

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Helen Vella

WORK EXPERIENCE

February 2004- Present

Director, Licensing Directorate

Medicines Authority (Malta)

oPlanning and organizing work in the Licensing Directorate to ensure efficient delivery of the operational plan
oContributing to the development and implementation of the overall strategic plan for the Medicines Authority in conjunction with the management team
oEnsuring quality of work delivered, overseeing the appropriate approval procedures for marketing authorisations and licences related to medicinal products to be placed on the market in Malta in accordance with Maltese and European legislation. Licensing procedures include new applications, through national and MR and DC procedures; variations; renewals; authorisations in line with article 126a; parallel importation.
oGenerating documentation for the Licensing Directorate, in line with the overall quality system and ensuring that procedures are followed
oDeveloping appropriate quality standards and systems, including participation in quality audits in other Directorates
oSetting the appropriate team performance targets in conjunction with the management team
oOverseeing the development of all staff in the Licensing Directorate
oChairperson of the Borderline Classification Committee (internal committee)
oChairperson of the Medicines Review Committee (internal committee)
oDelegate for Malta for the Coordination Group on the Mutual Recognition and Decentralised Procedures for Human Medicinal Products (CMDh) at the European Medicines Agency (EMA) since January 2005
oDelegate for Malta for the EMACOLEX group under the Heads of Medicines Agencies since 2004

October 2010-January 2011

National Expert in Professional Training (NEPT)

European Commission DG Competition (Belgium)

Stage

June 1991-January 2004

Pharmacist locum

Various pharmacies (Malta)

Carrying out duties of managing pharmacists in his/her absence related to dispensing of medicines and administrative pharmacy duties.

January 1996-December 2003

Pharmacist - medical representative

Cherubino Limited/Pemix Limited (Malta)

Medical detailing to prescribers and other health care professionals

October 2006- Present

Lecturer - part time

University of Malta (Malta)

Modules on regulation of medicinal products in Post-graduate diploma in Applied Chemistry course.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

October 2011-August 2013

Master of Science in Public Health Medicine

University of Malta (Malta)

Research Methods - Epidemiology and Qualitative Research, Medical Statistics, Health Information Science, Health Promotion, Organisation of Health Care Systems and Management, Environmental Health, Sociology of Illness, Applied Epidemiology, Communicable and Non-communicable Diseases, Social Policy and Health Economics.

- Postgraduate diploma in Health Sciences (Dietetics and Nutrition)

University of Malta (Malta)

February 1987-May 1991

Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)

University of Malta (Malta)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Expertise Regulatory framework
 Organisation of Health Care
 Public Health

Publications

Projects

Memberships

Other Relevant Information