

The Porterhouse Medical Group

The Porterhouse Medical Group is a scientific and medical communications network with a reputation for excellence. We work with some of the biggest pharmaceutical companies in the world, helping them to connect with a global audience of healthcare professionals and patients. We have seen continued growth over the past 17 years and recently secured new business wins on both a global and a national level. In 2016, Porterhouse Medical was recognised with the Queen's Award for Enterprise (the UK's highest accolade for outstanding achievement in business), and in 2019 we were delighted to achieve Investors in People accreditation at the Gold level, which is a world-recognised standard that reflects the very best in people management excellence.

Our employees include editors, medical writers, account managers and designers, who work together on a variety of projects to ensure they are completed to the highest standard for our clients. We demand excellence from our staff but also foster a relaxed, friendly and supportive working environment, where teamwork is an everyday occurrence.

Scientific Director – UK Office – Job Description

We are currently looking for a scientific director to support our UK business. The successful candidate will be a confident and dynamic individual who has the necessary skills to lead projects from a scientific, editorial and strategic perspective. As well as exceptional writing ability, the scientific services director must demonstrate sound scientific knowledge and understanding, keen business acumen, an ability to think creatively and a talent for getting the best out of people.

Key duties will include:

- Providing high-level scientific, editorial and strategic counsel to pharmaceutical clients
- Confidently leading scientific discussions in client meetings / teleconferences and engaging external experts in high-level scientific and medical discussions
- Working in partnership with the client services team to ensure client expectations are achieved
- Providing strategic direction to team members and other colleagues, based on commercial needs of the business and thorough understanding of clients' needs and objectives
- Developing and maintaining expert knowledge in specific therapy areas as directed
- Managing the delivery of a range of high-quality medical communications materials, including publications, slide decks, training materials, meeting reports, websites and apps
- Leading and managing the scientific services team to ensure that projects are completed on time and within budget
- Ensuring maintenance of high editorial standards through review of other writers' work

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- Identifying opportunities for new business within existing accounts and supporting new business initiatives, including attendance and presentation at pitch meetings
- Being responsible for the recruitment, training and development of members of the scientific services team

Desired Background and Skills

- A strong scientific background, ideally with a PhD and/or MSc
- Several years' experience as a senior medical writer or scientific team lead in a medical communications agency
- Experience of leading high-performing teams, and proven leadership and influencing skills in a commercial environment
- Excellent organisational and project management skills, as well as a full understanding of industry regulations and guidelines underpinning medical communications activities

Applications

To apply, please send your CV and a covering letter to careers@porterhousemedical.com for the attention of Jan Coetzee (Talent Manager). We do not accept unsolicited CVs from recruiters or employment agencies.

