

Global Medical Affairs Director, Autoimmune Diseases

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About the Role

Responsibilities:

- Lead global medical strategy for autoimmune programmes, ensuring alignment across research, development, and commercial functions.
- Develop and execute the Integrated Evidence Plan to maximise value and impact across the asset lifecycle.
- Provide expert medical input into study design, planning, execution, and interpretation across Phase IIIB to IV studies.
- Identify evidence gaps and translate unmet medical needs into innovative evidence generation strategies.
- Partner cross-functionally to shape publication strategies and scientific communications supporting global programmes.
- Drive real-world evidence and health economics outcomes research in collaboration with specialist and regional teams.
- Act as a scientific expert for internal and external stakeholders, including healthcare professionals and patient organisations.
- Lead medical engagement activities, including advisory boards, expert interactions, and educational initiatives.
- Ensure high-quality scientific content, training, and tools are delivered to support Field Medical teams globally.
- Maintain compliance and medical accuracy across materials, while contributing to governance, decision-making forums, and leadership activities.

Essential for the role:

- Medical degree with demonstrated expertise in rheumatology or a closely related therapeutic area.
- Significant experience in pharmaceutical industry within Medical Affairs at a global or international level.
- Strong expertise in clinical trial design, execution, and interpretation, including Good Clinical Practice standards.
- Deep understanding of healthcare systems, patient pathways, and key external stakeholders.
- Proven ability to develop and execute integrated medical strategies across the asset lifecycle.
- Strong scientific credibility with ability to engage and influence external experts and stakeholders.
- Demonstrated ability to identify unmet needs and translate them into impactful evidence generation strategies.
- Agile mindset with strong collaboration skills and a consistent track record of delivering high-quality outcomes.

Desirable for the role:

- Experience supporting pre-launch or near-launch phases across the asset lifecycle within a global Medical Affairs environment.
- Proven ability to build and maintain strong relationships with key opinion leaders and external stakeholders globally.

Role Requirements

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