Senior Project Manager – Research & Development

Cook Medical | Limerick | Permanent | Hybrid

Overview

Cook Medical are seeking a Senior Project Manager to join their Research & Development team in Limerick, leading the development of innovative Class III medical devices from concept through to commercialisation.

This role sits within the R&D organisation and offers the opportunity to lead complex product development programmes, working closely with multidisciplinary engineering teams and key stakeholders across Quality, Regulatory, Manufacturing and Supply Chain.

You'll be responsible for driving project execution, managing programme risks and budgets, coordinating cross-functional teams, and ensuring successful delivery of key milestones throughout the product development lifecycle.

Key Responsibilities

- Lead complex medical device development projects from concept through to commercialisation.
- Develop and maintain project plans, timelines, budgets, resource plans and risk registers.
- Coordinate cross-functional teams across R&D, Design Engineering, Process Development, Quality, Regulatory, Manufacturing and Supply Chain.
- Drive project execution and ensure milestones are delivered on time.
- Facilitate project governance, reporting and communication with senior leadership.
- Identify project risks and implement mitigation strategies.
- Manage project metrics and communicate progress to key stakeholders.
- Support continuous improvement of project management processes and best practices.
- Ensure projects are delivered in accordance with FDA, MDR, ISO 13485 and internal quality requirements.

What Cook Are Looking For

- Experience leading medical device product development projects within an R&D environment.
- Proven experience managing products through the full development lifecycle, ideally from concept through to commercialisation.
- Strong project planning, budgeting, scheduling and risk management experience.
- Experience leading cross-functional teams across engineering, quality and regulatory functions.
- Knowledge of medical device development processes, design controls and stage-gate/project lifecycle methodologies.
- Experience working within regulated medical device environments (FDA, ISO 13485, MDR).
- Excellent stakeholder management and communication skills.
- Engineering degree (Mechanical, Biomedical or similar) preferred.
- PMP or equivalent Project Management certification is advantageous.

Ideal Experience

The successful candidate will typically have experience across:

- Research & Development
- New Product Development (NPD)
- Design Controls
- Verification & Validation
- Design Transfer
- Risk Management
- Cross-functional Project Leadership
- Medical Device Commercialisation

While experience supporting manufacturing or technical transfer is valuable, the primary focus of this role is leading **R&D product development programmes**, rather than manufacturing operations or site-based engineering projects.