

# Medical Science Liaison (MSL) Rheumatology Philadelphia & eastern PA Remote

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## Résumé

This position focuses on multiple disease states within the Rheumatology Therapeutic area.

The Medical Science Liaison (MSL) role is a field based, customer-facing, non-promotional medical and scientific position. The MSL's key objective is to create impact through advancing clinical practice within the assigned territory that leads to improved patient outcomes. The MSL must demonstrate deep therapeutic expertise, understand territory and market influences, engage scientifically with Healthcare Providers (HCPs) and medical experts, manage, and develop their territory and execute all relevant activities in alignment with the medical strategic and tactical plan – while functioning within the Novartis Code of Conduct, Ethics/Compliance policies and Working Practice documents. The MSL will Inform and shape medical strategy through application of a curious mindset to collect impactful and actionable insights, understanding the potential strategic impact of critical insights.

This territory will be responsible for covering Philadelphia and eastern PA. The preferable location for the successful candidate would be to reside near a major airport. Must live within 50 miles of the border of this territory to be considered. Relocation is not available.

Role Responsibilities include, but are not limited to

- The MSL will leverage scientific expertise and market knowledge to establish and build professional relationships and engage with HCPs (including community physicians, pharmacists, medical experts, nurses, and other healthcare professionals) and other thought leaders in geographical area as aligned with medical strategy
- The primary responsibility of the MSL is to engage with customers - customer engagements may include but are not limited to: emerging data discussions, clinical trial activities, uncovering barriers in patient journey, understanding market dynamics within their territory, exploration of areas of unmet medical need, pipeline discussions, educating on disease state and product, capturing adverse events, and capturing medical insights through all stages of product lifecycle.
- Must demonstrate strategic territory vision and ensure appropriate territory identification, mapping, and planning of Medical Engagements (MEs) and Key Accounts as aligned to medical strategy and in collaboration with internal Novartis colleagues. This includes:
  - a. identification of key stakeholders with influence on the patient journey and in the disease space throughout the product development lifecycle to establish strategies for education, engagement, and partnership
  - b. identification of opportunities for partnership with academic centers, centers of excellence, and/or systems of care to drive impact within the assigned territory

- c. identification of opportunities to involve HCPs or MEs when a specific medical need is identified (e.g., publications, clinical trial participation, etc.)
- d. identification of opportunities for internal collaboration with other Novartis stakeholders to drive forward therapeutic area, clinical, or product goals as appropriate
- Provide clinical trial support for company sponsored trials facilitating relevant medical activities and working cross-functionally with Medical Affairs and Clinical Operations colleagues.
  - Regularly and effectively collaborates with internal colleagues (e.g., HEOR, access, marketing, commercial, sales) within the assigned therapeutic area and territory to advance clinical practice while maintaining customer centricity and a One Novartis approach in accordance with Novartis compliance standards.
  - Maintain in-depth knowledge of assigned therapeutic area and Novartis compounds to serve as a medical resource to customers and internal colleagues (in accordance with Working Practice Documents).
  - Maintain in-depth knowledge of internal policies and external regulations (e.g., field medical Working Practice Document (WPD), travel policy, expense policy, state and local laws, institutional policies) and how they affect day-to-day responsibilities.
  - Execute all administrative responsibilities and training (e.g., Veeva CRM, voicemail, e-mail, expense reports, compliance modules, etc.) in a timely manner, including profiling of core customers and ensuring up-to-date information in the CRM.
  - Champion emerging responsibilities as strategic priorities and territory needs evolve
  - Proactively drive personal and professional development.

The pay range for this position at commencement of employment is expected to be between; for Manager: \$158,400 - \$237,600 and for AD: \$183,200 - \$274,800 year; however, while salary ranges are effective from 1/1/24 through 12/31/24, fluctuations in the job market may necessitate adjustments to pay ranges during this period. Further, final pay determinations will depend on various factors, including, but not limited to geographical location, experience level, knowledge, skills and abilities. The total compensation package for this position may also include other elements, including a sign-on bonus, restricted stock units, and discretionary awards in addition to a full range of medical, financial, and/or other benefits (including 401(k) eligibility and various paid time off benefits, such as vacation, sick time, and parental leave), dependent on the position offered. Details of participation in these benefit plans will be provided if an employee receives an offer of employment. If hired, employee will be in an "at-will position" and the Company reserves the right to modify base salary (as well as any other discretionary payment or compensation program) at any time, including for reasons related to individual performance, Company or individual department/team performance, and market factors.

## **About the Role**

Education: Graduate degree in science or healthcare required; doctoral degree preferred (MD, PhD, DNP, PharmD, etc)

Experience for Manager Level:

- 0-3 years of experience in a Field Medical position within the pharmaceutical industry or as an MSL is required OR
- 3-5 years of relevant medical affairs, clinical research, or related experience in a scientific or clinical setting preferred. Previous experience in assigned or related therapeutic area is preferred.

Experience for AD Level:

- Minimum of 3 years' experience in a Field Medical-based position within the pharmaceutical industry or as an MSL is preferred OR
- 5-7 years of relevant medical affairs, clinical research, or related experience in a scientific or clinical setting required. Previous experience in assigned or related therapeutic area is preferred.

Experience all levels:

- Strong clinical knowledge including pharmacotherapy, treatment guidelines, clinical research processes, medical expert engagement strategies, and FDA promotional guidelines, regulations, and ethical guidelines applied to the pharmaceutical industry is required.
- Candidates will perform their duties in accordance with applicable law, regulations, and Novartis policies.
- Works within Ethics, Compliance and Promotional policies (Novartis & Federal) and ensures those around him/her do the same
- Works to ensure a diverse and inclusive environment free from all forms of discrimination and harassment
- Adherence with Company policies, state and federal laws and regulations
- Field-Based (Region: covering Philadelphia and eastern PA). Candidate must reside within territory, or within a reasonable daily commuting distance of 50 miles from territory border.
  - The expectation of working hours and travel (domestic and/or international) will be defined by the hiring manager
- Field based, customer-facing position majority of the time with approximately 60-70% travel required to achieve performance and business objectives (face to face, virtual, email, telephone, etc.).

NOTE: Above level experience criteria are not an exhaustive list

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