

## Diagnosics Lead, Oncology in La Jolla, CA

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### Job Focus

Incumbent will be a member of the Diagnostics (Dx) group which provides Dx expertise across all disease areas at Pfizer. He/she will work closely with other Dx Leads and Dx Project Manager to provide seamless coverage across programs. Primary focus will be Dx needs of Pfizer's Oncology portfolio. Close interactions with other disease areas outside of oncology is also expected. Accountable for:

- Identifying companion diagnostics needs across various Oncology indications and relevant diagnostic technology platforms to meet them
- Timely implementation of diagnostics strategies in required compound plans and project documents
- Timely delivery of high quality companion diagnostics required for the successful regulatory approval and commercialization, including identification of appropriate external partners and diagnostics program oversight
- Operational excellence and quality of companion diagnostics
- Sharing of key learning's in companion diagnostics across the Oncology Research Unit (ORU), Oncology Business Unit (OBU) as well as other research and business units at Pfizer
- Appropriate representation of Pfizer in external diagnostics organizations and meetings as needed

### Responsibilities

- Forms and leads Dx sub teams to effectively coordinate and deliver companion diagnostics needs of Pfizer's Oncology portfolio
- Partners with the Precision Medicine group (Pfizer ORU) to identify and incorporate companion Dx opportunities into early clinical programs, and to lead them through governance committees for funding and implementation
- Partners with the Early Development and Translational Oncology group (Pfizer OBU) to lead development and commercialization of companion diagnostics for Oncology assets
- Serves as consultant to the above groups in diagnostic programs, taking accountability from early concept development to full implementation and delivery of companion diagnostics; including considerations for technical performance, development timelines, regulatory and reimbursement, manufacturing scale-up and commercialization of diagnostics assays
- Partners with Worldwide Business Development group to select diagnostics external partners and to manage relationships with key alliance partners, external consultants and service providers
- Evaluates diagnostics providers with respect to both commoditized technologies as well as novel and disruptive diagnostics technologies

### Training & Education

- Doctoral degree in a life sciences discipline with focus on oncology
- 10+ years of relevant industry experience
- Detailed understanding of *in vitro* diagnostics landscape and technologies
- Working knowledge of diagnostic development regulations in USA, EU and other key regions

### Prior Experience

- Oncology expertise, preferably combined with companion diagnostics development
- Diagnostics development experience including diagnostics platforms, diagnostics development strategies, diagnostics regulatory processes, vendor and alliance management, and scientific excellence
- Working level understanding of diagnostics platforms for *in vitro* diagnostics
- Previous extensive hands-on experience with the development of diagnostic assays / products
- Effective verbal and written communication skills to enable building of colleague relationships both inside and outside the organization
- Able to articulate clear and strategic goals with measurable metrics
- Self-motivated, results oriented individual who is able to work with minimal supervision
- Effective negotiation skills to reach agreements with a variety of interested parties internally and externally