



**Leading Minds Seminars**

# Temperature Controlled Distribution of Biologics

**September 11<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**The Alexandria at Torrey Pines, San Diego**

Seminar hosted by



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## About the Seminar

Southern California's Life Science community is a leader in novel drug discovery, genomics research and extensive clinical trial research. These innovative R&D activities often involve highly-sensitive materials and highly valuable clinical and commercial products that need to be protected against thermal stress.

This seminar will discuss quality and logistics initiatives that companies are using to protect life-saving medicines throughout their lifecycle from APIs, to clinical trial supply and through commercial distribution for today's next gen therapeutics, diagnostics and biologics.

## Leading Minds Format

Leading Minds Seminars are unique in format and intent: we call it FUELS.

### Fusion of Useful Experiences in Logistics and Storage

Experience sharing and problem solving are at the core of the seminars. Seminar programs are 65% discussion based.

**Step in, sit down, benchmark with other practitioners.  
Collaborative and community-based learning at its best!**

## Registration

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## Cost

- ELPRO Leading Minds Network Members (Industry): \$0  
(Use special discount code "ELPRO" when registering)
- Biocom Members (Industry): \$0
- Biocom Non-Members (Industry): \$250

## Location

### The Alexandria

10996 Torreyana Road  
San Diego, CA 92121  
[www.thealexandria.com](http://www.thealexandria.com)

## Accommodation

\*There is no overnight accommodation at the Alexandria.  
For bedroom accommodations, nearby hotels include:

### Hilton La Jolla

10950 N Torrey Pines Rd  
La Jolla, CA 92037  
+1 (858) 558-1500

### Sheraton La Jolla



3299 Holiday Ct  
La Jolla, CA 92037  
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## Seminar Agenda | Tuesday September 11<sup>th</sup> | Morning

- 08.00** Welcome coffee and registration
- 08.30** Opening remarks chairperson  
*Kevin Hickman, Manager, Supply Chain Distribution, Gilead Sciences, Inc.*
- 08.35**  **Leading Minds FUELS the Cold Chain – Industry Colleague Team Building** (Ice breaker)
- 08.50** **Community Forum Discussion: Approaches and Trends to International Regulatory Compliance**  
- Industry observations and major concerns from FDA and other regulatory agencies in recent years  
- Stability label claim challenges in some countries – regulatory hurdles  
- USP updates to <1079> and <659> Using MKT for Cold and CRT  
*Regulatory authority speakers invited*
- 09.30**  **Community Forum Discussion: Strategic Logistics Collaborations**  
- Logistics day to day issues  
- Quality controls  
- Temperature monitoring considerations  
Discussion leaders:  
*Kevin Hickman, Manager, Supply Chain Distribution, Gilead Sciences, Inc.*  
*Saya Mehta Godwin, Director, Supply Chain and Logistics, Heron Therapeutics*
- 10.20** Networking break
- 10.50**  **Interactive Session and Small Group Exercise: Managing Risk Through Customized SOPs**  
- In-transit intervention strategies: Best practices for irreplaceable biotech products  
- Reducing supply chain risk: Defining actual and consequential appropriately  
- Mapping contingency options activity – could we explain this a little more clearly?  
Putting your current contingency plans on paper. Are they optimized? Ideal?  
Discussion leader: *Jeff Walsingham, Corporate Healthcare Strategy, UPS*
- 11.30**  **Small Group Breakout Discussions**  
**A) Process Considerations for Cryogenic Shipping of Cell-Based and Other Biologics**  
Ultra-low shipping can be challenging, especially for newer applications in personalized cellular therapies and regenerative medicines. This discussion will examine considerations for liquid nitrogen safety, label adhesion and primary container integrity at cryogenic temperatures, and the importance of relationships, documentation, and training with logistics partners.  
Discussion Leader: *Craig Vermeyen, Sr. Manager, Packaging Engineering, Kite Pharma*  
**B) GDP and GMPs for Temperature Sensitive APIs: Considering New 2018 FDA Guidance In-Practice**  
- Who is ultimately responsible for the quality control of APIs? Biopharma, courier or CMO?  
- Best practices for meeting the standards through quality agreements.  
Discussion leader: *Robert Cook, VP Operations, Argonaut Manufacturing Services*  
**C) Using Stability Data in Your Temperature Control Chain to Reduce Cost and QA Time**  
False excursions happen all the time due to handling errors at healthcare sites. This discussion will discuss how to avoid them; and also, how to use stability data to manage Time of Refrigeration (TOR) and stability budget allowances. Let's share experiences on what regulators are accepting.  
*Discussion leader TBC*
- 12.30** Lunch



## Seminar Agenda | Tuesday September 11<sup>th</sup> | Afternoon

**01.30****Community Forum Discussion: Controlled Room Temperature Shipping**

- CRT vs. Ambient. Clarity on definitions.
- Educating internal departments and external partners
- Discussion - how to ship CRT and validate system according to regulatory requirements
- Shipping outside US
- CRT warehouse facilities maintain processes differently
- Best practices for CRT based on stability data
- CRT raw materials and APIs

Invited: *Jerry Ferracamo*, Product Development Manager, **Inmark**

**02.10****Interactive Presentation: Ensuring Data Integrity in the Clinical Supply Chain in a Biologics World**

- Considering USP and global regulations for clinical supply, MKT use and data integrity
- Using stability data for clinical shipment strategies including widening shipping ranges and using multi-level monitoring – what is an allowable excursion?
- Better control of healthcare clinical site processes, including more efficient alarm handling
- Handling ultra-cold temperature shipments and their data monitoring challenges
- Steps to gaining greater visibility into lanes and partner performance using temperature data including dashboard views for teams

*Jeroen van Loo*, Global Account Manager, **ELPRO**

**02.50****Networking break****03.20****Small Group Breakout Discussions****A) Qualifying Thermal Blankets for Cost-Effective CRT Shipping**

Thermal blankets can be an attractive protective solution for lower cost CRT products. However, does the data prove sufficient temperature control? What are the transport considerations and challenges by handlers in the supply chain? Are there best practices for PQ/OQ testing?

Discussion Leader: *Carmichael Galang*, Senior Cold Chain Project Manager, **Bayer AG**

**B) Quality Control Practices in Facilities Storing Biologics**

Today's temperature sensitive healthcare products come in a wide variety of shapes, sizes and of course temperature. This discussion will discuss challenges staying current with biopharma company's requirements in a storage facility for CRT products and ultra-cold shipments; while ensuring the facility is GxP compliant. Preventing cold storage humidity and ice is critical. Is there standard monitoring equipment to ensure mechanical equipment is in working order?

**C) Import Export & Customs Acceptance and Best Practices**

Shipping tightly controlled biologics materials and products can be a tricky business at the borders. With no time to waste, customs practices and documentation must be in place. There is no free flow of goods in the pharmaceutical world. This discussion will focus on common errors and experiences shipping small parcels and bulk ingredients internationally.

**04.20****Personalized Medicines and Healthcare Last Mile Challenges**

- Challenges with new shipments on dry ice and LN2
  - How to design product packaging being controlled by patients
  - Monitoring irreplaceable personalized medicines through until patient consumption.
  - Evaluating real-time monitoring cost, vs. operational advantages- vs. other monitoring approaches.
  - How does the patient know it's safe to use?
  - Educating the last miles – pharmacies hospitals how to handle temperature-controlled shipments
- Speaker TBC*

**05.00****Closing remarks****05.15****Patio Party (outdoors weather permitting)****07.00****Seminar end**



## About the Seminar Hosts



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