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Professional Summary:

A senior medical writer with more than 25 years' experience in big pharmaceutical companies and Contract Research Organisations with a track record of delivering a range of high-quality regulatory documents within tight deadlines and budgets. Having previously worked in academic research as a clinical pharmacologist, key strengths include: writing Clinical Study Reports across all phases that fulfil regulatory requirements; writing high-quality protocols that underpin clinical research projects and compiling safety narratives to report Serious Adverse Events.

Key Skills:

Regulatory Writing

- Clinical Study Reports (CSRs)
- Safety Narratives
- Clinical Study Protocols
- Investigator Brochures
- Summary Documents

Career Highlights:

- Pfizer developed maraviroc, a novel antiretroviral drug to treat HIV. Selected as Lead Writer to author all CSRs for programme from Phase 1 to Phase 3. Obtained inputs from drug development clinical team; drafted all 15 CSRs in a timely fashion from Phase 1 and Phase 2 through to complex, first pivotal Phase 3 study; and as key member of the drug development team, obtained approval and sign-off by Clinical Lead for regulatory submission. Succeeded in gaining rapid FDA approval in 2007 which led to sales of £143m in 2013.
- Pfizer's clinical development of voriconazole (Vfend) for fungal infections was delayed by a backlog of CSRs. Selected by Medical Writing Manager as Lead Writer to write all project CSRs to meet tight deadlines. Set up meetings with project team to identify deficiencies; determined scope, size and priority of CSRs; developed timely, efficient processes; and wrote CSRs for a wide range of studies at different stages of completion. Succeeded in meeting timeline for regulatory submission, winning an Excellence Award and an extra month's salary.
- H Lundbeck's Pharmacovigilance Department struggled to meet Serious Adverse Events (SAEs) reporting deadlines due to weak command of English. Recruited to help write SAE Narratives and ensure timely reporting of departmental caseload. Worked with Medical Director and multinational team to drastically reduce a backlog of 350 SAEs; used triage system to prioritise SAEs; developed algorithm to streamline system; and processed 12 SAEs per week for 1.5 years. Succeeded in improving reporting rates of SAEs within required time from 45% to 95%.

Career History:

Employer: **Maze House Medical Ltd**
Position: **Director and Founder**
Dates: **September 2011 to Present**

Maze House Medical Ltd provides freelance medical writing services to the pharmaceutical and healthcare industries.

Supply quality medical writing to clients, specialising in regulatory medical writing, particularly CSRs, at the required speed and at a competitive cost.

- CSR writing, 2022 (Contract Research Organisation [CRO]: Veristat).
- CSR writing, from 2021 (CRO: Certara/Synchrogenix).
- Advisory Board minutes, 2021 (CRO: Remote Audio-Visual Solutions).

- Protocol and CSR writing, 2020/2021 (CRO: Argos Multilingual).
- Protocol writing, 2020 (CRO: SEC).
- Protocol, CSR writing, and IB update, from 2020 (CRO: Quanticate).
- Protocol and CSR writing, from 2019 (CRO: Tech Observer).
- Slide deck (2019) and protocol writing (2022) (CRO: McCann/IPG).
- Submission of studies to EudraCT for multiple companies and other ad hoc medical writing consultancy work, from 2018 (CRO: RApport Global Strategic Services Ltd).
- Protocol update and manuscript, 2018 to 2020 (CRO: Theragnostics).
- Presentations at 6th European ISMPP Meeting, London, Jan 2018 and at medical and scientific writing courses hosted by Stgilesmedical Berlin, May and Oct 2018.
- Narratives for oncology and vaccine studies, from 2016 (CRO: ExecuPharm/now Parexel).
- CSRs/protocol/QC/paper for scientific journal, 2015 to 2022 (CRO: SQN).
- CSR writing, 2015 (CRO: Stgilesmedical).
- CSR writing, 2015 (CRO: Research2Trials).
- Narrative writing, 2015 (CRO: Chiltern).
- CSRs, ad hoc regulatory writing, and quality gate QC, 2014 to 2019 (CRO: MMS Holdings).
- Advisory Board minutes, 2014 (CRO: Virgo Health).
- Regulatory writing, 2013 to 2017 (CRO: ICON).
- CSR writing, 2013 (CRO: Cerafor).

Employer: **Pharmaceutical Product Development (PPD)**
Position: **Senior Medical Writer**
Dates: **November 2008 to September 2011**

PPD is a leading global contract research organization, employing 23,000 people in 46 countries, providing comprehensive, integrated drug development, laboratory and lifecycle management services for pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device, academic and government organisations.

