



## Senior QA Specialist - Microbiological Quality Assurance (Pharmaceutical Microbiologist)

### Job Description Summary

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Today, Lonza is a global leader in life sciences operating across three continents. While we work in science, there's no magic formula to how we do it. Our greatest scientific solution is talented people working together, devising ideas that help businesses to help people. In exchange, we let our people own their careers. Their ideas, big and small, genuinely improve the world. And that's the kind of work we want to be part of.

#### The role:

Our site in Visp, Switzerland, is growing, and for the Quality Systems & Services Organization, we are currently looking for a **Senior QA Specialist - Microbiological Quality Assurance (Pharmaceutical Microbiologist)**. The successful candidate will support the end-to-end contamination control strategies within our QC Microbiology laboratories and site manufacturing and support units.

#### Key responsibilities:

- Provide Quality oversight for contamination control and QA microbiology oversight for QC Microbiology operations, focusing on best practices for hygiene procedures, aseptic competencies, and microbiological testing.
- Support QC scientists and leads throughout the different stages of the microbiological methods life cycle to ensure microbiological methods are effective and executed in a manner that is aligned with contamination-prevention principles.
- Lead and guide investigations of OoX results for microbiological tests. Provide microbiological expertise to support investigations, CAPAs, and Change Control related to Contamination Prevention and Control.
- Collaborate with cross-functional teams to provide guidance and support during OoX investigations and define and implement effective CAPAs.
- Ensure QC Microbiology lab processes and procedures related to contamination control topics comply with internal requirements and appropriate regulations.
- Participate in developing action plans to correct deficiencies to ensure the adequate microbiological quality of the lab facilities, utilities, and procedures.
- Analyze and interpret microbiological testing data, identify trends, and implement adequate corrective actions.
- Develop and deliver training programs to QC laboratory staff on contamination prevention and control, aseptic behavior, and hygiene best practices.
- Support regulatory inspections and customer audits as a Pharmaceutical Microbiology subject matter expert.

#### Key requirements

- Master's degree in a relevant scientific discipline (preferably in microbiology).
- Substantial GMP experience in the biologics industry, with direct QC Microbiology or relevant QA experience.
- Strong knowledge of contamination control principles, practices, and regulations (e.g., FDA, EMA).
- Working knowledge of microbiological testing methods, media challenges, and microbiological control strategy is required.
- Fluency in English, ability to communicate in or willingness to learn German.

Every day, Lonza's products and services have a positive impact on millions of people. For us, this is not only a great privilege, but also a great responsibility. How we achieve our business results is just as important as the achievements themselves. At Lonza, we respect and protect our people and our environment. Any success we achieve is no success at all if not achieved ethically.

People come to Lonza for the challenge and creativity of solving complex problems and developing new ideas in life sciences. In return, we offer the satisfaction that comes with improving lives all around the world. The satisfaction that comes with making a meaningful difference.