Global Head, Medical Affairs

Alnylam Pharmaceuticals - Greater Boston Area

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Job description

As a key strategic leader, oversee worldwide medical affairs activities for Alnylam's product portfolio from late stage development, to product approval and life-cycle management. Reporting to the EVP, Chief Medical Officer, oversee and work closely with clinical research and regulatory affairs groups in the design, planning, execution and management of clinical information and communication services for all activities related to healthcare provider education, patient advocacy and consumer support. Ensure patient and organizational interests are properly and ethically maintained. Act as spokesperson and maintain positive professional relationships with the medical community to facilitate and/or deliver scientific/medical exchanges of information, or clinical and research findings of products through symposia, lectures and publications. Work closely with our regulatory affairs and commercial organization to identify and capitalize on current and future opportunities based on changes in the global medical and regulatory environment.

Summary of Key Responsibilities:

- Partner closely with clinical research and operations group to drive clinical trial strategy and patient accrual. Contribute to the direction, planning, execution and interpretation of clinical trials/research and data collection activities. Work with the clinical research group to identify key opinion leaders and to cultivate a network of experts for key Alnylam disease areas. Participate and provide input to clinical research activities as needed.
- Partner with key clinical research and commercial colleagues to help development of pharmacoeconomic and reimbursement strategies
- Lead company's medical communication and publication initiatives. Oversee publication planning including strategic plan development and reporting of trial results at medical / scientific meetings and through journal articles. Provide current, high quality information services to scientists and physicians working in Alnylam disease areas of interest
- Work closely with regulatory affairs and legal counsel to review communications and ensure all written educational, technical and promotions documents and materials are

accurate and adhere to the guidelines mandated by appropriate regulatory authorities worldwide.

- Act as primary liaison to health care professionals and professional organizations and disease state advocacy groups. Support the efforts of patient support groups and educational foundations. Direct the development of thought leaders and actively support to persons who are recognized experts in their fields.
- Contribute to Alnylam's achievement of commercial objectives for pre-approved and marketed products. Provide leadership specific to key market analysis activities.
- Oversee and support life cycle management and evaluate potential new assets for acquisition.
- Lead medical affairs group including recruitment, performance and development of qualified staff, including MSLs.
- Provide educational meeting support including oversight of all continuing medical education programs.
- Support marketing initiatives including scientific input and expertise in the design and construction of all promotional materials and events. Review materials for scientific accuracy. Present relevant scientific information at marketing functions as needed.
- Align with strategic objectives and oversee the dispersal of funds and /or study drugs for investigator-sponsored and initiated clinical trials.
- Create vision, recruit and lead medical science liaison (MSL) team providing a key role as field based medical information specialists, providing in depth drug and disease state information to health care providers in their territories. Ensure accurate, up-to-date medical and product training for Alnylam's field staff.

Desired Skills and Experience

MD or MD/PhD with a minimum 10-15 years industry experience in a medical affairs leadership role with focus on orphan and/or genetic diseases areas. Prior experience in a clinical research role a plus. Demonstrate proven track record of building, developing and leading successful teams. Demonstrate passion for Alnylam's programs and technical interest in our RNAi technology platform. Superb leadership, interpersonal and communication skills required.

Experience in leading pre-launch, launch and post-launch activities for a new, first in class, orphan, genetic or otherwise innovative products.

International travel required.

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Alnylam is developing an entirely new class of innovative medicines based on a breakthrough discovery in biology known as RNA interference, or RNAi. With RNAi technology, we have the opportunity to treat disease and impact the lives of patients in a fundamentally new way by silencing disease-causing genes upstream of today's medicines.