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**COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES**

**PHLEBOTOMIST X 2  
(1-Year Fixed-Term appointment, renewable)  
DIABETES AND ENDOCRINOLOGY  
SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE  
MEDICAL SCHOOL CAMPUS**

**REF NO.: T/CM16/2021**

The Department of Diabetes and Endocrinology is seeking a dynamic and experienced individual to fill the position of Research Coordinator 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 and Medical school Campus.

The Phlebotomist is responsible for obtaining biological samples from study participants using standard procedures. They will be responsible for collecting adequate samples so that they can be analyzed 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.
- Registration in relevant discipline with HPCSA/SANC
- Prior experience working with patients in a healthcare setting
- Prior experience in taking informed consent and enrolling participants into research studies

**Essential Requirements**

- Excellent communication skills
- Fluent in English and Zulu
- Able to operate online software on a tablet device
- Good listening and observational skills

This post reports to Senior Study Coordinator. Enquiries regarding this post may be directed to Mrs C Vedralankar on 0312604537. The job profile is available from Mrs C Vedralankar e-mail: [vedalankarc@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:vedalankarc@ukzn.ac.za). You are invited to visit the College website at <http://chs.ukzn.ac.za/Homepage.aspx>

**The total remunerative salary is R 283 086 per annum. The closing date for receipt of applications is 11 October 2021. 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](http://www.ukzn.ac.za). Completed forms may be sent to [vedalankarc@ukzn.ac.za](mailto:vedalankarc@ukzn.ac.za).**

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