

Exclusive speaker interview released with Sumitomo Rubber ahead of Pre-filled Syringes West Coast 2019

In the run-up to PFS WC in June, SMi caught up with Douglas Cusato from Sumitomo Rubber to discuss his presentation, current challenges and the upcoming event

LONDON, CA, UNITED KINGDOM, March 5, 2019 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The 4th annual [Pre-Filled Syringes West Coast](#) conference will return to San Diego, USA, on June 3rd-4th 2019, which will gather a global audience of medical device experts and PFS industry leaders to discuss new developments and showcase the latest and advancements.

SMi Group are pleased to have caught up with Douglas Cusato, Director of Medical Rubber Business, Sumitomo Rubber, just ahead of the conference.

A snapshot of the interview below:

Q: What are the key challenges if any facing the PFS USA market place?

A: "The challenges of the US PFS market will be in line with the future strategy for pharma and providing solutions to existing challenges. This includes, managing challenges linked with personalized medicines such as much smaller batch sizes and essential zero tolerance for scrape due to the super high value of the drug products, improved accessibility of legacy drugs which will drive needs for cost reduction initiatives (cost conscious). With regards to providing solutions to existing problems, industry still has a lot of room to improve including lowering visible and subvisible particulates, controlling and/or eliminating silicone oil and providing viable solutions for the growing compounding pharmacy market."

Q: What current hot topic will you be addressing in your presentation and what would you say



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makes it relevant to 2019?

A: "Reducing patient and development project risks within innovative elastomeric components. The presentation starts with a review of an industry survey regarding the challenges in development of PFS type systems. Knowing the challenges from an industry consensus point of view, I try to make solid relationships between the real-life challenges we experience, and the strengths linked with recent innovations. Lastly, I try to bring the picture full circle via a review of our recent verification studies the Sumitomo's innovative MP silicone free stopper technology."

Q: Where do you think the biggest growth area will be in 2019?

A: "Wearables and other large volume injection devices, smart devices that support interconnected drug delivery solutions and various platforms to support personalized medicines."

For the full speaker interview and event brochure including the full two-day agenda and speaker line-up, please visit <http://www.prefilled-syringes-westcoast.com/einpr3>

This year's conference will feature more presentations from industry professionals to provide attendees with the expertise to overcome the challenges of the PFS industry.

There is also an interactive half-day post workshop (June 5th 2019) on 'The secrets to uncovering and addressing design flaws before usability testing' led by Shannon E. Clark, founder and CEO of UserWise.

Take advantage of the \$200 Early Bird discount on bookings expiring on March 29th 2019.

Register for the conference and/or workshop at <http://www.prefilled-syringes-westcoast.com/einpr3>

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