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SUMMARY

Technical Operations Project Management Leader with 10+ years of experience delivering complex biologics from early through late phase. Trusted partner to technical and executive leaders, building the PM infrastructure that makes program status visible and using cross-functional data to diagnose risk and inform leadership decisions. Tech transfer experience spans both the sponsor and receiving CDMO sides. Recognized for turning ambiguity into executable plans and driving delivery in regulated, high-stakes environments.

CORE CAPABILITIES

- PM Infrastructure & Systems Design
- Tech Transfer (Sponsor and Receiving CDMO Perspectives) and GMP Site Readiness
- Operational Readiness, Risk Management, and Scenario Planning
- Executive Communication and Decision Support
- CMC, CDMO, and Manufacturing Operations
- Program Financial Planning & Cost Recovery

SELECT PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Led $20M+ GMP manufacturing plant start-up budget integrating Manufacturing, MSAT, Engineering, Supply Chain, and Finance to accommodate five internal programs and enable on-time program execution.
- Improved site budget performance by 8% and cut product materials costs by 15% through capacity planning frameworks, strengthening financial discipline across manufacturing operations.
- Owned CDMO partnership governance, including cadences, escalation paths, and performance accountability, across external tech transfer engagements.
- Built a dynamic scenario-planning tool with resource loading to keep tech transfer schedules resilient amid shifting process changes and program goals.
- Aligned five geographically dispersed functions to keep two global vaccine programs on schedule through Phase 1 handoff to the sponsor.
- Built the governance infrastructure and diagnostic reporting that brought Blue Rock's first internal tech transfer program into GMP readiness.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project Manager, IND-Enabling Tech Transfer (Contract) *03/2026 – 10/2026*
BlueRock Therapeutics *Remote*

- Architected and implemented PM infrastructure for IND-enabling tech transfer, including a Smartsheet-based governance framework and RAID log feeding a leadership dashboard, supporting GMP manufacturing readiness and cross-functional alignment.
- Built a dynamic Excel-based scenario planner with resource loading to schedule tech transfer activities around process changes and program goals.
- Diagnosed root causes behind missed deadlines and slow risk resolution, building the data-driven case that informed leadership's resource allocation decisions.

Associate Director, CMC Project Manager (Contract) *04/2023 - 12/2024*
Gates Medical Research Institute *Remote*

- Facilitated five geographically dispersed functions supporting two global vaccine programs, ensuring scope, schedule, and deliverables across drug development and manufacturing.
- Developed executive-facing dashboards reviewed weekly by CMC leadership to guide readiness, risk, and progress decisions.
- Spearheaded cross-functional readiness for an external tech transfer, enabling program handoff to the sponsor at the end of Phase 1 manufacturing.

Associate Director, Manufacturing Ops *03/2021 - 01/2023*
Ultragenyx Pharmaceuticals *Remote*

- Served as Master Scheduler driving cross-functional readiness for GMP site startup, aligning Manufacturing, MSAT, Engineering, Supply Chain, and Finance teams; achieved 100% on-time milestone delivery.
- Managed $20M+ site-level financial planning and long-range forecasting in partnership with six business unit leaders, improving site budget management performance by 8% and cutting product materials costs by 15% through capacity planning frameworks.
- Designed manufacturing business processes, including decision making frameworks and change management workflows, cutting strategic decision cycles from 3 months to 2 weeks while maintaining operational agility.

Senior Manager, CDMO Management & Tech Transfer *04/2019 - 03/2021*
Ultragenyx Pharmaceuticals *Cambridge, MA*

- Owned the day-to-day relationship with external CDMO partners, establishing governance cadences, escalation pathways, and performance management processes to maintain partnership accountability.
- Delivered two complex gene therapy tech transfers to external CDMO partners within 3 months each, meeting 100% of clinical manufacturing timelines with zero delays.
- Oversaw $8M in CDMO contracts, and recovered $2.7M in overcharges through contract audits and financial tracking.

Program Management *11/2017 - 04/2019*
Brammer Bio (now ThermoFisher) *Cambridge, MA*

- Orchestrated the organization's first clinical manufacturing run as the receiving site PM for an incoming client tech transfer at the CDMO, coordinating five teams across three sites to achieve successful execution.
- Identified and recovered $500K in unbilled material testing costs, strengthening contract integrity and client accountability.

Technical Project Manager, RTSM *08/2015 - 06/2017*
PAREXEL International *Billerica, MA*

- Governed systems for data collection and reporting to sponsors and data monitoring committees, guiding clinical study design, dosing, and safety decisions across four clinical trials.

LEADERSHIP, IMPACT, & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- Health Policy Consultant & Independent Patient Advocate, supporting organizations including the Mary Tyler Moore Vision Institute and Diabetes Patient Advocacy Coalition through patient advocacy and lived-experience engagement.
- Founder & Leader, GetT1DtheCovidVax.org, launched a Massachusetts-based public health advocacy initiative addressing COVID vaccine access.
- Team Photographer, Watertown Wavemakers Swim Team, Boys & Girls Club, leading visual storytelling to celebrate team success, communicate program value to the community, support fundraising, and build swimmer confidence.

SELECT RECOGNITIONS

- Program Achievement Award, Gates Medical Research Institute
- Best in Manufacturing Readiness, Brammer Bio

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Project & Financial Management: MS Project, Jira, Smartsheet, Adaptive, Coupa, Financial Forecasting, Variance Analysis, Accrual Tracking, PMP Equivalent

Data Management & Documentation: Veeva, SharePoint, Excel-Based Dashboards, KPI Definition, Risk Registers, Executive Reporting, Power BI (foundational)

Collaboration & Communication: Microsoft Teams, Zoom, PowerPoint, Cross-functional Facilitation, Governance-ready Communications

EDUCATION

Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Master of Business Administration (MBA)
Massachusetts Maritime Academy, Bachelor of Science, Marine Engineering