

# Global GMP Senior Quality Auditor

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## Summary

How would you like to be a key part of the Global Auditing at Novartis, building upon and maintaining our exceptional standards? We pursue amazing talent across Spain! This position comes with a flexible location and we are ready to hire this role in the city of preference (within Spain) of the successful candidate.

In this role you will lead, support and report independent GMP audits according to the Novartis Quality System and the current GMP regulations to assess compliance with applicable regulations, standards, and guidance documents. Review and approve corrective action plans in support of the audit observations. The audits performed include internal and external targets of manufacturing sites, development centers, quality systems, contract manufacturers, laboratories, warehouses, country organizations, and suppliers.

The Global GMP Senior Quality Auditor also ensures alignment with strategic direction of the company and assist in driving implementation of the applicable actions and provides consultation to Novartis business units through risk based assessments. Act as SME for assigned areas of responsibility.

## About the Role

**In this role you will be required to travel up to 60% of time.**

### Major accountabilities:

- Support the strategic development of an effective global risk-based audit strategy and program. Collect, collate, and incorporate input into the audit strategy and plan.
- Plan, lead, conduct, document, and follow-up of GMP audit according to the requirements specified in the respective Novartis Quality procedures as well as applicable regulations, standards, quality agreements, and guidance documents.
- For this role, auditors will be given more complex and higher-risk audits, such as sterile API, aseptic DP, and combination products. The ability to assess risk of these operations is critical to success. Provide technical guidance, mentoring, and training on audit activities.
- Provide regulatory guidance for timely remediation and recommendations regarding acceptability of the proposed filing.
- Prepare audit reports according to NVS requirements and timelines. Identify and report best practices and lessons learned to support development/training of GMP auditors. Mentor junior GMP staff as required. Act as GMP compliance consultant for GMP trainings, task forces, continuous improvement projects as needed.
- Ensure appropriate escalation to responsible management in case of critical findings and support immediate follow-up measures according to NVS requirements on Management Escalations and other

- relevant procedures. Ensure adequate definition and recording of mitigation plans when applicable.
- Assess the adequacy of responses (CAPA plans) to audit findings in cooperation with the stakeholder QA representative and Auditee.
  - Review and advise on relevant policies and procedures. Maintain current knowledge of regulations, standards, and guidance documents.

#### **Essential requirements:**

- At least 12 years broad experience in Pharmaceutical or Medical Device Industry. 3 years auditing experience preferred, and excellent knowledge of regulatory requirements. Sound and practical judgement in the interpretation and application of regulations and standards.
- The operational experience should include QA/QC management and manufacturing, or development or other relevant experience e.g. working at a regulatory health authority.
- Expertise in at least one of the following areas: DP Manufacturing, Laboratories activities, Medical Devices, API, Biologics, Microbiology, Computer System Validation, Quality Systems, Cell&Gene therapy, Radioligand therapy, Sterile & Aseptic manufacturing.
- Strong interpersonal skills, including diplomacy and persuasion, used in obtaining cooperation and consensus with Novartis colleagues, vendors and customers.
- Ability to independently manage and objectively evaluate complex compliance issues with minimal supervision.
- Fluent English, written and spoken. Other languages are a plus.

#### **Desirable requirements:**

- Experience and/or interaction with local Health Authority and sporadically with other Health Authorities is a plus.

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Division

Operations

Business Unit

Innovative Medicines

Location

Spain

Site

Barcelona Provincial

Company / Legal Entity

ES06 (FCRS = ES006) Novartis Farmacéutica, S.A.

Alternative Location 1

Madrid Provincial, Spain

Functional Area

Quality

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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