

EXECUTIVE POSITION PROFILE



Director, Sickle Cell Disease Clinical Trials Network

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I. Opportunity

Position Summary

Working with a volunteer group of hematologists and patients, the Director, Sickle Cell Disease Clinical Trials Network (CTN) is responsible for the establishment, implementation, and effective operation of the network, supervision of consultants and a cross-functional CTN staff as well as oversight and management of a multi-million-dollar budget. The network will focus on infrastructure, programs and services to help overcome the challenges of conducting clinical trials in sickle cell disease and oversee a comprehensive patient engagement strategy to increase education, awareness and participation in sickle cell disease clinical trials. The Director will demonstrate knowledge of/ a background that includes clinical experience, along with an understanding of the management and organizational processes of a CTN. This Director is responsible for representing the CTN and for managing network activities with an entrepreneurial approach that requires the ability to multi-task on a wide spectrum of activities with an overall external focus. The Director will also evaluate opportunities for collaboration with existing sickle cell disease efforts, especially those that focus on clinical trials, data, and outcomes. The position will report to the Executive Director, ASH Registry/ Executive Director, American Society of Hematology.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Leads the development and establishment of a national Sickle Cell Disease Clinical Trial Network program and oversees its ongoing operation.
- Selects and oversees the network services and site management activities including: site selection, budgets, resources and vendors.
- Oversees creation and implementation of the CTN and ensures that patients are involved in all aspects of the initiative from development of novel patient outreach efforts to assuring that all trials run through the Network report results to the patients who participate in those trials.
- Oversees content of committee meetings to secure input from volunteer leaders who will have expertise in sickle cell disease, healthcare quality, research, and clinical practice.
- Prepares written correspondence and reports to ASH Registry and committees.
- Leads, develops, and motivates CTN staff.
- Oversees engagement with academic medical centers, other clinical research sites, plan sponsors, sickle cell disease stakeholders, industry and federal partners.
- Evaluates opportunities for collaboration with existing sickle cell efforts.
- Coordinates activities with related existing ASH programs and initiatives (e.g. Quality, Precision Medicine, Sickle Cell Disease, Government Relations) and with the ASH Registry.
- Participates in meetings and events outside of normal working hours (evenings and/or weekends).
- Other duties as assigned.

Qualifications, Knowledge and Skills Required

- A degree in science, medicine or a related field is required; advanced training in the healthcare domain (e.g., MD, RN, or Ph.D.) strongly preferred.
- A minimum of 10 years of related experience is required, including leadership experience with clinical operations, trial design, development, implementation and operation of clinical trials, with increasing levels of responsibility, in the Medical, Healthcare, Pharmaceutical, Biotechnology, CRO company, or industry is required.

- Experience in study coordination, preferably the central coordination of multi-center clinical trials.
- Experience leading and developing teams; overseeing the engagement of consultants and other vendors; and working effectively with volunteer leaders is required.
- A sound understanding of the principles of clinical trial conduct, Good Clinical Practice (GCP), data protection, and other relevant federal regulations regarding clinical trials.
- Ability to apply business and financial management as well as process/quality improvement principles to human capital programs and objectives.
- Capacity to work within and further a team environment; excellent interpersonal, collaboration, leadership, and delegation skills.
- Goal oriented with a high level of energy, enthusiasm and dedication to the mission and priorities of the Society.
- Sound judgment, integrity and reliability.
- Ability to quickly establish credibility and influence; reputation for strong leadership presence.
- Excellent communication skills including public speaking, writing, active listening, and synthesizing information from diverse sources when working with colleagues, members, and volunteers.
- Skills as a manager and leader, including the ability to organize and execute multiple high-quality programs on budget and according to established timelines and to evaluate and develop staff at all levels.

II. Organizational Review

About the American Society of Hematology

The American Society of Hematology (ASH) is an educational and charitable organization devoted to helping hematologists conquer blood diseases. With more than 17,000 members from nearly 100 countries, ASH is the world's largest professional society of these specialists.

