

Executive Director, Portfolio Policy (Oncology)

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Summary

We're a team of dedicated and smart people united by a drive to achieve together. You will drive portfolio policy for Oncology and shape an industry-leading policy strategy to create an optimal policy environment for key Novartis portfolio assets.

You will lead the early portfolio scanning process with Strategy & Growth for assets and develop policy and advocacy strategies for key in-market and launch assets in alignment with a broad range of cross-functional stakeholders. Oncology will be in particular focus beyond innovative platforms. Showing deep knowledge of the pharmaceutical business model, healthcare systems, and political and economic environment, this role will proactively shape the external environment to ensure fast and sustained access to innovation and position Novartis as a trusted partner with healthcare system stakeholders.

About the Role

Key Responsibilities:

- Represent Novartis externally in TA-specific fora and trade association working groups, with an expectation of leadership and agenda setting.
- Develop and implement transformative policy solutions with focus on key brands and priority markets.
- Drive portfolio policy for the assigned TA and identify key policy priorities aligned with strategy and priorities for the NVS portfolio
- Lead early portfolio scanning process with Strategy & Growth for assigned TA and develop policy strategies and solutions for key in-market and launch assets in alignment with International TA. Partner with cross-functional Teams (e.g. V&A, patient advocacy, communications, medical, healthcare systems) to support design and implementation of policy strategy for assigned TA and to prepare favorable market conditions for priority pipeline assets.
- Align with regions (Europe, APMA, LaCan) and direct reporting countries (US, CN, JP) on local policy priorities for TA.
- Articulate priority policy asks for advocacy activities in regions and key countries across the portfolio and align with regional PA Portfolio Advocacy leads to drive regional and local execution of advocacy activities in the TA. Provide TA-specific thought leadership and insights for GPA-led engagements supporting healthcare system & policy change.
- Develop policy resources, coordinate global events and build coalitions within the TA and align and support implementation of deliverables with cross-functional advocacy partners.
- Based on a strong external network, build policy partnerships and coalitions as required. Provide policy thought leadership for Global Public Affairs led engagements that support healthcare system and policy change conducive to the Novartis portfolio.

What you'll bring to the role:

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA:

- Extensive experience in therapeutic area-related life sciences policy, Public Affairs Policy and/or related fields, incl. policy focused patient advocacy.
- Established, public leadership position in Oncology related trade association working group and/or public fora, media.
- Experience representing the pharmaceutical industry in policy environment, with track record of measurable business impact with business and organizational awareness, enterprise perspective.
- Experience with designing and executing market shaping strategies across multiple geographies.
- Strategic sense and understanding of portfolio and commercial strategy development.
- Fluency in English.

DESIRABLE CRITERIA:

- Master's degree in relevant discipline / Advanced degree (PhD, MBA, or equivalent) in Pharmaceutical Sciences, Health Economics, Public Policy, or a related field.

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Division

Corporate Affairs

Business Unit

Corporate

Location

Switzerland

Site

Basel (City)

Company / Legal Entity

C010 (FCRS = CH010) Novartis International AG

Functional Area

Communications & Public Affairs

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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