

Senior Director, Epidemiologist

Job ID

REQ-10078123

May 21, 2026

LOC_CH

About the Role

Location: Basel, Switzerland

Working Model: Hybrid (12 days per month on-site)

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Key Responsibilities:

- Define and drive global epidemiology oncology-focused strategies across multiple programs and indications throughout the full product lifecycle
- Lead evidence generation safety strategies to inform benefit-risk decisions, regulatory submissions, and post-approval commitments
- Act as a senior scientific leader in cross-functional teams, influencing global program and safety management decisions
- Represent epidemiology in high-impact interactions with health authorities, including advisory committees and regulatory discussions
- Translate complex epidemiological data into clear, actionable insights for senior leadership and external stakeholders
- Design and oversee innovative study approaches, including non-interventional studies and real-world evidence generation
- Foster strategic collaborations with external researchers, data partners, and academic institutions
- Drive excellence in deliverables by ensuring quality, compliance, and adherence to regulatory and organizational standards
- Lead and mentor junior epidemiologists, to help build high-performing teams and strengthening scientific capabilities
- Champion innovation by advancing cutting-edge epidemiological methods and driving global improvement initiatives

Essential Requirements:

- Advanced degree (Masters or PhD) in epidemiology, statistics, or health services research
- Minimum 10–12 years of relevant experience in epidemiology within the pharmaceutical or healthcare industry
- Fluent English, both written and spoken, with strong scientific communication skills
- Expert knowledge of epidemiological principles and their application to drug development and safety assessment
- Proven experience designing, conducting, and interpreting epidemiological studies and real-world evidence
- Strong understanding of drug development processes and regulatory requirements, including health authority interactions
- Demonstrated leadership experience influencing strategy and decision-making within global, cross-functional environments
- Strong innovation mindset with a track record of advancing methodologies, processes, or scientific approaches

Desirable Skills

- Experience supporting oncology programs within the pharmaceutical or healthcare industry is preferred
- Proficiency in an additional local language relevant to the hiring location
- Strong track record of scientific publications and external engagement

Closing date for applications: June 7th 2026

We will begin reviewing applications during the week of June 8th, and we'll be in touch with an update soon after.

Commitment to Diversity & Inclusion:

Novartis is committed to building an outstanding, inclusive work environment and diverse teams representative of the patients and communities we serve.

Accessibility and accommodation:

Novartis is committed to working with and providing reasonable accommodation to all individuals. If, because of a medical condition or disability, you need a reasonable accommodation for any part of the recruitment process, or in order to receive more detailed information about the essential functions of a position, please send an e-mail to diversity.inclusion_ch@novartis.com and let us know the nature of your request and your contact information. Please include the job requisition number in your message.

Role Requirements

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Division

DIV_GD

Business Unit

Development

Location

LOC_CH

Site

Basel (City)

Company / Legal Entity

C028 (FCRS = CH028) Novartis Pharma AG

Functional Area

FCT_RD

Job Type

Full time

Employment Type

Regular

Shift Work

No

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