

Programme Overview

Tokyo • 16–18 March 2027

Tuesday 16 March • Pre-Conference & Welcome	
08:00–08:30	Boot Camp Registration Open
08:30–16:30	Boot Camp: Understanding the Essentials of the Clinical Supply Chain and VAT / IOR & International Shipment Workflows
12:00–13:00	Lunch
13:00–15:00	Exhibitor Registration & Set Up
15:00–17:30	Registration Open – Lobby
16:00–16:30	Presenters / Workshop Facilitators Orientation
17:45–18:15	Start the Asia Pacific Conference Right! – Conference Orientation
18:30–20:30	GCSG Meet & Greet Networking Event

Wednesday 17 March • Day 1	
07:30–09:00	Registration Open – Exhibitor Displays Open
09:00–09:30	Welcome & Opening Remarks
09:30–10:30	Keynote Presentation
10:45–11:45	Workshop Session 1
12:00–13:00	Workshop Session 2
13:00–14:00	Lunch & Exhibitor Displays Open
14:00–15:00	Workshop Session 3
15:15–16:15	Patient Testimonial
16:15–16:30	Closing Remarks
16:30–18:15	Vendor Reception
19:00–22:30	GCSG Evening Event

Thursday 18 March • Day 2	
08:00–09:00	Registration Open – Exhibitor Displays Open
09:00–09:15	Opening Remarks
09:15–10:15	Plenary: Innovative Approaches to Clinical Trial Supply Chain using AI and Machine Learning
10:30–11:30	Workshop Session 4
11:45–12:45	Workshop Session 5
12:45–13:45	Lunch & Exhibitor Displays Open
13:45–14:45	Workshop Session 6
15:00–16:00	Panel: Ensuring Clinical Supply Continuity – Strategies for Navigating Global Disruptions
16:00–16:15	Closing Remarks, Survey Completion & Prize Draws

Programme is subject to change. Full details, speaker information and workshop descriptions will be published closer to the event. Boot Camp is an optional pre-conference deep-dive.

Session Catalogue

B = Beginner, I = Intermediate, A = Advanced

Boot Camps • Tuesday 16 March

Optional full-day deep-dives (registration separate).

BC01 – Essentials of Clinical Supply (Beginner)

08:30–16:30 • Akemi A

This beginner-level class is geared toward people new to the clinical trial supplies world and focuses on drug development as well as planning for and delivering a study drug for clinical trial. Topics include history of cGMPs, phases of drug development and approval, randomizing and blinding, quality assurance and documentation, protocol interpretation, labeling, SOPs, GDPs, drug accountability, and current regulations. Attendees will obtain a massive amount of information in a fun and interactive atmosphere.

BC02 – Artificial Intelligence (AI) Foundations

08:30–16:30 • Akemi B

An engaging beginner-level bootcamp that explores how AI is transforming Pharma R&D and the Clinical Trial Supply Chain. From the evolution of AI to today's machine learning and generative AI tools, participants will discover practical applications for supply planning, forecasting, inventory management, and risk mitigation. Bring your laptop for interactive exercises and real-world scenarios.

Plenary Sessions

Included in conference registration.

Keynote Presentation

Wednesday 17 March • 09:30–10:30

Patient Testimonial

Wednesday 17 March • 15:15–16:15

Plenary – Art or Science, now with AI: Demand Planning for Clinical Supply in Japan and APAC

Thursday 18 March • 09:15–10:15 • Club Fuji

Explore strategies for managing supply constraints in clinical trials, with a focus on comparator sourcing and inventory planning across Japan and the broader APAC region. Review real-world constraints and planning tactics to protect patient dosing and study continuity.

Panel – Horror Stories: Trials and Tribulations – What Went Wrong!

Thursday 18 March • 15:00–16:00 • Club Fuji

This facilitated panel discussion uses real-world clinical supply “horror stories” to explore what can go wrong during trial planning and execution, including forecasting misses, importation delays, labeling issues, temperature excursions, vendor handoffs, and communication gaps. Discuss root causes, recovery actions, and prevention strategies.

Workshops

Optional concurrent sessions. Each topic runs twice (select one time). Levels: (B) Beginner • (I) Intermediate • (A) Advanced

WS01 – China Trial Supply: Importation Challenges and Considerations (B)

Wed 17 Mar 10:45–11:45 (Akemi A) • Thu 18 Mar 10:30–11:30 (Akemi B)

Beginner-level overview of importation challenges and operational considerations for supplying clinical trials in China. Covers regulatory expectations, customs documentation, local distribution, labeling and release, and common cycle-time risks.

