Global Medical Affairs Director, Autoimmune Diseases

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The Global Medical Affairs Director develops and implements strategic and operational TAs Global Medical Affairs programs, with a focus on innovative evidence and/or launch readiness and/or post-market solutions, including medical affairs planning and execution of the medical/scientific engagement strategy addressing and delivering strategic pre-launch and launch medical activities needs for patient, clinical, access and value to health care systems -Provides expertise in the development and execution of the overarching strategies, providing inputs during design and along the end-to-end execution of programs -Develops and executes the Integrated Evidence Plan (IEP)/functional specific programs to maximize the value proposition for the prioritized launch portfolio and impact of our medicines.

About the Role

LOCATION: London, Dublin, Barcelona.
ROLE TYPE: Hybrid Working, #LI-Hybrid

The Global Medical Affairs Director develops and implements strategic and operational Therapeutic Areas (TAs) Global Medical Affairs programs.
Focused on innovative evidence and launch readiness along with post-market solutions, including medical affairs planning and execution of the medical/scientific engagement strategy.

They address and deliver strategic pre-launch and launch medical activities needs for patient, clinical, access and value to health care systems.

Providing expertise in the development and execution of the overarching strategies and providing inputs during design and along the end-to-end execution of programs. They also develop and execute the Integrated Evidence Plan (IEP)/functional specific programs to maximize the value proposition for the prioritized launch portfolio and impact of our medicines.

Major Accountabilities:

- Lead medical–scientific input for Global Medical Affairs studies: evidence gap and competitor analyses; study planning, execution and reporting; authoring study documents (concepts, protocols, SAP/DAP, CRFs, reports, publications); advisory board and training materials; ongoing medical review and interpretation (Phase IIIB–IV, PMS, NIS, RWE); act as key medical contact.
- Serve as a disease-area medical and scientific expert for internal stakeholders (PMAT, GCT, ISRC, Research, Device, Marketing, Patient Access, Country Organisations) and external stakeholders (HCPs, PAGs).
- Co-develop Brand/Franchise Medical Affairs strategy and plan; shape programme/brand publication plans with Scientific Communications; provide medical leadership to new product and pipeline activities.
- Lead and support evidence generation across RWE and HEOR in collaboration with RWE/HEOR leaders and Country Medical teams.
- Provide medical input and support for education and communications: speaker training, medical expert engagement, pre-/launch activities; create and review scientific materials in partnership with Scientific Communications.
- Enable Global Field Medical Excellence: supply up-to-date content and training for MSLs and Country Medical Affairs; support implementation of key Field Medical processes and discuss outcomes to drive actions; develop content for digital tools.
- Provide medical input across programme deliverables: Medical Affairs sections of IDP/CDP; support regions/countries on local Medical Affairs clinical programmes and pre-launch; value dossiers and payer advisory participation; global guidance and NEETs; review publications; input to PSURs/DSURs.
- Ensure medical accuracy, compliance and approvals for promotional and non-promotional global materials; deputise for the Executive Medical Director across PMAT/GCT/GPT, regional alignment, internal decision boards and external activities.

Essential Requirements:

- Medical Degree (MD)
- Specialist Degree or specialist qualification related to Rheumatology.

- Pharmaceutical Industry with experience in Medical Affairs at global level and/or Clinical Development
- Firm working knowledge of Clinical Trials, including Good Clinical Practice (GCP,) scientific and clinical methodology, protocol designs, management and regulatory requirements for clinical studies designated for review by regulatory authorities
- Deep understanding of health care systems and key external stakeholders
- Critical thinker, agile mindset, ability to navigate uncertainty without major supervision, ability to truly collaborate across functions and markets (serve-partner-co-create) and a strong track record of delivery focus for time and quality in medical affairs projects
- Successful development and implementation of innovative programs and processes
- Understands unmet medical needs, generates the right evidence to fulfil them, uses innovative, multichannel communication formats for effective evidence dissemination
- Credibility as peer expert with external stakeholders; Patient interaction and engagement experience.

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United Kingdom

London (The Westworks)

Company / Legal Entity
GB16 (FCRS = GB016) Novartis Pharmaceuticals UK Ltd.

Alternative Location 1
Barcelona Gran Ví a, Spain

Functional Area
Research & Development

Job Type
Full time

Employment Type
Regular

Shift Work
No

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