

# Clinical Program Leader

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## Summary

This role is to provide strategic medical guidance and lead the development of experimental oncology agents in the TCO portfolio, from the Phase of preclinical development, continuing through clinical First in Human and Phase 1b/2 studies. As a Clinical Program Leader, you have the critical responsibility to lead and coordinate planning, execution, and interpretation of oncology early phase clinical trials.

## About the Role

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Your responsibilities will include but are not limited to:

- Acts as a clinical leader responsible for assigned global clinical program(s) -driving medical strategy implementation and operational deliverables for investigational products in a defined therapeutic area
- Ensure effective cross-functional communications to align with global strategy and leads the development of clinical sections of trial and program level regulatory documents
- Acts as the medical expert, engages interactions with external stakeholders (e.g., regulatory authorities, key opinion leaders, data monitoring committees, advisory boards etc.) and internal NVS stakeholders
- Contributes to medical/scientific training of relevant Novartis stakeholders. May serve as speaker for medical/scientific training -May serve on or lead global initiatives (e.g., process improvement, training, SOP development, other Clinical Development line function initiatives)
- Experience leading early and/or late phase Oncology clinical programs from the pharma/biotech industry plus credible experience from an academic medical center.
- Track record of significant contributions to your field over time, creating new concepts and seeking out new clinical discovery opportunities approaches

## Role Requirements :

What you'll bring to the role:

- Medical degree, oncology board certified preferred, and PhD level basic Science or equivalent expertise
- Essential requirement is Clinical Development experience within the pharma/biotech industry in Oncology.
- ≥ 3 years technical, operational and managerial experience in planning, executing, reporting and design of clinical trials studies in a pharmaceutical company or biotech.
- Good knowledge of Good Clinical Practice, clinical trial design, statistics, regulatory processes, and global clinical development process
- Good knowledge of oncology and experience in early clinical development preferred.
- Good communication, writing and organization and skills, fluent in English written and spoken

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