Celyad Oncology is looking for a **Production (Senior) Technician**. The successful candidate will be based in Mont-Saint-Guibert and will report into the **Cell Therapy Manufacturing Unit Operations Manager**.

Role & Responsibilities

- Performs his/her duties and documents his/her work according to Celyad's internal procedures and cGMP.
- Works daily in a cleanroom manufacturing environment (Grade A/B/C/D);
- Manufactures clinical grade ATMPs by aseptic manual process, including isolation, selection, activation, transduction, culture, fill and finish and cryopreservation of primary cells, as well as associated culture media and solutions, according to SOPs and aseptic techniques.
- Manages raw materials, consumables and wastes, incl. preparation of internal orders, entry and exit from the zones, decontamination and storage, according to the planning.
- Uses various manufacturing execution system software (e.g. for EM, alarms) and production process-related equipment.
- Participates to the control and maintenance of the environment (equipment & facility cleaning and environmental monitoring) in the GMP production areas in order to ensure the continuity of the clinical production activities.
- Communicates clearly with supervision and colleagues to highlight on production status or any abnormality related to safety, quality and efficiency.
- Initiates when required and follows up on QMS-related GMP documentation, including change control requests, events/deviations, OOS and CAPA, under supervision.
- Provides support to writing/revising SOPs and associated documents (incl. batch records, work files, checklists) related to Production activities.
- Works in a constructive and flexible way in a team.
- Contributes to projects related to the introduction of new products, procedures and equipment in GMP areas, as well as the development and optimization of processes (including generation and execution of qualification/validation protocols).

In addition, if Senior Production Technician level:

- Acts as lead production technician in the field by training and coaching production technicians, by i) being their first point of contact for routine operational activities and troubleshooting operational day to day problems and by ensuring that SOPs and good safety practices are followed, and ii) being the second point of contact for production optimizations in collaboration with the CTMU validation team. Supports continuous improvement and lean manufacturing initiatives.
- Participates in troubleshooting of experiment/equipment issues and to investigational/batch failure studies.
- Supports on an *ad hoc* basis QC and R&D activities (training to analytical methods and instruments, such as qPCR, ELISA, flow cytometry, microbiology testing).

Qualifications & Experience

- Bachelor degree in Biotechnology/Applied Biology or equivalent relevant experience
- Min 3 years (min. 5-7 years for Senior level) hands-on expertise in cell culture and aseptic techniques.
- Work experience in cGMP environment is a must.
- Experience in cell & gene therapy manufacturing is an added value.
- Knowledge of molecular Biology and analytical technologies (e.g. qPCR, flow cytometry, ELISA, microbiology, etc.) is an added value.

Skills & Competencies

- Focus on quality, compliance and detail.
- Languages: good level of English and French (oral and written).
- Proficient user of Microsoft Office applications.
- Can do attitude.
- Good interaction & communication skills.
- Ability to work proactively in (transversal) teams - Team spirit.
- Flexible mindset.

For more information about this position or about the Company, please contact us by email at job@celyad.com