



Head of Medical Affairs

Lexington, MA

About Us: At Nightstar, our mission is to maintain and restore sight in patients with inherited retinal diseases. We are a clinical-stage company focused on developing and commercializing a pipeline of novel and potentially curative, one-time retinal gene therapies for patients suffering from rare inherited retinal diseases that would otherwise progress to blindness, and, for which, there are no currently approved treatments.

Job Purpose: We are seeking a Head of Medical Affairs for the Company's Lexington, MA office. The Head of Medical Affairs will be responsible for driving the development and implementation of the medical affairs strategy for Nightstars gene therapy programs in ophthalmology. This individual will play a central role in medical contribution to brand planning.

About the role:

- Lead the development and execution of the medical affairs plan for inherited retinal diseases in collaboration with cross-functional partners, including, but not limited to, commercial, market access, and patient advocacy
- Partner with key medical affairs sub-functional leadership, including global and regional medical director partners, scientific communications, and real-world evidence leadership
- Interact and collaborate at multiple levels in the organization, including effective cross-functional interactions with R&D, program leadership, etc.
- Represent medical affairs at cross-functional meetings
- Provide medical expertise to cross-functional teams; as a content expert, the candidate will review abstracts, publications, medical information letters, and other medical documents
- Lead content development for advisory board meetings and other medical affairs initiatives
- Contribute to company success through both internal and external medical education and medical/scientific information exchange and support, as well as use their medical/scientific expertise to gather medical insights and to support research/data generation initiatives
- Build relationships with key external stakeholders including, but not limited to, healthcare professionals at key institutions, patient advocacy groups, and regulators by providing disease state education and communicating the clinical value of Nightstar Therapeutics platform; provide high-quality medical expertise as a trusted medical/scientific partner
- Provide strategic input into lifecycle management and the development of clinical trials, investigator-initiated trials, and/or sponsored research agreements in collaboration with other stakeholders
- Identify academic centers and investigators to initiate and/or participate in clinical trials and identify key areas of future research, and identifies and recruits qualified investigators to participate in company-sponsored activities
- Represent Nightstar Therapeutics externally as the key field technical and scientific contact for healthcare providers, professional societies, academic medical centers, integrated delivery networks, managed care organizations, etc.

About you:



- Doctorate degree (PharmD, MD, DO, PhD) with 5+ years of previous Biopharmaceutical Medical Affairs/MSL experience required experience in rare disease, ideally in ophthalmology
- Product launch experience strongly desired
- Ability to understand and effectively communicate scientific and medical information to both internal and external customers
- Proven leadership skills and building effective teams
- Excellent written and oral communication skills are imperative. Ability to anticipate and adapt to change; strong interpersonal skills commensurate with the need to work closely with partners, investigators, contractors, consultants, and team members across functions
- Ability to communicate well with health care professionals. Ability to establish strong relationships with peer groups, professional organizations, and other outside parties
- Ability to travel 30-40% of the time