

Head of Neurodegeneration, Translational Medicine

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Сводка

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Internal job title: Executive Director
Location: London, UK

As the Head of Neurodegeneration within Translational Medicine, you will serve as a senior scientific and strategic leader responsible for shaping and delivering the translational strategy for neurodegenerative therapeutic programs. You will provide expert guidance bridging research, early clinical development, and biomarker/experimental medicine innovation to advance assets from discovery through proof-of-concept and into full development.

In addition, you will lead or integrate global, cross-functional teams to design, implement, and execute cutting-edge translational strategies, and act as an influential thought partner in neurodegenerative disease biology, clinical development, and emerging therapeutic modalities.

About the Role

Key Responsibilities:

Strategic Leadership & Scientific Direction

- Define and oversee the long-term translational strategy for the Neurodegeneration Pillar, ensuring scientific excellence and alignment with broader BR and TM organizational priorities.
- Serve as a senior advisor and thought leader within neurodegeneration disorders, leveraging deep specialty expertise to inform program design, biomarker strategy, and patient-relevant endpoints.

Program & Portfolio Leadership

- Lead global translational teams across Phase I–IIa (“Discovery” through TDP), driving implementation of high-quality development strategies in single or multiple neurodegeneration indications.
- Represent TM on global program teams (GPT) and decision boards, ensuring that neurodegeneration programs meet quality, regulatory, and differentiation objectives.

Translational & Clinical Development Excellence

- Lead the design and execution of First-in-Human (FIH) and Phase IIa studies, working collaboratively with clinical, regulatory, biomarker, and profiling partners.
- Leads the creation of clinical components of key documents e.g., Clinical Trial Protocols (CTPs), Investigator’s Brochures, Clinical Study Reports (CSRs), regulatory documents etc. with high levels of quality and consistency

Leadership of People, Culture, and Matrix Teams

- Serve as a culture champion, promoting empowerment, innovation, and collaboration across TM and broader BR organizations.
- Mentor and develop scientific talent across translational and clinical functions.

External Impact & Partnerships

- Lead interactions with external stakeholders (e.g., regulatory authorities, key opinion leaders, data monitoring committees, advisory boards etc.) and internal NVS stakeholders
- Contribute to opportunity assessments and due diligence for neurodegeneration and adjacent therapeutic areas.

Governance, Compliance & Documentation

Essential Requirements:

- MD and PhD required with clinical subspecialty training in neurological diseases with deep expertise in neurodegeneration disorders
- A minimum of 10+ years of extensive experience in translational medicine, early clinical development, or experimental therapeutics.
- Demonstrated success leading complex global programs and cross-functional scientific teams.
- Proven ability to shape development strategies, execute early clinical studies, and influence regulatory/packages supporting differentiation.
- Experience working in pharmaceutical/biotech company strongly preferred.

Desirable Requirements:

- Direct people management experience

Benefits & Rewards

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Primary location salary range

£120,508.50 - £223,801.50

Дивизион

Biomedical Research

Business Unit

Research

Место

Великобритания

Сайт

London (The Westworks)

Company / Legal Entity

GB16 (FCRS = GB016) Novartis Pharmaceuticals UK Ltd.

Functional Area

Research & Development

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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