



iJOBS Career Panel: Medical Affairs

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Tracy has been working in the pharmaceutical industry for over 20 years since receiving her PhD from Rutgers. Her understanding of pathology, molecular biology, and diagnostics has helped her to readily assimilate concepts in clinical medicine. In her career, she has worked for medical communications and advertising agencies and large to mid-sized pharma and biotech supporting medical affairs and scientific communications. Current role: Director, Global Development and Medical Affairs at Vertex Pharmaceuticals.



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Janet is currently a Medical Science Liaison Director at Novartis. She holds a BS in Biology, BS in Pharmacy, MS and PhD in Pharmacology. She has over 23 years of experience in Pharmaceutical Industry Medical Affairs. Her pharmacy career has encompassed all aspects of the practice of pharmacy. She owned and operated a community pharmacy for 23 years. She also practiced hospital pharmacy for 7 years. During her time in hospital pharmacy, she was the Director of Drug Information, Clinical and Education Services at Mercy Medical Centre in Rockville Center NY where she was responsible for the operation of the drug information center, P&T issues, JCAHO preparation and clinical activities of 15 pharmacists. Her academic experience includes past and present faculty positions in pharmacy, nursing and medical schools. She is also a Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine at NY College of Osteopathic Medicine. She has a CV Masters Certification in Heart Failure Management (American College of Cardiology). She is also a Board Certified Medical Affairs Specialist (Accreditation Council for Medical Affairs). Dr Mastanduono is an Editor for the book "Pharmacy Practice for Technicians" and was on the Editorial Review Board for US Pharmacist. She is a Fellow of the American Foundation for Pharmaceutical Education.



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Dheeraj is an oncology MSL with Novocure. His passion for science and teaching lead him to his current role. Prior to joining Novocure, he was an MSL at Acrotech and before that he was a Scientist/Site Operations Manager in the Functional Genomics group at Janssen. His postdoctoral research from University of Pennsylvania included work on hematopoietic/leukemic stem cells and CRISPR/Cas9 based gene editing. Besides publishing several manuscripts, 2 invited commentaries and co-authoring a book chapter; he was also a recipient of several oral presentation awards and postdoctoral fellowships including one from AHA.



William Soliman, PhD, BCMA

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William Soliman is the Founder, CEO of the Accreditation Council for Medical Affairs (ACMA). He is considered by many to be a pharma industry futurist and is often featured on Fox News, Forbes, Al Jazeera, Yahoo Business TV, ABC New Radio & the Boston Herald.

Dr. Soliman was invited in March 2021 before the United States Congress, Health Subcommittee with Republican Congressman Brett Guthrie to discuss healthcare, the pharmaceutical industry and the importance of professional standards for those professionals who engage healthcare providers. Additionally, Dr. Soliman works closely with many of the U.S. Attorney General offices within the U.S. to try and support their initiatives to combat the opioid epidemic in the U.S. and was recently invited in June 2021 as a speaker at the U.S. Attorney General Alliance Meeting.

He has over 20 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry working within medical affairs across several companies. He was also the founder of US Pharmacy Lab which was sold in 2018. He is passionate about transforming the industry through benchmarking and technology. The ACMA is most famous for the Board-Certified Medical Affairs Specialist (BCMAS) program which is the first and only board certification for MSL and Medical Affairs Professionals in the world. The ACMA offers a 360° suite of digital solutions for the life sciences industry such as market research, sentiment analysis, CRM tools and more. The ACMA also has the first ever Prior Authorization Certification Specialist (PACS) program to help streamline healthcare insurance hurdles.

Dr. Soliman received his PhD from Columbia University & his Bachelors from New York University.