

# Country Head of Quality (Japan)

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Japan

## Summary

~ Stellt sicher, dass alle Produkte und Prozesse im globalen Geschäftsbereich eine eingebaute Qualität haben und alle internen und externen Anforderungen erfüllen. Treiben Sie die Implementierung der Qualitätsorganisation voran, die Governance und Prozesse (global/Region) sicherstellt. Sicherstellen, dass die QS-Organisation in Übereinstimmung mit den aktuellen regulatorischen Anforderungen für alle GxP-Bereiche (GMP, GDP, GCP, Pharmakovigilanz und GLP) und des Novartis Quality Manual and Policies sowie der Nichteinhaltung angemessen durch Korrektur- und Vorbeugungsmaßnahmen (CAPA), Behebungspläne und/oder Eskalation von Problemen behoben wird. Führungskräfte einer bestimmten globalen Disziplin innerhalb einer Global Quality-Funktion.

## About the Role

Drive the implementation of the Cross-Divisional Country Quality organization, ensuring governance and process oversight within Novartis Japan under NCQ responsibility. Implement all local regulatory requirements for all GxP areas (i.e., GMP, GDP, GCP, PV) in compliance with Novartis Quality Manual and in alignment with Industry Best Practices. Drive cross-divisional standardization and efficiency gains through innovation and operational excellence projects. Continuously support the commercial performance and new product launches in Japan. Diligently implement the annual Quality Plan and prevent any non-compliance issues, ensuring that any deviation will be appropriately addressed through corrective and preventive actions (CAPA). Ensure the Escalation process is effectively managed and implemented in Japan to avoid any business disruption (stock outage, withdrawal, recall) or compromise to Novartis reputation.

## Major Activities

1. Drive the creation and implementation of a consistent quality culture in the country organization together with all Country Quality units and QA associates.
2. Drive the implementation of the Cross Divisional Quality Organization in Japan, with a high focus on reducing complexity and simplification.
3. Actively drive operational excellence projects in line with global processes and country quality strategy to meet local saving targets according to budget.
4. Ensure the implementation of applicable Quality Standards and governance processes through the Novartis Quality Manual.
5. Establish effective Key Quality Indicators in the country to routinely monitor relevant processes, ensuring control and compliance.
6. Prevent potential compliance gaps and risks and ensure timely addressing of CAPAs.
7. Identify opportunities for continuous improvement and timely implementation of the annual Quality Plan at the country level.

8. Implement an adequate Escalation process in the country organization and support the effective and timely resolution of any Quality Event.
9. Provide quality oversight for Change Control and Deviations and ensure adequate implementation of CAPAs.
10. Liaise effectively in the country organization, GDD and NTO to ensure global processes implementation.
11. Ensure Quality oversight within the Country for third parties/vendors/outsourced activities in alignment with relevant stakeholders.
12. Ensure adequate regulatory inspection preparation, management, and follow-up in the country.
13. Improve and maintain effective communication with local Health Authorities and the country organization, ensuring all commitments are tracked and closed on time.
14. Ensure implementation of adequate GxP training within all relevant activities based on adequate planning.
15. Establish communication processes covering Regional and Headquarters interactions and implement any country-specific requirements for all GxP areas.
16. Ensure remediation activities for all existing gaps for ongoing compliance.
17. Lead talent development within the local country commercial organization Quality units. Develop adequate succession candidates for Quality organizations.
18. Ensure appropriate budget management in the country in compliance with company targets, identifying risks and opportunities.

## **KPI**

1. Meet commercial targets including timely support for new product launches.
2. Meet efficiency targets as per predefined budget targets.
3. Ensure adequately resourced Quality Organization in all assigned country commercial organizations.
4. Implement all applicable Quality Modules from the Novartis Quality Manual and regulatory controls at relevant process steps.
5. Define, implement, and regularly review Key Quality Indicators by Management to monitor compliance and quality performance.
6. Effective implementation of the Annual Quality Plan.
7. Proactively identify and effectively mitigate risks.
8. Identify and manage GXP issues during internal and external audits properly.
9. Avoid stock-outs due to inefficient release procedures.
10. Ensure timely close-out of complaints and investigations.
11. Ensure an effective Change Control Process.
12. Manage the GxP Training program properly.
13. Ensure Vendor Oversight.
14. Support Talent development and ensure a Succession Plan.

## **Job Dimensions**

1. Number of associates: Operational Quality oversight for approximately up to 25 FTEs in total.
2. Financial responsibility: Align with the Global NCQ Head. The Country QA Head is responsible for operating within all relevant Country QA, ensuring compliance with the approved budget.
3. Impact on the organization: Providing adequate Quality governance for the Country commercial organizations is critical for ongoing compliance with Health Authority requirements and expectations and is crucial to the overall compliance status throughout the Novartis Country QA.

## **Ideal Background**

1. Education (minimum/desirable): Degree or PhD in Life Sciences, Pharmacy, or Medicine. Demonstrated

success leading a high-impact organization or project.

2. Languages: Fluent in English (oral and written); knowledge of languages spoken in the respective region is a plus.

3. Experience/Professional requirement: 10+ years of Quality Assurance experience and involvement in regulated activities; a broad understanding of global expectations of Health Authorities in the GMP, GDP, GCP, PV regulated areas. Six or more years of demonstrated leadership and accomplishments in a global/matrix environment in the pharmaceutical industry. Three or more years of people management experience, including experience in a matrix environment. Strong management, interpersonal, communication, negotiation, and problem-solving skills. Strong project management skills, substantial organization awareness, including significant experience working cross-functionally and in global teams.

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Division

Operations

Business Unit

Innovative Medicines

Location

Japan

Site

Toranomon (NPKK Head Office)

Company / Legal Entity

JP05 (FCRS = JP005) Novartis Pharma K.K.

Functional Area

Quality

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regulär

Shift Work

No

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