

Associate Director, Japan Program Management

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Japan

Summary

This is a newly created position regarding the establishment of a clinical translational research hub.

本募集はClinical Translational Research Hub設置に関して新設されるポジションです。

Generally, projects with higher complexity and critical for development.

About the Role

Program/Project Responsibility (Core competencies)

Accountable at Japan project level for:

- Co-leading the Japan Project Team (JPT) together with the JP Physician and the JP CSTL.
- Facilitating the Japan project strategy and timelines as integral part of the IDPA in close collaboration with the global BR program team (BPT), the JP Local Trial Team (LTT), DEV-JP and project relevant local line functions (e.g. Development Unit and Global Project Manager in Japan DEV)
- Accountable for high quality of Japan Project Team's (JPT) deliverables, such as JPT minutes, JPT objectives, and accountable for tollgate presentation in Japan management board
- Ensuring realistic forecasts and timely flagging of forecast variations with rationale for timelines across studies
- Advancement of assigned project by communicating to JPT members and collaborating with GPM
- Scenario planning with clearly defined decision points
- Risk mitigation
- Providing scientific and drug development expertise
- Navigate the decision-making process within the organization
- Ensure effective and efficient communication within and outside of the team.

Impact on the Organization

- Facilitates Japan project team strategy, operational excellence with a focus on quality, accuracy in building and maintaining integrated project plans and resource forecasts in-line with the IDPA and in close collaboration with the global BR program team (BPT)
- Clearly understands the entire Drug Development processes and applied these processes also involving key stakeholders.
- Ensures close collaboration with the BR Early Strategic Partnerships (ESP) team to coordinate external collaborations with internal stakeholders
- Facilitates team interaction and team building towards a high performing team
- Strengthen the collaboration with DEV-Japan to foster timely transition of programs

Minimum Requirements

- Previous track record of success in working with international and multidisciplinary drug development teams

5+ years pharma industry experience

- 5+ years of equivalent multi-/cross-functional leadership experience
- Excellent project / program management skills
- Expert knowledge in oncology research or drug development (including early and late-stage development)

Education:

- Masters or Doctorate in life sciences OR MBA with bachelor's degree OR equivalent experience in life science
- PMP certification (or similar) preferred but not necessary.
- Excellent communication in Japanese and English required (written and spoken).

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Division

Biomedical Research

Business Unit

Universal Hierarchy Node

Location

Japan

Site

Toranomon (NPKK Head Office)

Company / Legal Entity
JP05 (FCRS = JP005) Novartis Pharma K.K.
Functional Area
Research & Development
Job Type
Full time
Employment Type
Regular
Shift Work
No
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