- Researched, prepared and coordinate scientific publications for submission to client companies/national regulatory agencies. Reported to Associate. Director, Medical Writing.
- Advised and trained other medical writing professionals and outside consultants.
- Wrote and revised integrated CSRs in accordance with PPD SOPs and working practices.
- Liaised with sponsor to determine format, content and direction of CSRs.
- Developed text for CSRs, working with statisticians, physicians and sponsors to finalise text for discussion sections.
- Wrote and revised protocols from outlines provided by the sponsor or PPD therapeutic expert.
- Assisted in producing CTAs, MAAs and investigator brochures.
- Represented Medical Writing in project team meetings and forecasted costs and timelines.
- Kept up-to-date on guidelines and requirements of ICH, FDA, EMEA and other agencies.

Employer: **Quanticate Ltd**
Position: **Senior Medical Writer**
Dates: **July 2007 to October 2008**

Quanticate is a leading global data-focused CRO with a global reach with offices across three continents and is primarily focused on the management, analysis and reporting of data from clinical trials and post-marketing surveillance.

- Wrote regulatory standard documents for clients, to agreed processes and timelines.
- Designed methods, systems and standards to report a diverse array of methodology studies.
- Developed the medical writing components for business development.
- Wrote several methodology CSRs for Pfizer.

Employer: **Pfizer Global Research & Development**
Position: **Senior Medical Writer**
Dates: **June 1997 to July 2007**

Pfizer is one of the world's largest research-based pharmaceutical and biomedical companies, employing 92,400 people in 60 countries, and is dedicated to discovering, developing, manufacturing, and marketing prescription medications for humans and animals.

- Wrote high-quality regulatory documents as part of Pfizer's submission dossiers to regulatory authorities.
- Wrote more than 200 Pfizer CSRs of all kinds and managed many others.
- Acted as medical writing primary contact/therapeutic area lead for clinical project teams.
- Led numerous innovations and process changes to improve CSR quality, speed and cost.
- Spearheaded CSR writing activities for submissions for successful medicines including Selzentry, Relpax and Vfend as well as for numerous other development compounds.
- Managed CSRs written in-house and at Pfizer's Indian office.
- Developed effective resourcing and tracking capabilities for European studies.
- Designed methods, systems and standards to report a diverse array of methodology studies.
- Mentored and coached many writers with differing levels of experience.

Relevant Earlier Career:

- Sep 1996 to May 1997: Pharmaceutical Research Associates International: Medical Writer
- May 1995 to Aug 1996: H Lundbeck A/S: Medical Writer
- Nov 1991 to May 1995: University of Surrey (Human Psychopharmacology Research Unit): Research Fellow
- Oct 1985 to Oct 1991: University of Dundee (Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology): Research Assistant

Qualifications & Memberships:

- PhD Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacology: University of Dundee, 1991
- BSc Pharmacology: University of Liverpool, 1985
- Member of The European Medical Writers Association since 2007

Training & Development:

- The Basics of Regulatory Affairs
- Scientific Thinking and Writing Workshop
- Statistical Thinking for Clinical Trials
- Writing Technical Reports
- Communication Skills
- Interpersonal Skills Development: Transactional Analysis
- Myers Briggs Type Indicator Workshops

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- Driving Licence: Full and clean

Recommendations:

“A very professional medical writer, delivering quality documents for our CSRs. He is very accessible and knowledgeable.” Olivier Van Till, Associate Medical Science Director, Global Medical Science, Astellas Pharma

“I very much liked working together with Duncan for his flexibility with multiple changed project timelines, providing pro-active solutions to write the CSR, delivering high quality work and always delivering on time. Duncan is very professional and it was a pleasure working with him on my project!” Martijn Belgraver, Global Project Manager, ICON

"Many thanks for the excellent and high-quality work on a large volume of patient narratives. Chiltern were delighted with your responsiveness, high quality and experience in both writing and QC of CSR patient narratives for this large and complex oncology study. We would most certainly work with you again on future projects. A pleasure to work with”. Rebecca Farrar, Director of Medical Writing, Global. Chiltern International

Duncan produced the minutes for a day long advisory board meeting in Nov 2021, on behalf of our client seeking input from subject matter experts for the design of an important oncology clinical study. The document was of high scientific quality, clearly written, and produced in a timely fashion and at a competitive cost. The client was very happy with the deliverable and required no changes. Duncan is a pleasure to work with, highly skilled and we were very satisfied with Duncan’s active contribution to the project. I would highly recommend his medical writing work and professional approach. Gavin Clark, Remote Solutions