

INTERNAL VACANCY

Job title : Senior Production Scientist

Location: Camberley

Closing date : 26th June 2018

Job Summary

Full time, permanent position reporting to Production Manager. The Senior Production Scientist will safely, effectively and efficiently manage Microgens QC and Microbiology / Technical Production functions within the Manufacturing department providing leadership to and management of other scientists. Within their own area the Senior Production Scientist has delegated responsibility for equipment, facility, H&S and Quality compliance.

Main duties and responsibilities

- Lead and manage the Technical Production team including provision of training and supervision. Responsible for the performance and development of any direct reports.
- With inputs including primarily the requirements of the overall Production Plan and stock levels of key materials (ie IgG) define, schedule, resource and deliver the lab. weekly plan. Raise resource or other issues which may impact on production deadlines or product quality.
- Ensure adequate stock levels of all bulk materials to satisfy demand of kit production or bulk material sales orders.
- Responsible for managing the production & supply of IgG including production of vaccines and evaluation of antisera.
- Perform incoming raw material, in-process reagent and final kit QC testing.
- Responsible for the maintenance of Microgen reference standards and culture collection.
- Promote Quality and H&S with a focus on continuous improvement of procedures, processes and working practices.
- Ensure that the facility including equipment is maintained to applicable standards to meet all relevant Quality, Regulatory and HS&E requirements.
- Ensure strict adherence of self and team to all relevant work instructions, Quality procedures and H&S policies. Review and revise SOP's.
- Assist with customer complaint investigations when required, planning investigations and generating reports as necessary.
- Work with the development team when required to introduce process and product improvements, scale up of existing products, and new products to the Production department. Assist in equipment and process validation work.

Qualifications and experience required

- Life sciences degree or equivalent qualifications plus experience. Background in microbiology or similar is advantageous.
- Significant laboratory based experience with sound knowledge of standard lab protocol and safety. A background in Quality Control is desirable. Experience gained in a regulated manufacturing environment, particularly medical devices would be beneficial.
- Ability to lead and manage a small team of scientists. Previous supervisory and/or management experience is beneficial. Able to work effectively within a multi-disciplinary team. Excellent communication skills and an ability to delegate effectively are required.
- Excellent planning and prioritisation skills are essential. Shows good attention to detail.
- An optimistic, helpful and right-fist-time attitude with a desire to get tasks completed on time and at the right quality is essential. Shows pride in work and areas of responsibility.
- Must be computer literate

Hours of Work: 37.5 Hour Per Week

For further information or to apply for this vacancy please email Kay Campbell, HR
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