ASH is committed to meeting the needs of all those engaged in the field of hematology by providing cutting-edge research and educational opportunities for all hematologists — from basic scientists to community-based practitioners, at every level of their careers, both domestically and abroad. While ASH is perhaps best known for its world-class annual meeting and journals (Blood and Blood Advances), the Society's offerings include numerous educational meetings and publications, award and grant programs, advocacy, and career-development opportunities.

By providing a forum for clinicians and scientists to share the latest discoveries in the field, ASH is helping to improve care — with the hope of one day finding cures — for millions of patients with anemias, bleeding and clotting disorders, and blood cancers such as leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma. Hematologists have pioneered medical advances including, but not limited to, gene therapy, bone marrow transplantation, transfusion medicine, chemotherapy drugs, anticoagulants, and immunotherapies. Discoveries made by hematologists have also led to extraordinary advances in other fields of medicine, including new and better treatments for some of the world's deadliest and costliest diseases such as heart disease and stroke.

The Society has established a separate nonprofit charitable organization to house the ASH Registry, a newly created, first-of-its-kind clinical research registry. The Sickle Cell Disease Clinical Trials Network will be housed within the same legal entity as the ASH Registry.

ASH Sickle Cell Disease Initiative

The American Society of Hematology (ASH) is undertaking a multifaceted initiative to address the burden of sickle cell disease (SCD), both in the United States and globally. Throughout the initiative, ASH has engaged a broad array of stakeholders to identify the highest priorities needed to improve outcomes for individuals with SCD.

ASH Registry

ASH is launching a registry that will harness the power of big data to conquer blood diseases worldwide. The research-focused registry will initially focus on sickle cell disease and multiple myeloma.

SCD Research Priorities

ASH is committed to advancing SCD and sickle cell trait research and has developed a list of ASH Priorities for Sickle Cell Disease and Sickle Cell Trait, which includes ASH's Sickle Cell Research Priorities.

SCD Access to Care

ASH is committed to ensuring that individuals with SCD have access to high quality of care and is currently in the process of developing and implementing a multi-pronged strategy to expand health care professional education and training on SCD. Activities are aimed at four key audiences: hematologists, patients, hospitalists, and primary care clinicians.

ASH is also developing and implementing five new clinical practice guidelines on the management of acute and chronic complications of SCD. Publication of the guidelines is anticipated in 2019.

SCD Global Initiative

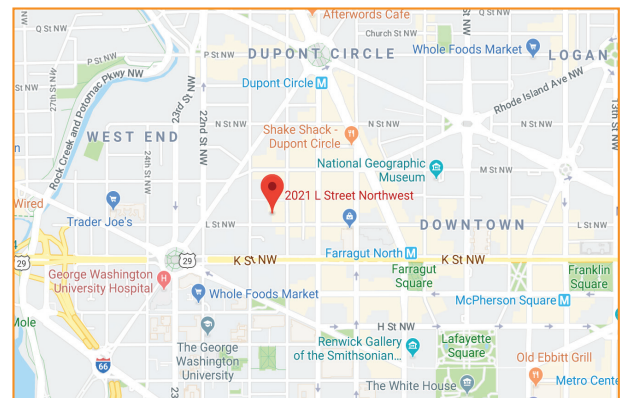
ASH is focused on raising awareness of SCD globally by partnering with global organizations to build SCD-focused education. ASH is developing a consortium of African countries to address newborn screening for SCD. The consortium would introduce standard-of-care practices for screening and early intervention therapies at participating institutions, with the goal of decreasing childhood mortality rates for SCD.

Sickle Cell Disease Coalition

In 2016, ASH founded the Sickle Cell Disease Coalition (SCDC) to help amplify the voice of the SCD stakeholder community, promote awareness, and improve outcomes for individuals with SCD. The SCDC, with a growing membership of over 50 national and global groups, continues to provide members with a platform to communicate with an international network of key stakeholders interested in SCD and engage in joint action.

ASH Policy Strategy on SCD

ASH continues to work with federal agencies and the U.S. Congress to help enhance and expand government activities in SCD research, training, and services. ASH also continues to encourage the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to test innovative payment models for SCD care delivered by health care professionals.



ASH Location

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Web Presence

www.hematology.org

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