

Director, Hypertension

Vital Strategies

Vital Strategies, based in New York City, is an international public health organization. We develop and oversee programs to strengthen public health systems and address leading causes of morbidity and mortality, providing expertise in project implementation and management, strategic communications, epidemiology and surveillance, and other core public health capacities. Our specific programs include road safety, obesity prevention, tobacco control, and activities to strengthen public health data systems and the use of public health data to guide policy and decision-making. Activities are based in low and middle-income countries and cities in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the Pacific. Please visit our website at www.vitalstrategies.org to find out more about our work.

Background:

Resolve to Save Lives is a groundbreaking five-year global health initiative that aims to save millions of lives by reducing preventable deaths from cardiovascular disease and to prevent infectious disease epidemics. Resolve to Save Lives (<https://www.resolvetosavelives.org/>) is housed within Vital Strategies. Since September 2017, Resolve to Save Lives has been working closely with governments, the World Health Organization, academic and other civil society partners in a number of countries to build capacity for and implement a core package of interventions to reduce cardiovascular disease.

Overall Role:

Resolve to Save Lives is seeking a **Director, Hypertension** to help lead our global efforts to improve cardiovascular health. This is a full-time position based in New York City. Applicants must possess a valid work permit to work in New York City.

Reporting to the Senior Vice President of the Cardiovascular Health Initiative, the Director, Hypertension will oversee implementation of the Resolve to Save Lives Cardiovascular Health Initiative with a focus on large-scale hypertension management efforts. S/he will be part of a small New York City-based team. Responsibilities will include technical leadership, partnership and strategy development, program evaluation and learning, staff management, and representation. Resolve's cardiovascular health programming and surveillance is underway in India, China and Thailand and will be initiated in partnership with national organizations in up to seven additional countries in the coming year. The Director, Hypertension is expected to travel internationally approximately 30% of the time.

Specific Duties:

The Director, Hypertension will have responsibilities such as but not limited to the following:

- Provide technical oversight of the initiative's hypertension treatment and management efforts, with an emphasis on hypertension treatment protocols, drugs and devices, as well as training of implementing partners



- Coordinate with in-country partners to successfully implement hypertension treatment interventions in identified countries
- Develop and maintain effective partnerships with national and international organizations
- Provide strategic guidance to the Senior Vice President, Cardiovascular Health Initiative, regarding prioritization and implementation of key activities and approaches to overcome barriers
- Develop regular progress updates for the Senior Vice President, Cardiovascular Health Initiative on progress by country to inform quarterly progress reports for executive leadership and donors
- Mentor and manage a small team of technical and program staff and field staff and consultants to be successful in their roles
- Ensure the delivery of tailored, high-quality training of in-country and international partners on implementation of priority interventions
- Assist and, as appropriate, lead on evaluations of published data and programs in operation to continuously improve program effectiveness
- Contribute to refining the initiative's strategy for hypertension management in low- and middle-income countries, as needed
- Represent the initiative in conferences and other convenings, as needed

Required Qualifications:

- An MD degree (or related degree in clinical medicine) with at least 5 years of experience in public health program implementation and management
- Master's in public health or related degree is desired in addition to a clinical degree
- Experience working with public sector, facilities-based health service delivery
- Experience working on hypertension / non-communicable diseases is preferred
- Experience working in low- and middle-income settings or with underserved communities, ideally within the public sector
- Proven managerial skills, including organizing workflows, effective delegation and supervision, and supporting performance management of staff
- Clear, effective and efficient communication skills, both oral and written



- Exceptional organizational skills
- Demonstrated leadership skills
- Ability to work under pressure and deliver against tight deadlines
- Well-developed interpersonal skills and commitment to fostering harmonious and effective internal team work and partnerships across cultures

How to Apply

Please send your CV and a cover letter, including your salary requirements, to opportunities@resolvetosavelives.org. Applications will be received until the position is filled. Please note that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.

Vital Strategies offers competitive compensation for full-time employees and pro-rata for part-time employees based on prior experience and qualifications as well as comprehensive benefits in order to best support our people. Benefits we offer include: health, dental and vision insurance where Vital Strategies pays generously towards the cost of these benefits for employees and their families/domestic partner; 15 paid vacation days (rising to 20 paid vacation days from fourth year of service and 25 from seventh year onwards), 13 paid federal holidays and paid days off between the Christmas and New Year's holidays; paid sick days; retirement savings plan; commuter benefits and basic life and personal accident insurance.