

Principal Statistical Programmer

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About the Role

Key Accountabilities:

- Lead statistical programming activities as Trial Programmer for either a large/pivotal study or several studies, or act as a Lead/Program Programmer for a small to medium sized project in phase I to IV clinical studies in Novartis Global Drug Development.
- Co-ordinate activities of all programmers either internally or externally assigned to the study/project work, mentor other programmers in functional expertise and processes. Make statistical programming decisions/recommendations at study or project level.
- Build and maintain effective working relationship with cross-functional teams, able to summarize and discuss status of deliverables and critical programming aspects (timelines, scope, resource plan), e.g. as member of the extended Clinical Trial Team (CTT).
- Review eCRF, discuss data structures and participate in data review activities as member of the extended CTT.
- Comply with company, department and industry standards (e.g. CDISC) and processes, assess and clarify additional programming requirements at project-level, review and develop programming specifications as part of the analysis plans.
- Provide and implement statistical programming solutions; ensure knowledge sharing.
- In consultation with the Statistician, responsible for development of programming specifications of analysis datasets and pooled datasets.
- Ensure timely and quality development and validation of datasets and outputs for CSRs, regulatory submissions/interactions, safety reports, publications or exploratory analyses (as required) in the assigned drug development study/project according to specifications.
- Responsible for quality control and audit readiness of all assigned statistical programming deliverables as well as accuracy and reliability of statistical analysis results.
- Maintain up-to-date advanced knowledge of programming software (e.g. SAS) as well as industry requirements (e.g. CDISC SDTM/ADaM, eCTD, Define.xml), attend functional meetings and trainings.
- Establish successful working relationship on individual studies with external associates according to agreed contract and internal business guidance
- As assigned, act as subject matter expert (SME) or contribute to process improvement/non-clinical project initiatives with a focus on programming and analysis reporting procedures.

Your experience:

- BA/BS/MS or international equivalent experience in statistics, computer science, mathematics, life sciences or related field
- Experience in a programming role preferably supporting clinical trials/ or in pharmaceutical industry
- Advanced SAS experience and proven skills in the use of SAS within a Statistical Programming environment to develop and validate deliverables
- Advanced experience in contributing to statistical analysis plans and/or constructing technical programming specifications
- Good knowledge of industry standards including CDISC data structures as well as a solid understanding of the development and use of standard programs
- Good understanding of regulatory requirements relevant to Statistical Programming (e.g. GCP, study procedures).
- Good communications and negotiation skills, ability to work well with others globally

- Experience as Trial Programmer, including coordination of internal or external programmers on a given study/project

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Division

DIV_GD

Business Unit

Development

Location

LOC_GB

Site

London (The Westworks)

Company / Legal Entity

GB16 (FCRS = GB016) Novartis Pharmaceuticals UK Ltd.

Functional Area

FCT_RD

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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