



ISoP Global Competency Standard

A Limited-Time Pilot Program to Shape the Future of PV Certification

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This competency standard covers the basic principles of pharmacovigilance, especially its practical use, and is intended for all professionals who might encounter pharmacovigilance during their work.

Knowledge



Skills



Typical profile

- **Mandatory requirements as per applicable regulation**
- No specific background prerequisites

More about this role

Complete information about the role, including typical job description and responsibilities can be found in the PV Career Framework prepared by members of ISoP Special Interest Group on PV Professional Qualification Framework and Institute of Pharmacovigilance. This document is available at: <https://pharmacovigilance.institute>

Pharmacovigilance		Level	
1.	Pharmacovigilance aim, scope, and history	●○○	Basic
2.	PV glossary and definitions	●○○	Basic
3.	Ethics and leadership in pharmacovigilance	●○○	Basic
4.	Societal burden of adverse reactions to medicines	●○○	Basic
5.	The global PV-relevant regulatory landscape (including data privacy)	●○○	Basic
6.	Architecture of pharmacovigilance system (industry, regulators, other)	●○○	Basic

Sciences and Technologies		Level	
1.	Mechanisms underlying adverse reaction to medicines	○○○	N/A
2.	Information Technologies systems applied to pharmacovigilance	○○○	N/A
3.	Collection, processing, and medical evaluation of safety data	●○○	Basic
4.	Detection and management of safety signals. Benefit vs Risk evaluation	○○○	N/A
5.	Risk management planning and risk minimisation methods	○○○	N/A
6.	Safety decision making (including labelling variation)	○○○	N/A
7.	Pharmacoepidemiology and safety data generation	○○○	N/A
8.	Generation, distribution, and evaluation of safety regulatory documents	○○○	N/A
9.	Quality Management of PV-Relevant processes (QC, QM, QA, A&I)	○○○	N/A
10.	Product quality safety management	○○○	N/A

Local regulation		Level	
1.	Local applicable regulations	○○○	N/A

- N/A – No knowledge required
- Basic – Fundamental understanding of terms and concepts, general overview
- Intermediate – Complex understanding of terms and concepts
- Expert – In-depth understanding, detailed knowledge of specific outcomes and responsibilities

Collection and reporting		Level	
1.	Collecting spontaneous adverse drug reaction reports	●○○	Basic
2.	Collecting reports using active surveillance	○○○	N/A
3.	Reporting of suspected adverse reaction	●○○	Basic

Analysis and assessment		Level	
1.	Data management in pharmacovigilance	○○○	N/A
2.	Signal management in pharmacovigilance	○○○	N/A
3.	Interaction between PV and product quality defect systems	○○○	N/A
4.	Benefit-Risk evaluation of authorized medicinal products	○○○	N/A
5.	Periodic Benefit-Risk Evaluation reporting	○○○	N/A
6.	Risk management of medicinal products	○○○	N/A

Taking measures		Level	
1.	Safety Variations	○○○	N/A
2.	Safety Communication to competent authorities	○○○	N/A
3.	Safety Communication to healthcare professionals and patients	○○○	N/A
4.	Management of post-authorisation pharmacovigilance commitments	○○○	N/A

General skills		Level	
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- N/A – Skill not required
 ●○○ Basic – Passive/delegated usage
 ●●○ Intermediate – Active usage when required, often in collaboration with other specialists
 ●●● Expert – Active usage on daily basis, usually responsible person, or leader of activities

Cognitive competencies		
-	-	-
Intrapersonal competencies		
-	-	-
Interpersonal competencies		
-	-	-



GLOBAL PHARMACOVIGILANCE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

ISoP and IPV aim at the GPPC becoming the new global pharmacovigilance qualification assessment standard for competency to perform specific pharmacovigilance roles. This guideline relates to a **Limited-Time Pilot Program to Shape the Future of PV Certification**

Knowledge

Identified knowledge is evaluated via an online, AI-proctored multiple-choice test, which can be taken from anywhere.

Local regulation

**Optional part*

This online test covers applicable PV-relevant regulatory frameworks knowledge for specific countries or regions.

Where to start?

To understand what exactly is required to pass the certification, we have put together a **Study guide**, in which you will find suggested reading along with examples of questions. You can find this document on our website and there is also a short demo version of the online test available for purchase.

Skills

This certification does not test your skills.

Attitude

This certification does not test your skills.

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