



**Position Title:** Director/Senior Director, Patient Advocacy  
**Department:** Corporate Affairs

**Our vision is a world where science, passion, and compassion create better todays and more tomorrows.**

**Company Overview:**

With patients as our guiding stars, Astria Therapeutics' dedicated and passionate team is devoted to bringing life-changing therapies to patients and families impacted by hereditary angioedema (HAE) and rare and niche allergic and immunological diseases. Our company was formed following the acquisition of Quellis Biosciences, Inc., by Catabasis Pharmaceuticals in January 2021, becoming what is now Astria Therapeutics (Nasdaq: ATXS). Our name comes from the Greek word for star, and at Astria, patients are the stars that guide our journey. Their stories inspire us, their successes energize us, and their challenges give us purpose. Our lead program STAR-0215, is a monoclonal antibody inhibitor of plasma kallikrein designed to provide long-active, effective attack prevention for HAE. We also plan to develop a pipeline in the areas of allergy and immunology with a focus on rare and niche indications through internal discovery efforts and in-licensing.

We are well-positioned to continue successfully advancing our current programs — with STAR-0215 on track to potentially demonstrate clinical proof of concept of its differentiated profile and long antibody half-life in Phase 1a next year — in addition to growing and developing additional product candidates and partnerships.

**STAR-0215:**

Astria's lead program, STAR-0215 is currently in preclinical development for the treatment of HAE, a rare genetic disorder characterized by severe, recurrent, unpredictable, painful, and sometimes life-threatening swelling in the face, limbs, abdomen, and airway. Astria is developing STAR-0215 to be a long-acting monoclonal antibody inhibitor of plasma kallikrein, dosed once every 3 months or longer, with the goal of providing the most patient-friendly chronic treatment option for people living with HAE. The company expects to file an Investigational New Drug (IND) application for STAR-0215 in mid-2022 and plans to initiate a Phase 1 clinical trial with initial results anticipated by year end 2022.

**Position Overview:**

Astria is seeking a Director/Sr Director, Patient Advocacy to build Astria's overarching global patient advocacy and patient community strategy. Leading the Patient Advocacy function, you will be responsible for developing a comprehensive and transformational engagement plan including defining, standardizing, and executing best practices for patient advocacy and patient community engagement across the continuum of drug discovery and commercialization. The person in this role will develop meaningful

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relationship engagements with global patient advocacy and professional organizations, remain abreast of new developments that have an impact on the function, and define and deliver on clear metrics to measure advocacy efforts. This is a key role in partnering with the patient advocacy and patient community in sharing Astria's patient-centric philosophy and mission to bring hope and life-changing therapies to patients and families.

## **Responsibilities:**

### **Advocacy Strategy**

- Contribute to the development of the overarching global strategic plan and holistic company philosophy around patient advocacy engagement and collaboration
- Liaise with key internal stakeholders to refine the current and build the future advocacy strategy
- Assess landscape and capabilities of patient advocacy and professional societies and prioritize collaborations accordingly based upon capabilities and alignment
- Create and maintain therapeutic area tailored advocacy strategies and operational engagement that may include but are not limited to educational programs, disease awareness initiatives, advisory boards, patient speaker engagement, clinical trial awareness, and policy improvements
- Support the development and deployment of strategic advocacy campaigns within assigned therapeutic areas
- Represent Astria at patient advocacy events and present our STAR-0215 and pipeline programs
- Ensure that strategic plans with external stakeholders align with overarching corporate goals

### **Relationship Management**

- Lead relationship development with key advocacy and professional societies to ensure productive ongoing partnerships based on shared patient-focused objectives
- Ensure relationships are proactive, strategic, and sustaining
- Drive presence at relevant advocacy organization events and meetings. Share key learnings with internal stakeholders.
- Support the building of a leading patient advocacy organization that is well-respected by the patient community, collaborators, and advocacy partners

### **Cross Functional Collaboration/Alignment**

- Bring experience to contribute as a high performing team member to help build the company's patient and professional advocacy relations function including assisting with strategy development, planning, and budgeting.
- Build strong, collaborative relationships with internal stakeholders and communicate accordingly. Ensure cross-functional collaboration with medical, research and development, brand, market access, government affairs, health policy and other key stakeholders to optimally manage relationships to ensure alignment and effective execution of patient advocacy strategy.

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### **Patient Voice**

- Leverage patient insights learned from the patient community and serve as internal consultant to champion and further incorporate patient perspectives into all appropriate initiatives, including disease education programs, clinical trial design, research collaborations, and patient services.
- Act as the organization's ambassador for the patient perspective. Further enhance the patient-centric mindset at Astria and identify opportunities for organization members to learn more about patient and family experiences and perspectives.

### **Sponsorship Management**

- Effectively manage budget and direct advocacy-related requests for funding (charitable donations, sponsorships, fundraiser, and disease awareness events), providing recommendations to the review committee and track financial support
- Ensure all advocacy funding requests are reviewed according to compliance policies

### **Qualifications:**

Successful candidates will have the following:

- Strong track record of building successful relationships between healthcare corporations and patient advocacy organizations
- Undergraduate degree required
- 8+ years of progressive industry/relevant professional experience; 4+ years of patient advocacy experience.
- Understanding of relevant regulations and guidelines such as FDA, EMA, Pharma, GDPR, etc.
- Proven ability to demonstrate leadership skills and a track record of developing communications and advocacy strategies and campaigns
- Ability to serve as a company ambassador with external stakeholders
- A self-starter with a high energy level and a passion for working with the patient advocacy community. Ability to work in a fast-moving, dynamic, small-company environment.
- Ability to anticipate and effectively resolve conflict, mitigate risks, and forge consensus among diverse parties
- Highly collaborative, able to prioritize efforts and manage internal and external stakeholder expectations
- Excellent oral and written communication skills, strong leadership skills, self-motivated, and a team-player
- Travel: potential for 25%+ (domestic and international)