

Director of Product Sciences, Cell Therapy Analytical Development

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Summary

Position: Director of Product Sciences – Cell Therapy Analytical Development

Location: East Hanover, NJ, United States (On-Site)

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Novartis: Pioneering New Frontiers: At Novartis, our mission in Cell Therapy Analytical Development and Operations is to innovate for patient benefit. We are seeking an inspiring Director of Product Sciences to design, lead, and support implementation of analytical CMC strategies to de-risk and enable early-to-late clinical development and commercialization of groundbreaking Cell Therapy products.

Your Impact: As the Director of Product Sciences, you will lead cross functional teams and drive product understanding by extended characterization, your wealth of knowledge in Immunology, Process and Analytics. You will be instrumental in shaping our product characterization landscape, setting standards, and guiding our product portfolio's analytical strategies from inception to commercialization.

About the Role

Key responsibilities:

- Generate, incorporate, and commoditize product knowledge linking immunological first-principles, patient starting material characteristics, process performance, product quality, and patient clinical outcomes via correlative analysis and mechanistic studies to support and enable Target Product Profile.
- Establish guidance and framework to standardize product characterization strategies. Assess and define attribute criticality (CQA vs non CQA), specification setting, and control strategy justification to enable patient access to safe and efficacious cell therapy products.
- Advance product pipeline through expended capabilities and innovation to enable continued product and process understanding, extended characterization of cell therapy product, process intermediates and starting materials to inform new cell therapy programs and improve manufacturing success.
- Serve as subject matter expert in T cell immunology, patient starting material and cell therapy product characteristics. Design extended /exploratory characterization assays to assess T cell lineage, cytokine and effector molecule secretion and intracellular production; proliferation, degranulation, and cytotoxicity; memory composition, differentiation, and exhaustion/anergic/activation status; chemokine/trafficking receptor expression; and polarization states.
- Collaborate with cross functional teams including Analytical Development, Process Development, Quality Control, Quality Assurance, Regulatory CMC, Biostatistics to drive pipeline cell therapy products forward.
- Drive data-driven decision-making by ensuring effective data management, analysis, and reporting, and support regulatory filings as required.

Requirements:

- Ph.D. in Immunology or a related field with 10 years of experience in understanding and characterizing the human immune system and cell products.
- A minimum of 5 years of industry experience in Cell Therapy CMC development is required.
- A minimum of 5 years of leadership skills, encompassing both direct and matrix management.
- Proven track record in early to late phase development, commercialization, and life cycle management of cell therapy products.
- Technical expertise in cell therapy process and product characterization, and correlative analysis.
- Extensive experience in regulatory filing requirements and addressing health authority questions.
- Exceptional communications, scientific writing, and presentation skills.

Desirable Requirements:

- Hands-on interest and experience in relevant analytical methods.
- Strong foundation and practical experience in statistics.

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Development

Business Unit

Innovative Medicines

Location

USA

State

New Jersey

Site

East Hanover

Company / Legal Entity

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Functional Area

Research & Development

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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