

Global Head Sterility Assurance

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About the Role

This role requires global travel of up to 30–35%.

Deadline for applications: 19th of June 2026.

Major Accountabilities:

- Lead the global aseptic processing function across sites and manufacturing platforms with aseptic operations.
- Drive, support, and oversee global aseptic initiatives, including process optimization across the Novartis manufacturing network.
- Ensure site readiness for Health Authority and GGA inspections through effective preparation, support, and follow-up.
- Monitor timely execution and closure of quality actions and remediation plans in line with required timelines.
- Oversee aseptic operations in new production facilities and microbiology laboratories.
- Provide microbiology subject matter expertise and support escalation management for contamination, sterility, and related quality issues.
- Promote best-practice sharing, cross-platform communication, and consistent resolution of technical and quality issues in line with global cGMP standards, including Annex 1.
- Manage aseptic KPI trending, sterility assurance governance, expert networks, training programs, and development of aseptic experts across sites and global functions.

Obligatory requirements:

- Graduate degree in Chemistry, Pharmacy, Microbiology, or a related scientific discipline; Ph.D. or advanced degree preferred.
- 10–15 years of pharmaceutical industry experience, including senior management or leadership roles in Quality Assurance, Quality Operations, Compliance, or global/site quality functions.
- Strong experience in pharmaceutical manufacturing, preferably within an FDA-regulated and global cGMP environment.
- In-depth knowledge of cGMP requirements across the US and EU, including self-inspections, third-party audits, deviation and complaint management, GMP training, and SOP systems.
- Deep technical understanding of microbiology, sterility assurance, and aseptic processing.
- Proven people leadership, stakeholder management, negotiation, communication, and escalation skills across diverse global teams and functions.
- Strong project management experience, with the ability to lead complex cross-functional and global initiatives.
- Fluent English communication skills, both written and spoken.

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Division

DIV_TO

Business Unit

Quality

Location

LOC_AT

Site

Schaftenau

Company / Legal Entity

AT33 (FCRS = AT033) Novartis Pharmaceutical Manufacturing GmbH

Alternative Location 1

LOC_US

Alternative Location 2

LOC_ES

Alternative Location 3

LOC_BE

Functional Area

FCT_QA

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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