the financial toll on healthcare systems and the ethical considerations in combating counterfeit drugs.
- Cross-Sector Collaboration - Highlighting the role of partnerships among governments, pharmaceutical companies, NGOs, and tech providers.
- Developing strategies to raise awareness about counterfeit drugs and their risks.

Moderator

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MANUFACTURING - INDUSTRY 4.0

12:00 – Revolutionizing Manufacturing: Your Strategic Guide to Embracing Industry 4.0

- Maximizing Manufacturing Efficiency
- Using advanced analytics to foresee equipment issues and minimize downtime
- Implementing real-time monitoring and analytics to ensure product consistency and regulatory compliance
- Adapting production processes to enable smallbatch, patient-specific drug manufacturing
- Reducing waste and optimizing energy use through eco-friendly production methods
- Innovations like blockchain, quantum computing, and advanced biomanufacturing shaping the next phase of pharma production

12:30 – Networking luncheon

SUPPLY CHAIN STRAGIES

13:20 – Keynote Panel Discussion: Streamlining Success: Advanced Supply Chain Strategies for Pharma

- Current trends, challenges, and opportunities in the pharmaceutical supply chain for betterment
- Strategies to identify, mitigate, and manage risks, including disruptions, regulatory compliance, and quality control
- Best practices for balancing supply and demand while minimizing waste and costs
- Integrating eco-friendly processes to meet global sustainability goals
- Building strong partnerships with suppliers, distributors, and other stakeholders for seamless operations
- Emerging technologies and strategies shaping the future of pharmaceutical supply chains

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14:10 - Lessons Learnt from GMP Compliance in Emerging Markets

EYAD SALMAN
Principle Manager
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AR

14:40 – How Augmented Reality is Revolutionizing Pharmaceutical Packaging?

- Minimize Errors, Maximize Efficiency: Leverage AR technology to reduce human errors and enhance operational precision in pharmaceutical packaging processes.
- Compliance Meets Innovation: Ensure adherence to stringent regulatory standards by seamlessly integrating AR into critical workflows.
- Elevating Quality and Integrity: Safeguard product quality while streamlining operations with cutting-edge AR-driven solutions.
- With AR-driven tracking and monitoring, stakeholders gain better control and transparency across the packaging process

- AR integrates compliance checks into workflows, ensuring adherence to stringent pharmaceutical regulations
- By reducing errors and waste, AR optimizes resource usage, ultimately lowering operational costs

HUMBERTO VEGA
Chemical Engineer
Retired, Former JnJ

15:10 - Afternoon Networking Coffee / Tea & Discussion

15:40 – Recent Federal and State Enforcement Efforts
Pertaining to Supply Chain Security

This presentation will provide an overview of laws used to enforce supply chain security, including enforcement of the Drug Supply Chain Security Act and the SAFE DOSES Act, as well as a survey of recent federal enforcement actions and nationwide supply chain enhancement used in the accreditation process.

ANDREW J. HULL
Director, FDA, DEA, & Healthcare Enforcement
Litigator, Hyman Phelps & McNamara

KARLA L. PALMER
Director, FDA and DEA Investigations
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REGULATORY

16:10 – Panel Discussion: Regulatory Frontlines: Global Updates and Strategies to Combat Counterfeit Drugs

- Global Regulatory Requirements: Navigating compliance standards across regions, including the EU (FMD) and the U.S. (DSCSA).
- Recent Regulatory Developments: Highlighting updates from key global frameworks
- Exploring how different countries and regions address counterfeit drugs through legislation and enforcement.
- Discussing the importance of aligning regulatory measures to ensure global consistency.
- Evaluating the effectiveness of regulatory actions through monitoring and reporting mechanisms.
- Identifying unique issues faced by low- and middle-income countries and potential solutions.
- Exploring collaborations between regulators, industry players, and international organizations to strengthen anti-counterfeiting efforts.

Moderator

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17:00 – Closing remarks by chairperson and End of day 01 conference

17:10 – 18:15 – Networking Drinks

End of Day One

09:00 - Chairperson opening remarks

PABLO MEDINA
Principal, Operations Strategy, Serialization & DSCSA
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TACKLING COUNTERFEIT DRUGS

09:10 – DEA controls in the manufacturing equipment sector primarily those involving tableting and encapsulating equipment to include dies, molds, critical parts, etc

TODD BOYETT
Chemical Investigations Section, Diversion Control Division, Drug Enforcement Administration

LOGISTICS / COLD STORAGE

09:40 – Pioneering Innovations and Best Practices in Pharma Logistics

- Ensuring adherence to global standards for safety, quality, and transportation of pharmaceutical products
- Strategies to address temperature excursions, supply disruptions, and logistical challenges
- Exploring cutting-edge solutions for temperature stability and product protection
- Implementing eco-friendly practices to reduce the environmental impact of cold chain logistics
- Enhancing transparency and accountability through advanced tracking and reporting systems

- Emerging technologies and innovations set to redefine the landscape of pharmaceutical logistics

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SERIALIZATION – TRACK & TRACE

11:10 - Panel Discussion with the experts - Serialization, Track & Trace - Compliance & Implementation

- Role of Serialization in Fighting Counterfeits: Unique ways to enhance supply chain security.
- Challenges in Implementation: Addressing technical, operational, and financial hurdles in adopting serialization and track-and-trace systems.
- Strategies to ensure seamless collaboration between manufacturers, distributors, and retailers.
- Protecting sensitive data while maintaining transparency and compliance.
- Discussing emerging trends and their potential to revolutionize pharmaceutical supply chain management.

- What are the current requirements to follow in serialisation? How to ensure that you are up to date with all global traceability regulations?

Moderator

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12:00 – Topic TBC

ANDREY ATANASOV
Director Business Development and Sales
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12:30 – Networking luncheon

DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY

13:30 – Digital Accessibility in Pharma Serialization & Supply Chain

STEPHEN FRAMIL
Corporate Global Head of Accessibility
Merck

IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY

14:00 - Panel Discussion with the experts –
“Revolutionizing Pharma Supply Chains:
Unlocking the Power of Emerging
Technologies”

- Using AI to forecast demand, optimize inventory, and predict disruptions in the supply chain.
- Leveraging blockchain to improve data integrity, traceability, and combat counterfeiting in pharmaceutical distribution
- Bridging the Gap: Digital Accessibility in the Modern Supply Chain

- How the Internet of Things (IoT) enables real-time tracking, monitoring, and enhanced visibility across the supply chain
- How robotic systems streamline storage, picking, and packing processes, reducing human error and improving speed
- Analyzing large datasets to gain actionable insights, optimize routes, and improve decision making across the supply chain
- Ensuring the integrity of temperature-sensitive drugs through real-time temperature monitoring and automated alerts
- A look at upcoming technologies – Where are we heading?

Moderator

HEATHER LEIGH FLANNERY
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AI MINDSystems Foundation

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14:50 – Closing remarks by chairperson and End of day conference

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