PDA Membership
Connecting People, Science and Regulation®

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What is PDA?

The Parenteral Drug Association (PDA) is the leading global provider of science, technology and regulatory information and education for the pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical community. Founded in 1946 as a nonprofit organization, PDA is committed to developing scientifically sound, practical technical information and resources to advance science and regulation through the expertise of its more than 9,500 members worldwide.
Welcome to PDA!

As Director of Membership, I work closely with members from around the world and within various areas of the pharmaceutical industry. Members express to me all the time how much PDA has benefited them by developing their technical skills and building relationships with leading experts. As members connect with other members, they find solutions to common problems and have even moved up in their careers. As a result, I’ve heard countless success stories and words of gratitude from volunteers for the opportunities PDA afforded them, including the ones you see pictured within this brochure. I encourage you to read through this guide to learn more about how you can take advantage of the benefits, services and networking available to you. When you’re ready to work on your own success story, contact me to get involved with PDA!

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“Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results.” —Andrew Carnegie
Networking and Volunteering Opportunities

How can PDA help you connect with others in your field?

PDA has industry leading conferences and workshops worldwide where you can interact with your peers in industry, academia and the regulatory arena. There are many opportunities to volunteer in the planning of these activities.

Get Involved!

We offer a variety of opportunities to participate in throughout the year including: speaking engagements through conferences and courses, reviewing a technical document, writing articles, planning a meeting, participating on a task force or answering technical questions as a subject matter expert.

Volunteer Highlight: Program Planning

Work with industry and regulatory officials to plan one of our conferences with various health authorities. For more than 20 years, PDA has planned conferences with representatives of regulatory agencies from the US, EU, UK, Ireland, China, Germany, Japan, France and many others.

Our membership includes more than 200 members from various regulatory authorities

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Participating in program planning for PDA conferences allows me to stay current on industry standards, network with colleagues and friends (both old and new) and allows me access to work directly with regulators.

M A R S H A H A R D I M A N

- Senior Manager, 
  Biological Services – Medtronic
- Member Since 2000
- Current Location – Santa Ana, CA
- Originally From – Connecticut, USA
- Planning Committee Leader
Industry and Regulatory Resources

Interested in being part of a team that is on the pulse of leading trends for both industry and regulations?

PDA Technical Reports are global consensus documents that cover a wide variety of subjects relating to pharmaceutical production, validation and quality assurance. PDA develops comments on proposed new initiatives advanced by global regulatory agencies to help ensure that new rules and guidances have a strong science base. As a technical report team or advisory board member, you have the opportunity to contribute to PDA Technical Reports and to comment on proposed regulations and guidances.

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The PDA Training and Research Institute (PDA TRI) offers more than 35 training courses based on PDA’s Technical Reports. Our most popular course is on Aseptic Processing! Visit www.pda.org/courses to learn more.

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PDA has members from industry, academia and government working on more than 50 active task forces contributing to the publication of PDA Technical Reports.
“Working on PDA Task Forces gives me the opportunity to articulate my opinion about issues important to our industry, but it is also very rewarding to hear other perspectives from my fellow PDA members.”

NORBERT HENTSCHEL

- Director Global Technical QA Biopharma – Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma GmbH & Co. KG
- Member Since 1992
- Current Location – Biberach/Riss, Germany
- Advisory Board Leader, Task Force Member
PDA Leader-Level Engagement Opportunities

How can volunteering benefit my career?

Rising through the ranks of PDA volunteer opportunities, you will broaden your network of contacts and industry experts which will help you advance your career. Association leadership includes members of steering committees, leaders of interest groups and chapters, members of Advisory Boards, and ultimately PDA’s Board of Directors. These groups participate in addressing the highest priority issues for the profession.

Volunteer Leader Spotlight

“One of the ways you differentiate yourself within your company is being involved in an association like PDA. Then, the key to success is getting involved. Get involved on a committee. Speak at a conference. Write an article. Leveraging your volunteering with PDA helps build your relationships with people.”

Lisa Skeens

- VP, Global Regulatory Affairs – Hospira
- Member Since 1995
- Current Location – Lake Forest, IL
- PDA Board Member
Lisa Skeens’ Career and PDA Volunteer Highlights

- Career begins at Baxter
- Lisa joins PDA
- Elected to Board of Directors (2000–2008)
- Elected Secretary of Executive Committee
- Elected to RAQAB
- Chair of the PDA International Congress
- Vice President of Global Regulatory Affairs, Baxter
- Chair of RAQAB
- Associate Director of Global Regulatory Affairs, Baxter
- Chair of PDA/FDA Joint Conference
- Member of PDA/FDA Joint Conference Program Planning Committee
- Manager of Global Regulatory Affairs, Baxter
- Co-Chair of PDA Annual Meeting
- Member of Annual Meeting Program Planning Committee
- Vice President of Global Regulatory Affairs, Hospira
- Presenter at the 2012 PDA Annual Meeting
- Elected to Board of Directors (2009–Present)
Your Local PDA Connection

Are you curious about the issues unique to your region?

