



Director, Biomarker Development

Do you want to be part of building a fully integrated biopharmaceutical company together with a team of highly skilled colleagues who are passionate about developing best-in-class therapeutics that address significant unmet medical needs? Then Ascendis Pharma is committed to support your personal development on our journey towards becoming a leading rare disease company.

Ascendis Pharma is looking to hire an experienced Director, Biomarker Development to join our team. This is an exciting opportunity to join a rapidly growing, innovative company!

Position Summary

The successful candidate will lead the discovery and development of biomarkers to support preclinical and clinical development of oncology therapeutics in Ascendis' pipeline. He/she will lead biomarker research to further characterize the mechanism of action of Ascendis' oncology candidates and to develop predictive, pharmacodynamic and prognostic biomarkers. The position will be based in Redwood City, CA.

Key Responsibilities

- Lead biomarker strategy to support both preclinical and clinical development of Ascendis' oncology candidates
- Execute on discovery and development of predictive, pharmacodynamic and prognostic biomarkers in oncology
- Translate preclinical discoveries into biomarker strategy in support of indication selection and drug combination strategies
- Provide leadership to scientific staff in design and execution of biomarker development
- Work with project teams to provide scientific oversight in biomarkers and utilize his/her deep understanding of mechanisms of action to support preclinical and clinical development of oncology pipeline
- Partner with colleagues across Ascendis' sites, and CROs as necessary, to execute on biomarker vision and strategy

Knowledge, Skills and Experience

- M.D. or Ph.D. in biological sciences with at least 8 years of relevant experience in biotechnology and/or pharma
- Proven record of accomplishments and publications in preclinical and/or clinical biomarker research
- Deep knowledge of immunology, inflammation and/or oncology and cancer cell signaling pathways
- Strong expertise in gene expression profiling, soluble protein quantitation, flow cytometry, immunohistochemistry and translational research is highly desirable. Familiarity with public cancer databases (i.e. TCGA) is preferred
- Strong leadership and communications skills are essential
- Ability to travel up to 15% of the time domestically and internationally

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