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- February 5: [Line Clearance in Pharmaceutical Packaging and Manufacturing Seminar](#) (Manchester, UK). This event will clarify the complex issues surrounding line clearance and explain how to improve line clearance operations to meet current best industry standards. Speakers will include former MHRA inspector Liz Allanson, Kevin O'Donnell of the Irish Medicines Board, and Andrew Long of TMG Marchesini UK.
- February 11–13: [QA–QC Strategy for Biologics and Biopharmaceuticals](#) (Malvern, PA). This course is designed for management and professional staff involved in quality assurance (QA) and quality control (QC) support for biologics and biopharmaceuticals. The event will be helpful to QA and QC, management, regulatory-affairs, manufacturing, process-development, and analytical-development professionals.
- February 12–16: [Pharma World Expo 2009](#) (Mumbai, India). The event, supported by CHEMTECH Foundation, will display state-of-the-art technologies, equipment, accessories, and services from national and international players in the pharmaceutical industry. The concurrent International Conferences will examine issues of topical interest to pharmaceutical professionals.
- February 24–26: [Fundamentals of Blending, Compression, and Coating of Tablets and Tooling](#) (St. Charles, MO). Developed for individuals involved in the tablet-manufacturing industry that desire to improve their fundamental skills, this course is designed to maximize attendees' knowledge of tablet manufacturing, tooling care, and tablet presses.
- February 26–27: [Handling Deviations](#) (San Diego, CA). Industry experts will outline the essential ingredients to identify, investigate, and resolve deviations. Participants can choose among case studies such as deviations in stability studies, deviation

management and recovery in manufacturing, deviation within the quality-control laboratory, and controlling variability through Lean Six Sigma.

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