Another layer of PDA leadership resides at the grassroots level in the Chapter organizations. Regional PDA Chapters provide local services to the membership, including translations of PDA publications, networking social events, student scholarship and annual regulatory and technical conferences. Each Chapter is managed by volunteer leaders.

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The PDA Japan Chapter is the largest international chapter with over 800 members, and has been a strong supporter of PDA for the past 20 years!
I’ve been a member of PDA since 1998, first as a QC Microbiologist, then for the past twelve years as a vendor. I’ve grown my network by connecting with potential customers at national events and through my involvement with my local chapter. My customers identify with me as a peer and know I’m interested in the same things as them thanks to the knowledge I’ve gained through PDA.

LARA SOLTIS

- Regional Sales Manager – Texwipe
- Member Since 1998
- Current Location – Rockaway, NJ
- PDA Metro Chapter President
Technical Resources

Looking to learn more about current hot topics in the industry?

PDA connects you to more technical resources than anywhere else to help you find solutions to the challenges you face.

Member Exclusive Subscriptions:

- **Technical Reports** – global technical documents prepared by volunteers comprised of scientists, engineers, regulatory authorities and academia.
- **New Benefit Added – Technical Report Portal** – In this portal, PDA members are able to view the complete library of PDA Technical Reports (TR) for free!
- **PDA Training and Research Institute (PDA TRI)** – Get high quality training and unprecedented worldwide education, training and research opportunities in pharmaceutical and biopharmaceutical sciences and associated technologies.
  - We provide hands-on, intensive, job-focused training that can be applied immediately on the job. Go to [www.pda.org/courses](http://www.pda.org/courses) for a listing of current courses being offered.
  - Our training facility in Bethesda, Maryland is fully equipped to allow students to gain experience operating equipment typically used in the manufacture and testing of drug products.
  - Get customized training that meets your specific needs and save time and money on travel by requesting in-house training.
- **PDA Journal of Pharmaceutical Science and Technology** – Our peer-reviewed journal publishes leading scientific research pertaining to pharmaceutical manufacturing, testing and control. [www.pda.org/journal](http://www.pda.org/journal)
- **PDA Letter** – Your free association newsletter [www.pda.org/pdaletter](http://www.pda.org/pdaletter)

The PDA TR Portal has more than 40 technical reports. Available topics include: validation of pharmaceutical filters, sterilization technologies, non-conformities in glass vials and ampoules, pharmaceutical microbiology, process validation, cold chain and quality risk management.

PDA has trained regulators from more than 15 authorities from around the world.

The greatest value I get from PDA membership is the opportunity to intellectually interact with the best scientific and technical minds, the thought leaders in our industry and in regulatory agencies. To get the distilled knowledge of these experts in concise collaborative Technical Reports is invaluable. As our industry continues to globalize, the value and need for these Technical Reports will continue to grow and now that the Technical Reports are a free benefit... it is just unbeatable.

ANIL SAWANT

- Vice President, Compliance – Johnson & Johnson Consumer Companies, Inc.
- Member Since 1992
- Current Location – Skillman, NJ
- Originally From – Pune, India
- Advisory Board Member, Task Force Leader
Volunteer Opportunities at PDA

**Leadership**

- PDA Executive Officers
- Director
- Scientific Advisory Board
- Biotechnology Advisory Board
- Regulatory Affairs and Quality Advisory Board
- PDA Committee Chair/Co-Chair
- Task Force Co-Chair

- Author/Contributor to the PDA Letter
- Author/Contributor to the PDA Journal
- Poster Presenter
- Attend Chapter Committee/Planning Meetings
- Technical Report Peer Reviewer
- Speaker
- Chapter Leader
- Task Force Member
- TRI Instructor
- Interest Group Leader

**PDA Committees:**

- Program Planning Committee
- Membership Committee
- PDA Letter Committee
- TRI Committee

**Getting Involved**

- Over 1,000 volunteers worldwide actively carry out PDA’s Mission

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Full Member Benefits Summary

1. View over 40 Technical Reports in our new online TR Portal for free!

2. Network with regulators and industry experts through PDA events and volunteer opportunities.

3. Read the latest research on the *PDA Journal of Pharmaceutical Science and Technology* website.

4. Catch up on industry and Association news with the *PDA Letter*.

5. Grow your local network and learn about issues affecting your region through chapter involvement.

6. Gain access to professional resources like our Online Membership Directory and PDA Career Center.

7. Take advantage of discounts on conferences, courses and books.
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