

# Should I choose Good Clinical Practice Online training or a Seminar?



Astra Nova Ltd. has been taking care of the training preparation of thousands of clinical research professionals in the past couple of years. We are happy to assist companies as well as individuals in making sure they follow regulations in the right and, of course, the most efficient way. One of the key topics people have been focusing on is that of Good Clinical Practice trainings. With the technological progress we became witnesses of a tremendous educational turn in the pharmaceutical industry as well, where more and more training topics are now online instead of the traditional in-house form. But with this article we decided to provide you with a short overview of the advantages and disadvantages of Good Clinical Practice online and onsite courses, so that you can make the best choice for you and your company:

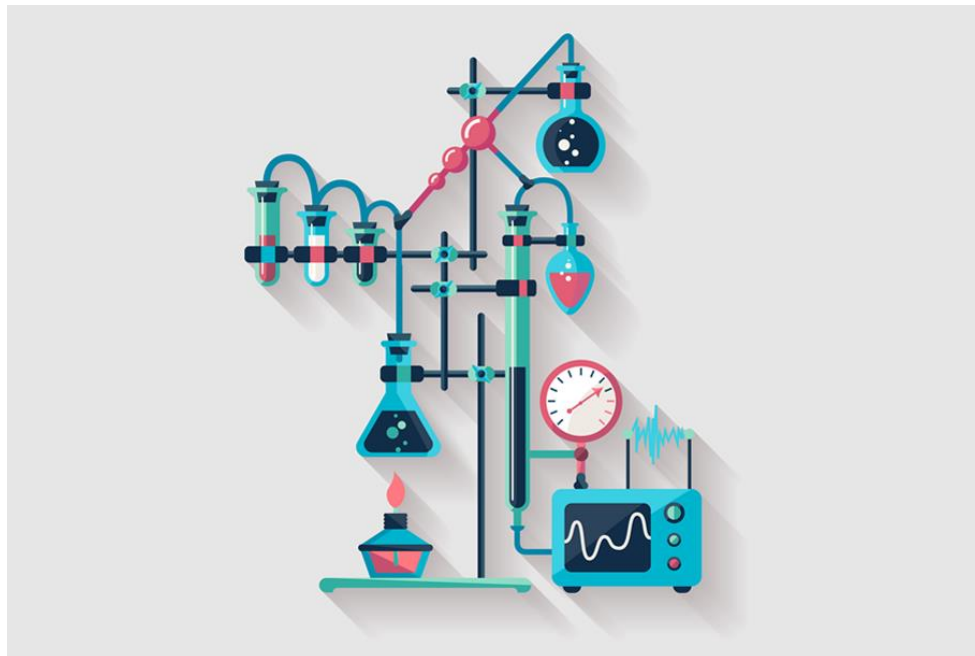
## 1. Good Clinical Practice online training:

The online training is the most convenient form of education as it allows you to perform the course **at any convenient time for you**. In a matter of a few hours clinical research professionals can read the materials and do some exercises and then be able to complete a short exam to prove their knowledge. This is especially needed when we organize the training for hundreds of people from one and the same company, because this way they won't spend one day in training and can focus on their daily important tasks.

You will ask us then: "OK, it seems easy and comfortable? **Am I really going to understand the Good Clinical Practice guidelines?**" -Well, yes, most of the online courses follow a strict agenda provided by regulatory authorities like [FDA](#), [MHRA](#), [BfarM](#) etc. There are few other institutions like [TransCelerate Biopharma Inc.](#), which has some additional requirements in terms of understanding the ICH GCP regulations. This means that if you find an online course in Good Clinical Practice that has followed the instructions by the authorities and has been

approved by other organizations, it will definitely make you go through the most important aspects of ICH GCP and will make sure you understand the GCP workflow and documentation.

***NB! Please make sure the training agenda is on the actual certificate, because this is one of the key requirements of auditors and inspectors.***



Another advantage of the Good Clinical Practice online training is the fact that **you can use the training materials even after you have been certified**. With the help of modern e-learning tools you can bookmark useful facts and always go back. You have your own notes, which are safely kept in your online profile. That means you can use this training for writing your private thoughts on a project which you are currently working on or even general questions you might want to research later on.

If you are the person of your company that needs to take care of the ICH GCP training for a whole bunch of people, you would love to have access to **e-learning administrative options**, which help you deliver the training to the right colleagues, control the learning progress and have access to certificates, reporting tools etc.

If we need to summarize the advantages of online training: **time flexibility, user-friendliness, official certification**;

***NB! If you would like to test how a Good Clinical Practice online training looks like, please feel free to try our free full preview [here](#).***

## **2. Good Clinical Practice onsite training (seminar)**

At Astra Nova Ltd., we have been often asked to set up a **customized Good Clinical Practice In-house training** for a group of people from a specific company. This usually means that we provide this organization with a list of several experts that are qualified for performing this lecture and the company decides who of them is the right choice. Most of the times the attendees have the same background and need same level of ICH GCP understanding, but it happens that we have prepared the same training for hundreds of people coming from

different departments or even organizations. From our experience, onsite training in Good Clinical Practice is great for:

- **Customized Good Clinical Practice onsite training:** When you have an expert In-house you can amend your agenda so that it fully fits your company's needs. You might want to have an *Advanced ICH GCP session including workshop* where people will get some practical experience working on different cases and documents, but it is also very useful to have *Good Clinical Practice Local Regulations*, because in many countries like Germany and the United Kingdom there are some specific requirements on behalf of the governmental institutions you might want to consider too. Of course there are also many other topics like: *Good Clinical Practice for monitors or investigators*, so you can check with your colleagues once again before making the final decision.

**NB! If you want to see many other possible In-house training topics, please look some suggestions [here](#):**

- **Personal approach:** It is always better to have an expert in front of you who could answer your questions immediately. You can also interact with the rest of the attendees, do some brain-storming or even listen to their comments and you might hear something you haven't even thought about before.

We can speak a lot about other aspects of the online and onsite Good Clinical Practice training and we hope that no matter which one you choose, you will benefit from all their advantages.



**We would love to hear your opinion on which form of a training you would prefer and why?**

Meanwhile if you haven't decided which training you should go ahead with, we can recommend you another modern way of getting Good Clinical Practice certificate, which combines the time flexibility and the customized approach- the WEBINAR, something you will read in our next articles.

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