

Head Vendor Alliance - Clinical Outsourcing Services

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USA

Summary

The Head Vendor Alliance (HVA), Clinical Outsourcing Services is responsible for ensuring excellence in vendor service delivery through collaboration with internal and external partners. Working closely with Vendor Program Strategy Directors (VPSD), the HVA defines effective vendor strategies, proactively reduces risks, and leads multidisciplinary External Relationship Management Teams to ensure best-in-class service delivery and accelerate study timelines. The HVA establishes strategic vendor alliances, manages vendor performance and compliance, and acts as a business partner to country organizations, addressing region-specific vendor issues, risks, and projects to improve site and patient experiences.

About the Role

ACCOUNTABILITIES

- Collaborates with VPSD to define and implement global and local vendor strategies, optimizing service delivery and reducing costs.
- Manages vendor footprint and ensures strategic selection and qualification of preferred vendors to address service gaps and support local vendor involvement.
- Provides category expertise to support local vendor issue resolutions, standardizing service delivery, and accelerating study start-up cycle times.
- Proactively identifies and mitigates vendor and service risks, driving continuous improvement and alignment with GCO-funded studies and enterprise goals.
- Leads multiple cross-functional teams, each with a unique service area (e.g., full outsourcing, recruitment/retention, and functional service provider) **OR** (central laboratories, biomarkers, ancillary supplies) to manage vendor services, optimize delivery, and drive innovation and improvements.
- Ensures alignment with Novartis goals and senior leaders, significantly interacting with internal and external stakeholders to enhance communication and partnership.
- Accountable for vendor performance across global vendors, ensuring high-quality services, proactive risk management, and continuous improvement aligned with Novartis goals.

REQUIREMENTS

- 10+ years relevant industry experience (BioPharma or with a clinical research organization) including expertise in clinical operations, management of outsourced trial activities or vendor management accountabilities.
- Significant background in vendor and outsourcing management with preference for extensive experience

within large CRO's and/or large-scale laboratories

- Experience managing large, multi-service vendor partnerships for Pharmaceutical companies or laboratories
- Exposure to working in highly visible, senior / executive level leaderships – background in Business Development along with outsourcing management combined with expertise of clinical development operations
- Excellent understanding of clinical trial methodology, GCP and medical terminology.
- Thorough understanding of clinical research and development including, quality & regulatory standards and policies relevant to defined services.
- Management of virtual teams. Demonstrated ability to lead teams and build capabilities.
- Able to lead diverse service types (outsourced trial services, recruitment services, M&A implementation)
- Demonstrated ability of completing projects on time and within budget.

- Extensive organizational awareness, including significant experience working cross-functionally and in global teams Thorough understanding of contracts (including basic legal understanding of terms and conditions).
- Profound knowledge in finance (understanding of cost drivers for clinical trials) as it relates to contracts and cost reductions.
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Innovative Medicines

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USA

State

New Jersey

Site

East Hanover

Company / Legal Entity

U014 (FCRS = US014) Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation

Functional Area

Research & Development

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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