WS02 – VAT Import and Export (I)

Wed 17 Mar 10:45–11:45 (Irifune A) • Thu 18 Mar 10:30–11:30 (Irifune B)

Intermediate workshop on Value Added Tax (VAT) and Importer of Record (IOR) considerations. Learn regulatory requirements, compliance strategies, cost management, and how to streamline international logistics.

WS03 – Key Challenges in Designing and Delivering Post-Trial Access Programs (A)

Wed 17 Mar 10:45–11:45 (Irifune B) • Thu 18 Mar 13:45–14:45

Explore operational, regulatory, and supply chain considerations of Post-Trial Access (PTA) programs, including global distribution, long-term forecasting, and evolving regulations in this advanced workshop. Real-world case studies included.

WS04 – Advanced Therapies and the Unique Supply Chain Challenges They Present (I)

Wed 17 Mar 10:45–11:45 (Akemi B) • Thu 18 Mar 13:45–14:45 (Akemi A)

Dissect end-to-end advanced therapy supply chains, identify risks, and explore innovative solutions to mitigate their impact.

WS05 – Sustainability in Clinical Trial Supplies (B)

Wed 17 Mar 12:00–13:00 (Akemi A) • Thu 18 Mar 11:45–12:45 (Akemi B)

Strategies to reduce environmental impact, manage waste efficiently, and optimize resource use throughout the clinical trial lifecycle while aligning operational efficiency with sustainability goals.

WS06 – Managing Supply Constraints: Comparator Sourcing and Inventory Planning in Japan and APAC (A)

Wed 17 Mar 12:00–13:00 (Irifune A) • Thu 18 Mar 11:45–12:45 (Irifune B)

Advanced workshop using practical strategies for comparator sourcing, inventory planning, and supply risk mitigation across Japan and the APAC region. Real-world challenges and case studies.

WS07 – Drug Accountability and Destruction at Study Closeout – Variances within APAC (I)

Wed 17 Mar 12:00–13:00 (Irifune B) • Thu 18 Mar 11:45–12:45 (Irifune A)

Examine how country requirements, site practices, documentation, return pathways, and sponsor oversight vary across APAC, and how to plan early to avoid closeout delays.

WS08 – Designing IRT for Clinical Supply Success: From Requirements to Study Execution (B)

Wed 17 Mar 12:00–13:00 (Akemi B) • Thu 18 Mar 11:45–12:45 (Akemi A)

Focus on Interactive Response Technology for randomization, inventory, site resupply, dispensing, accountability, and supply visibility. Explore design decisions, configuration risks, and UAT considerations.

WS09 – Conducting Trials in Europe: The Role of the QP and What to Expect from an Overseas Manufacturer Perspective (I)

Wed 17 Mar 14:00–15:00 (Akemi A) • Thu 18 Mar 13:45–14:45 (Akemi B)

Overview of QP responsibilities, certification and release expectations, documentation inputs, importation considerations, and practical ways to reduce delays when supplying IMPs into Europe.

WS10 – Managing Emerging Therapies: GLP-1, Autoinjector to Tablet, Managing DTP (I)

Wed 17 Mar 14:00–15:00 (Irifune A) • Thu 18 Mar 13:45–14:45 (Irifune B)

Clinical supply considerations for emerging therapies including GLP-1 products, autoinjectors, device-enabled treatments, oral formulations, and direct-to-patient models.

WS11 – Pharmacy Manual in Clinical Trials: Purpose and Scope (B)

Wed 17 Mar 14:00–15:00 (Akemi B) • Thu 18 Mar 10:30–11:30 (Akemi A)

Collaborative, beginner-friendly introduction to the purpose and scope of the Pharmacy Manual. How it supports investigational product management, patient safety, regulatory compliance, and consistent execution.

WS12 – Handling Stress in Leadership (B)

Wed 17 Mar 14:00–15:00 (Irifune B) • Thu 18 Mar 10:30–11:30 (Irifune A)

Practical strategies for leading with resilience, maintaining team engagement, and making confident decisions under pressure. Real-world clinical supply scenarios and leadership insights.

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