

Senior Expert Risk Management & Control Strategy

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About the Role

Key responsibilities:

- Act as senior subject matter expert for device and combination product risk management in accordance with ISO 14971, MDR, FDA expectations, and Novartis internal standards.
- Define, assess, and challenge technical/design, manufacturing, and use-related risks, ensuring risks are adequately mitigated and justified.
- Develop and strengthen control strategies (e.g. testing vs. not testing, process controls, verification strategies) across development and lifecycle stages.
- Drive consistency and quality of Risk Management Files (RMF), Risk Management Plans, and Risk Management Reports across projects and platforms.
- Provide expert guidance to project teams on risk acceptability, residual risk justification, and benefit–risk considerations.
- Support health authority submissions and interactions, including inspection readiness and responses related to risk management and control strategy.
- Contribute to methodologies, templates, guidance documents, and training materials.
- Coach and mentor junior experts and project team members, strengthening risk management capability and culture across the organization.
- Proactively engage stakeholders to pre-align on risk positions and avoid late-stage surprises.

Essential Requirements:

- Advanced degree in engineering, life sciences, or a related technical discipline.
- Extensive hands-on experience in medical device and/or drug–device combination product risk management.
- Strong working knowledge of ISO 14971, EU MDR, FDA device expectations, and Quality-by-Design principles.
- Proven ability to translate complex technical risks into clear, defensible, and regulator-ready documentation.
- Track record of influencing cross-functional stakeholders without direct authority.
- Structured, analytical mindset with strong judgment and decision-making capability.

Desirable:

- Experience across multiple device platforms (e.g. autoinjectors, inhalers, pumps).
- Exposure to combination products within pharmaceutical development.
- Experience supporting regulatory submissions, audits, or inspections.
- Ability to act as a reference point for best practices and emerging regulatory trends.

Languages :

- English
- German

In accordance with Austrian law, we are obliged to disclose the minimum salary as stated in the collective bargaining agreement. For this position the minimum salary is €65,604.54/year (on a full time basis). The actual salary will be significantly higher, as we strive to maintain a competitive position in the market and consider your previous experience, qualifications and individual competencies

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Role Requirements

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Division

DIV_GD

Business Unit

Development

Location

LOC_AT

Site

Schaftenau

Company / Legal Entity

AT33 (FCRS = AT033) Novartis Pharmaceutical Manufacturing GmbH

Functional Area

FCT_RD

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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