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COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

PHLEBOTOMIST X 7

(3 months Fixed-Term Part-time Appointment starting 2 January 2023)

**DIABETES AND ENDOCRINOLOGY
SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE
MEDICAL SCHOOL CAMPUS**

REF NO.: T/CM21/2022

The Department of Diabetes and Endocrinology is seeking a dynamic and experienced individual to fill the position of Research Phlebotomist for the DISCOVER ME-SOUTH AFRICA (DMSA) study, through a partnership between University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN), Inkosi Albert Luthuli Central Hospital (IALCH) Department of Health (DOH) and Omnigen Biodata Limited, UK.

The aim of the study is to create a dynamic resource of demographic, health and genetic data to understand clinical disease progression and informed risk prediction. The study will enrol up to 100,000 participants (patients) attending IALCH over a two-year period, and integrate their electronic health record (EHR) with genetic data. The incumbent will be based in Durban, at IALCH, Medical School Campus and potentially in the community.

The Phlebotomist is responsible for recruiting and enrolling participants and obtaining biological samples from study participants using standard procedures. They will be responsible for collecting adequate samples so that they can be analysed in the laboratory, whilst ensuring no harm comes to the patient.

Furthermore, the successful candidate will:

- Use standard procedures to obtain adequate quality and volumes of blood samples for research purposes, in line with participant consent, and without harming the patient
- Correctly assign sample identifiers (IDs) to study participants using a secure online software on a tablet device.
- Store samples appropriately, following standard procedures, prior to analysis in the laboratory
- Explain the procedure to participants and provide reassurance where needed

Minimum Requirements:

- 2-years' experience in a phlebotomy role;
- Phlebotomy certificate to practice phlebotomy and proof thereof;
- Registration in relevant discipline with HPCSA/SANC and proof thereof;
- Prior experience working with patients in a healthcare setting

Essential Requirements

- Excellent communication skills
- Fluent in English and Zulu
- Able to operate online software on a tablet device
- Good listening and observational skills
- Prior experience in taking informed consent and enrolling participants into research studies

This post reports to Senior Study Coordinator. Enquiries regarding this post may be directed to Miss Nokahle Hadebe via e-mail: hadeben9@ukzn.ac.za

You will be expected to work 15 days a month, 5 hours per day.

The closing date for receipt of applications is 28 November 2022.

The University reserves the right not to make any appointment.

Applicants are required to complete the relevant application form which is available on the Vacancies website at www.ukzn.ac.za. Completed forms may be sent to hadeben9@ukzn.ac.za

The Advert Reference Number MUST be clearly stated in the email subject line.