



Surgical Science Liaison (SSL)

Lexington, MA or London, England

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 SSL for the Company's Lexington, MA or London, England office. The SSL will work within the Operating Room setting, helping and guiding the Retinal surgeon and operating team with the complex aspects of the subretinal injection procedure, including a thorough understanding of the instrumentation involved in the procedure.

Job Responsibilities:

- Supporting Surgical/Scientific Information Needs of Scientific Experts and other Health Care Professionals, providing best in class advanced Surgical (including instrumentation), disease state and product expertise to Ophthalmic surgeons, particularly in the Operating Room
- Ensuring the best possible patient outcome through high quality sub-retinal procedural training including:
 - Conducting certification/training on the surgical aspects of the delivery of the gene therapy, wet labs, both internally and (more importantly) externally to Ophthalmic surgeons
- Will be a constant source of guidance and resource for Ophthalmic surgeons and staff in the Operating Room
- Transferring surgical success learnings from one practice to another
- Will travel extensively to be in the Operating Rooms with Ophthalmic surgeons across US and EU, if necessary
- Utilizing appropriate resources to stay current with the scientific literature
- Attending external national scientific meetings to keep up to date with scientific progress in the field
- Meeting with peer group regularly for formal shared learning
- Facilitating of interactions between medical personnel and external investigators
- Providing recommendations for investigators based on the researcher's interests and qualifications



- Identifying opportunities for potential external research collaborations
- Facilitating aspects of the Investigator-Sponsored Trial (IST) process
- On a limited basis, participating in clinical trial execution, including study development, initiation and close-out activities
- Identifying key scientific developments, new research methodologies, therapy trends and/or other developments in the gene therapy area
- Familiar with CPT coding requirements for retinal surgical procedures
- Sharing feedback from external experts including their perspectives on data and medical/scientific concepts, learnings from surgeries performed, views of the gene therapy area landscape, and clinical experiences
- Share learning from publications, external medical conferences and other appropriate channels internally
- Responding to unsolicited questions from KOL experts
- Leading/participating in KOL expert meetings
- Developing and delivering educational presentations in accordance with applicable procedures
- Maintaining compliance and acting within the Quality governance structure of the company

Critical Competencies:

- Masters or Bachelors level degree in health sciences, if substantial clinical, research or industry (medical/scientific role) experience in Ophthalmology is present.
- Advanced degree in health sciences (PharmD, M.D., Ph.D. in a medically related field) preferred
- Strong knowledge of surgical aspects of Ophthalmology (in particular Retina), Ophthalmic instrumentation and Operative procedures
- Strong interpersonal skills, including capability to engage in professional relationship building and networking
- Intellectual curiosity and the desire to learn and teach to people at different levels
- Highly motivated and capable of comprehending large amounts of scientific content which is then communicated in a clear, concise fashion
- Demonstrated success in self-managing priorities and multi-tasking projects --Ability to work effectively and share information within a team environment
- Advanced presentation skills
- Familiarity with the academic/KOL Ophthalmic/Retinal community

