

# Associate Director, Patient Engagement, Neuroscience and Gene Therapies

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USA

## About the Role

Major accountabilities:

- Contribute to the Patient Engagement Strategy, implementing decision point framework, in line with patient focused drug development across priority disease areas.
- Execute patient engagement priorities in alignment with the clinical development priorities, developing and implementing relevant activities.
- Strategically collaborate cross-functionally to bring in critical patient insights and patient experience data to inform clinical development plans and key decisions across the RDC continuum.
- Implement regulatory and policy/access patient engagement strategies in disease areas.
- Contribute to innovative approaches to partnering with patient groups/forums, including multi-stakeholder forums in areas of strategic alignment.
- Identify with patient groups integrated campaigns/initiatives to address patient needs and drive leadership in clinical development.
- Ensure seamless collaboration and effective knowledge sharing with PE Science, BR PIE team and Patient Advocacy team within the relevant disease area.
- Ensure compliant execution of funding and engagement activities that support clinical development plans.
- Secure financial resources to support execution of planned PE activities.
- Develop and maintain strategic partnerships with global, US, and international patient advocacy organizations to deepen Novartis understanding of patient community landscape, patient goals, needs and priorities in the disease area.
- Ensure product profiles are co-created with patients and meet their needs.
- Integrate patient perspectives into clinical trials design and clinical trial execution.
- Act as C-ISRC reviewer for relevant clinical trial concept sheet and protocol reviews.
- Expected travel up to 20%

Requirements:

- Master's degree in a relevant field such as life sciences, business administration, or equivalent.
- At least 7-10 years of experience in global pharma and/or non-profit health organization with at least 3-5 years in an external-facing function, i.e. medical affairs, patient engagement, patient advocacy, access. Knowledge of product development lifecycle.
- Critical thinker and with ability to navigate uncertainty without major supervision
- Fluent oral and written English; Other relevant languages are an advantage.
- Ability to truly collaborate across functions and markets: serve-partner-co-create.
- Strong track record of delivery focus for time and quality in Patient Engagement projects

- Credibility as peer expert with external stakeholders
- Agile mindset & ability to lead in an agile organization across Disease Areas
- Firm working knowledge of GCP, and clinical methodology, protocol designs, management and regulatory requirements for clinical studies designated for review by regulatory authorities.
- Proven change agent
- Expert knowledge in Pharma Product lifecycle.
- Understanding of patient insights, experience data and their creation
- Understanding of the R&D process and of clinical trial execution.
- Understanding of Patient-Focused Drug Development (PFDD) principles.

## Role Requirements

**Why Novartis:** Helping people with disease and their families takes more than innovative science. It takes a community of smart, passionate people like you. Collaborating, supporting and inspiring each other. Combining to achieve breakthroughs that change patients' lives. Ready to create a brighter future together? <https://www.novartis.com/about/strategy/people-and-culture>

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Division

Development

Business Unit

Innovative Medicines

Location

USA

Site

East Hanover

Company / Legal Entity

U014 (FCRS = US014) Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation

Functional Area

Communications & Public Affairs

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

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