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Describe your overall duties/responsibilities as a Senior Product Development Leader:

I lead the development of new medical products and associated software applications used in diagnosing and treating sleep and breathing disorders. I am responsible for gathering, leading, and supporting the cross-functional product development team and representing the status to the executive team of the Sleep and Respiratory Care division.

Explain the skills/abilities that are required for being successful in your role:

Understanding the processes required to take a product from concept all the way through release to the field, leading a team through this process, and managing all challenges (technical, clinical, quality, etc.) as they arise. Leadership skills are needed to take charge of the development team and presentation skills are needed to represent the status of product release to the executive team.

What advice would you give to students who are considering majoring in Biomedical Engineering?

Biomedical Engineers need to understand many different areas of design and can often be seen as a “jack of all trades” in a small company and sometimes, even in a large company. Be willing to take on any and all assignments proactively. Even the most mundane task can have a great impact on the patients that need the products that you are developing.

