JOB Posting

Chemist II

VistaPharma, Largo, FL

Job Summary:

The Chemist II is responsible for supporting the company's Quality Control related requirements. This includes the performance of area responsibilities necessary to ensure that Laboratory activities are in accordance to cGMP's and FDA requirements. This individual performance must be aligned and consistent with company objectives, applicable department programs, including training, documentation, standard operating procedures, and VistaPharm, Inc. policies and procedures.

Performs analytical testing of raw materials, in-process samples, finished products and stability samples in accordance with company SOPs and established cGMP and safety guidelines.

Job Responsibilities:

- Maintain lab consumables inventory (e.g. – reference standards, columns, reagents, test solutions, solvents) including procurement, receiving, labeling, storage and disposal consistent with standard operating procedures as well as disposal of related packaging material
- Perform laboratory test sample destruction consistent with standard operating procedures
- Conduct the annual controlled substance inventory
- Transport controlled and non-controlled drug products consistent with standard operating procedures and DEA regulations, where applicable
- Coordinating contract laboratory testing including the shipment of laboratory test samples in compliance with standard operating procedures and DEA regulations, where applicable
- Prepare Test Solutions as per established test methods and/or compendial requirements
- Prepare/Standard Volumetric Solutions as per established test methods and/or compendial requirements
- Conduct Daily Performance Verifications of laboratory instrumentation such as analytical balances, microbalances and pH meters.
- Conduct basic, compendial-based wet chemistry testing of raw materials and components (e.g. – TLC, Titration, Loss on Drying, Residue on Ignition, Viscosity, Microscopic Analysis, Density/Specific Gravity, pH, TLC, Limit Tests, UV, Karl Fischer) consistent with established methods/specifications as well as USP/NF
- Conduct in-process testing (e.g. – pH adjustment, particle size analysis by laser diffraction, density/specific gravity)
- Conduct swabbing of manufacturing equipment and deliver samples to the test analyst(s)
- Conduct packaging inspection of drug product
- Composite drug product samples
- Conduct Deliverable Volume testing of drug product
- Conduct conductivity testing of USP Purified Water samples.
- Documents the procedures and results obtained in laboratory notebooks/logbooks according to established procedures consistent guidelines.
- Assists in calibration and maintenance activities of instruments as directed by lab management.
- This position may require the labeling, packaging or movement of hazardous (flammable, corrosive, toxic, etc.) waste within the facility. If so, this employee would be trained in these subjects as per applicable local, state and/or federal regulations.
- Adheres to all applicable procedures, cGMP's, company policies, and all other quality or regulatory requirements (OSHA, DEA, FDA, HS&E, etc.). Ensures all work is performed in a safe, effective manner, and in compliance with the appropriate industry and regulatory (FDA, DEA, OSHA) standards, and Departmental, Plant, and Corporate quality and Safety goals.
- Quality Management, as required, may assign and require other duties and responsibilities not previously mentioned above.

Qualification and Requirements:

- A minimum of 3 years of experience in a pharmaceutical quality control laboratory environment
- Minimum Bachelor's degree in Chemistry or related science
- Experience performing dissolution, UV-Vis, FTIR, Karl Fisher titrator and wet chemistry testing
- Strong math, writing and communication skills
- Experience with MS Office applications (Word, Excel & Outlook)
- Self-motivated, with good organizational skills and the ability to work effectively in a team environment