



## **iJOBS Virtual Career Panel: Medical Science Liaison**

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Dr. Kramer earned his Ph.D. in Biomedical Science (Neurobiology) from the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. His doctoral research examined the relationship between oxidative stress, apoptosis, and the dopaminergic degeneration associated with Parkinson's disease.

While completing his Post-Doctoral fellowship at RWJMS, Dr. Kramer was fortunate enough to be offered an interview with a small subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson. He begrudgingly went on the interview (he was an academic after all) and was offered the job. He WISELY accepted. His first role was as a bench scientist working on a novel cell therapy platform. Two promotions and seven years later- he was leading a preclinical group, within a cross-sector compound development team, tasked with getting that novel cell therapy into the clinic for stroke. When it became clear that this opportunity was coming to an end, Dr. Kramer knew he had to figure out what to do next... and soon. It was at this time that he first learned of the Medical Science Liaison role and was told that "they pay you to talk about science". Well, with that knowledge in hand he set his sights on landing a Medical Science Liaison position with any company that would hire him. In order to achieve this, he had to first convince himself, and then an actual company, why he was qualified for this role. So, Dr. Kramer sat down and took a long, hard look at his skills and experiences, strengths and weaknesses, and likes and dislikes. Once he convinced himself he was qualified, he set out to convince others! It only took nine short (!?!) months, but in April of 2013 he was hired to be a Senior MSL, GI within Janssen Scientific Affairs. He is currently a Principal MSL where he leverages his basic and clinical research background, communication skills, and therapeutic area expertise to develop and establish fruitful relationships with key opinion leaders in the field. PS. He does not really miss Academia at all.



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Jennifer Campbell, PhD is a Senior Medical Science Liaison in Immunology at Janssen Biotech. With Janssen, Dr. Campbell is responsible for providing scientific and clinical support on various biologic therapies to health care providers throughout the Northeastern US. Prior to joining Janssen, she was a Regional Scientific Manager and Medical Science Liaison supporting a newly approved drug-device combination to treat Actinic Keratosis. Jennifer's previous work experience includes being a Medical Science Liaison with Stemcentrx, Inc. supporting the Oncology franchise, and as Manager of Research Integrity and Compliance at Fenway Health, where she oversaw research activities in ~150 Phase I-IV clinical trials across a vast portfolio of therapeutic areas. Dr. Campbell received her doctorate from Boston College elucidating mechanisms by which HIV gains entry into the brain, and examining novel therapies to reduce monocyte/macrophage traffic into tissues during HIV infection. She has a number of publications supporting her research outcomes. Jennifer lives in Cambridge with her wife Julian. When she is not talking about data, she enjoys road biking, hiking, and gardening.



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Natty is the Migraine Medical Science Liaison for Allergan covering the NYC territory. She completed her graduate training in Neuroscience at Emory University in Atlanta, where she studied the role of the brainstem and neuroinflammation in Alzheimer's disease. After graduate school, she moved to Connecticut and worked for a Medical Communications/Medical Education agency for 2 years providing scientific and strategic support to both Medical Affairs and Commercial teams at various pharma companies, covering diseases across Neurology and Immunology. Her interest in medical affairs and KOL engagement prompted her to transition over to join Allergan as an MSL in 2019. In her free time, Sarah enjoys being a lover of musical theater, foodie, and travel enthusiast.



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Nancy Vranich, PhD is a Senior Medical Science Liaison in Rheumatology and Ophthalmology (Immunology) at AbbVie, a biopharmaceutical company and manufacturer of (adalimumab).

Nancy has held prior roles as a Medical Science Liaison in the biotech industry, and as a scientific and medical director at multiple pharmaceutical servicing companies in medical education, medical advertising, and strategic consulting.

Nancy received her PhD in Neuroscience and Cell Biology at UMDNJ under the direction of James Millonig, PhD in 2007. Nancy lives in the Adirondack Mountains of Upstate NY, with her husband, daughter Audrey (3) and son Colden (2), where all enjoy their fair share of outdoor time in the woods.