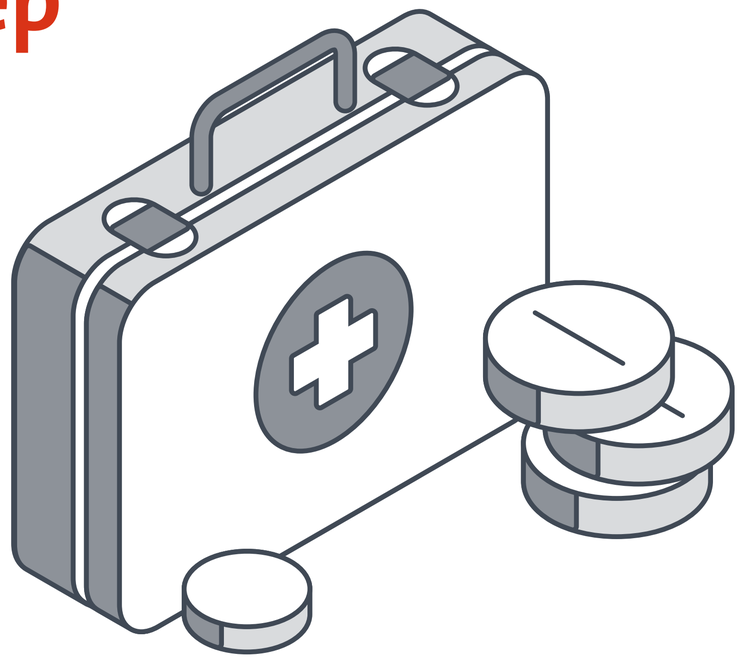
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Patenting seminar on inventive step in the field of pharmacy

Programme | 22 May 2026 – 02 June 2026



Format - **Online course**

Course reference - **OS02-2026**

Level - **Advanced**

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Description

The patenting seminars comprise short technical online seminars about specific aspects of substantive examination or search in different technical fields. This year's second seminar focuses on advanced challenges encountered when assessing the inventiveness of an invention in the field of pharmacy: clinical studies, second medical use, dosage regimen and new clinical situation.

Each seminar comprises two online sessions: a theoretical session followed by a practical one. The two sessions are usually about one week apart, during which participants and experts can interact via a dedicated forum.

The first session of each seminar is open to patent examiners and patent attorneys, while the second is reserved for patent examiners only.

Technical requirements

The online sessions will be held on Zoom.
All times given in the programme are CET.

Duration

4 hours of online sessions, 4 hours of self-study

Tuesday, 26 May 2026

EPO tutors:
Sally Collins
Sebastian Bareyt

EPO moderator:
Astrid Langer

09:20	*Zoom link activated*
09:30	**Claim categories, advantages, scope of protection** *Sébastian Bareyt*
10:15	**Q&A**
10:45	**Clinical Trials, expectation of success** *Sally Colins*
11:30	**Q&A**
12:00	*End of session*

Tuesday, 02 June 2026

EPO tutors:
Sally Collins
Sebastian Bareyt

09:20	*Zoom link activated*
09:30	**Case study - problem solution approach**
10:45	**Examples regarding clinical trials**
12:00	*End of session*