

Job Description

Job Title: ATTC Clinical Trial Specialist Programme Manager

Reporting to: Director of ATTC Network Coordination

Location: 12th Floor Tower Wing, Guy's Hospital, Great Maze Pond, London, SE1 9RT

The Cell and Gene Therapy Catapult (CGT Catapult) is an independent innovation and technology organisation committed to the advancement of cell and gene therapies with a vision of a thriving industry delivering life changing advanced therapies to the world. Its aim is to create powerful collaborations which overcome challenges to the advancement of the sector.

With over 400 experts covering all aspects of advanced therapies, it applies its unique capabilities and assets, collaborates with academia, industry and healthcare providers to develop new technology and innovation.

The Cell and Gene Therapy Catapult works with Innovate UK.

Purpose of Role:

The Advanced Therapy Treatment Centres (ATTC) Network Programme is a groundbreaking initiative, creating a system of ATTCs within the NHS framework, coordinated by CGT Catapult. This network addresses the unique challenges of introducing pioneering Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs) to patients. The network has been operational for approximately five years and has secured funding for an additional approximate 4 years. The overarching objective is to expand and fully integrate the network into the NHS and establish the UK as a primary site for clinical trials of ATMPs.

The ATTC Clinical Trial Specialist Programme Manager plays a vital role in the success of the ATTC Network and the acceleration of ATMP clinical trial initiation and execution and ultimately adoption of ATMPs by the NHS. With substantial funding and ambitious goals, the ATTC Network aims to enhance the NHS's capacity and capability to conduct high-quality clinical trials for ATMPs, ultimately increasing patient access to transformative medicines. The ATTC Clinical Trial Specialist Programme Manager will work closely with the Director of ATTC Network Coordination to expedite clinical trial initiation and execution.

Key Accountabilities:

Accelerate Clinical Trial Initiation

- Work collaboratively with ATTCs, industry partners, National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) bodies and NHS stakeholders to streamline the clinical trial initiation process.

- Support initiatives to reduce the time from trial initiation to patient recruitment and data collection.
- Work with the Chief Clinical Officer to identify barriers and develop strategies for expedited regulatory approvals and ethics committee submissions.

Optimise Clinical Trial Execution

- Develop and implement strategies to improve the efficiency of ATMP clinical trial execution.
- Collaborate with ATTCs to enhance recruitment processes and ensure timely data collection.
- Proactively identify and address operational challenges that may impact clinical trial timelines.
- Implement strategies to optimize the efficiency of clinical trial execution, ensuring that clinical trials are conducted in a timely and cost-effective manner.

Stakeholder Collaboration

- Engage with clinical trial stakeholders, including researchers, clinicians, regulatory bodies, and industry partners, to drive alignment and cooperation.
- Facilitate effective communication and coordination among stakeholders to ensure smooth clinical trial execution, whilst fostering productive relationships with clinical trial stakeholders to promote collaboration and alignment.

Experience:

- Proven experience in clinical trial management and acceleration.
- Track record of successfully expediting clinical trials and achieving milestones.
- Experience in working with interdisciplinary teams and stakeholders.
- Equivalent employment experience within the clinical trial / advanced therapy / NHS sector would be advantageous.

Knowledge / Skills / Competencies:

- Highly motivated, pragmatic and practical to support the mission of the CGT Catapult to accelerate the development of a commercial cell and gene-based therapy industry in the UK.
- Desire to establish a high profile career within cell and gene sector and the personal drive to help push the sector to be a commercial success.
- Knowledge of regulatory requirements and ethics committee processes.
- Strong scientific and clinical knowledge, with the ability to apply expertise to problem-solving.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication (oral and written) skills.
- Motivated to accelerate the delivery of innovative treatments to patients in the UK.
- Pragmatic and practical approach to advancing the mission of the CGT Catapult.
- Strong networking, influencing, and leadership skills.
- Ability to prioritise and excel under pressure.

- Results-oriented with a personal drive to advance the adoption of disruptive technologies in the NHS.
- Flexible and pragmatic, able to learn quickly and respond flexibly to project needs and priorities.
- Project ownership and pride in its delivery.
- Flexibility towards work assignments and new learning.
- Ability to work well under pressure, to work independently and to be able to take the initiative when completing tasks.
- Ambitious, collaborative, driven.
- Comfortable operating autonomously once goals and objectives are set.
- Accurate with strong attention to detail.
- Ability to quickly establish credibility and build rapport and trust.
- Proven ability to engage constructively with colleagues at all levels across different departments to deliver objectives and to respond to a wide range of customer and management needs.
- A positive attitude towards learning, personal and professional development.
- Keeps up to date with professional knowledge, expertise and best practice.
- Willingness to travel.

Education / Qualifications:

- A relevant higher degree or equivalent employment experience within the clinical trial / advanced therapy / NHS sector.