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**Job title**: Senior Operations Technical Specialist
**Location**: Southampton

We are Novacyt, a rapidly growing diagnostics group specialising in infectious diseases. We have a number of successful brands and serve a large global customer base, from hospitals to large corporates.

Primerdesign, part of the Novacyt Group, is a leading provider of RT PCR solutions. We have thousands of happy customers based across the globe and have a real ambition to drive our business forward and achieve even more. We have delivered exceptional products to combat formidable challenges. We developed the world's first swine flu detection kit, played an important part in uncovering the UK's horse meat scandal and are currently producing high-performing detection kits to support the fight against COVID-19.

We are now looking for a Senior Operations Technical Specialist to join us on a permanent, full time basis in Southampton.

**Job Summary**

As the Senior Operations Technical Specialist, you will be working within the Manufacturing Technical Department (MTD). The MTD team works very closely with the R&D, Quality Control and Manufacturing departments to support manufacture of newly developed and existing products. The role will have a particular focus on ensuring newly developed R&D products are able to transition into manufactured products and to resolve manufacturing problems.

This role requires scientific investigative skills, good knowledge of PCR and qPCR, excellent documentation skills and attention to detail, as well as experience in a laboratory and/or manufacturing environment. The Senior Operations Technical Specialist duties will include introducing new products into manufacturing through understanding data/evidence generated from R&D projects and translating the information into manufacturing and product documentation (SOPs, Supporting Technical Reports), product validation studies, lead in product failure investigations, as well as support and review investigations by the QC team. There is a strong requirement for understanding and interpreting data, problem solving, root cause analysis, and fault finding within the products themselves and the manufacturing processes, with the aim to drive and lead improvements in the quality and production of products.

**Main duties and responsibilities**

- Design of experimental studies
- Take responsibility for the execution and completion of experiments, including investigative experiments and product validation experiments
- Take responsibility for the execution and completion of study documentation (including technical summaries) in line with an ISO13485 quality management system as well as any other relevant regulatory standards e.g. CE IVD
- Lead in the data analysis and data interpretation
- SOP and report writing and review
- Lead in the resolution of manufacturing issues and technical problem solving
- The provision of expert technical support for the manufacturing team
- Contribute to process improvements to drive manufacturing efficiency and accuracy

- Contribute to the development of alternative or novel methods to update pre-existing QC and manufacturing processes
- Use of sage to build new products, track stock and for investigative purposes
- Participation in project and team meetings including presentation of progress reports on assigned projects
- Explore and advise on new manufacturing methods and raw material options
- Inter departmental working to achieve business goals and implement new process and approaches
- Working to challenging deadlines

**Qualifications and experience required**

- Bachelor's degree in a related field
- Experience of working within a laboratory and / or manufacturing environment
- Experience of working within a regulated environment, ideally working to ISO9001, ISO13485 and IVDR (in-vitro medical device regulations)
- Good scientific knowledge of PCR and qPCR.
- Proven ability to apply scientific knowledge to problem solving.
- Strong scientific investigative skills
- Strong Data analysis and interpretation skills
- Problem solving ability
- Excellent report writing skills
- Accuracy and attention to detail
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Willingness to learn and challenge existing ideas and practices

**The Benefits**

- Competitive salary
- 25 days' annual leave
- Ability to buy and sell annual leave
- Cycle to work scheme
- Refer a friend scheme
- Life assurance
- Private medical insurance
- Group pension scheme

It's an exciting time to join our team as we are making huge leaps in the fight against COVID-19 and have recently been awarded a Breakthrough of the Year award at the European Mediscience Awards 2020.

We are the best in the world at what we do. If you are looking to learn, grow and succeed as part of a passionate team who are eager to make a difference, we want to hear from you.

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| Hours of Work | 37.5 hours per week |
| For further information or to apply for this vacancy please e-mail recruitment@novacyt.com | |