

Senior Clinical Trial Leader - Translational Medicine

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About the Role

Key Responsibilities

- Provide scientific and operational leadership for assigned global early-phase clinical trials, with a focus on medium- to high-complexity studies.
- Accountable for end-to-end study delivery from study design through to final reporting.
- Independently lead the clinical protocol development process, serving as author for protocols and related documents in close collaboration with Medical Leads and cross-functional partners.
- Drive study feasibility assessment and operational execution planning to ensure studies are scientifically robust and operationally deliverable.
- Lead and coordinate global, cross-functional Clinical Trial Teams (CTTs), fostering effective collaboration and alignment across functions and geographies.
- Forecast and manage study budgets in partnership with functional colleagues and vendors.
- Lead the ongoing scientific and medical review of clinical trial data, including safety trend analysis, signal detection and interpretation of emerging results.
- Contribute to Clinical Study Reports (CSRs), internal decision documents, publications and external scientific communications.
- Share lessons learned and contribute to continuous improvement of trial delivery and ways of working within CSI and Translational Medicine.
- Act as a positive role model within study teams, supporting effective team dynamics, knowledge sharing and high standards of scientific and operational excellence.

Expected Prior Experience / Competencies

- Bachelor's degree in life sciences or healthcare required; advanced degree (MSc, PhD, PharmD, MD or equivalent) preferred.
- Demonstrated experience acting as Clinical Scientist or Study Leader for global clinical trials, with ~6+ years' experience in clinical trials and/or development.
- Strong experience in protocol development, study design and clinical data interpretation, with the ability to operate across therapeutic areas.
- Proven ability to lead and influence study teams in a matrix environment, building strong working relationships and driving delivery through collaboration.
- Comfortable operating with a high degree of personal ownership and accountability, navigating ambiguity and making informed study-level decisions.
- A clear growth mindset, with interest in developing own capabilities and contributing positively to team effectiveness and the wider CSI culture.
- Solid understanding of ICH-GCP, regulatory requirements and high-quality clinical trial conduct.

Commitment to Diversity & Inclusion:

Novartis is committed to building an outstanding, inclusive work environment and diverse teams representative of the patients and communities we serve.

Role Requirements

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Division

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Business Unit

Research

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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