

**► BIOPHARMA POOL****Mark Alles**  
**Dr. Jacquelyn Fouse**  
**Bob Hugin**  
**Scott Smith****CELGENE STRENGTHENS LEADERSHIP TEAM****Mark Alles**

Celgene has made several organizational changes to strengthen its leadership team and position the company for long-term growth.

Mark Alles has been promoted to CEO. Mr. Alles is a three-decade industry veteran and has been with Celgene since 2004, most recently serving as president and chief operating officer during which time he integrated Celgene's corporate operational functions in support of its global commercial franchises. Before serving as president and chief operating officer, he built and led Celgene's hematology and oncology franchise.

Jacquelyn Fouse, Ph.D., has been promoted to president and chief operating officer (COO). Dr. Fouse joined Celgene in 2010 as chief financial officer and has excelled as both the leader of Celgene's finance department and in her current role as president of Celgene's hematology and oncology franchise. Dr. Fouse is charged with further enhancing Celgene's commitment to operational excellence and driving exceptional performance across Celgene's franchises and functions.

Bob Hugin has been named executive chairman. He continues to lead the board of directors and manage the strategic direction of the company.

Scott Smith, president of Celgene's I&I franchise, has been appointed to chair Celgene's global management committee, where he is responsible for the effective coordination of Celgene's operational and strategic imperatives.

**Rinko Ghosh**  
**SYMIC NAMES PRESIDENT AND CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICER****Rinko Ghosh**

Symic, a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing multiple compounds that target and affect the extracellular matrix (ECM), has appointed Rinko Ghosh as president and chief business officer.

Previously, Mr. Ghosh was senior VP and chief business officer at Nektar Therapeutics.

**Dr. Richard McCloskey**  
**RENOVA THERAPEUTICS APPOINTS LEAD FOR CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT**

Richard "Mac" McCloskey, M.D., joins Renova Therapeutics as executive VP of clinical development

**Dr. McCloskey**

responsible for all clinical aspects of the company's trials, including preparation of trial synopses and protocols, review and approval of case report systems and safety reporting, and drafting of clinical trial endpoints. Renova Therapeutics is a biopharmaceutical company developing gene therapy treatments for congestive heart failure and other chronic diseases.

**Chris Rivera**  
**NATIVIS NAMES NEW CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT, AND CEO****Chris Rivera**

Nativis, a clinical-stage bioelectronics company developing non-invasive therapies for cancers and other serious diseases, has named Chris Rivera chairman, president, and CEO. Mr. Rivera has served as a director of the company since 2013 and brings 30 years of biotechnology industry experience to Nativis.

Mr. Rivera's career highlights include founder and CEO of Hyperion Therapeutics, which was acquired by Horizon Pharma in 2015.

**Mary Szela**  
**AGERION PHARMACEUTICALS NAMES CEO****Mary Szela**

Agerion Pharmaceuticals, a biopharmaceutical company dedicated to the development and commercialization of innovative therapies for patients with debilitating rare diseases, has appointed Mary Szela CEO. Ms. Szela brings 27 years of progressive leadership experience to Agerion as well as valuable expertise building global billion-dollar brands, such as Humira, and advancing pipeline products in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. Most recently, Ms. Szela was CEO of Melinta Therapeutics.

**► SPECIALTY POOL****Dr. Indranil Nandi**  
**VERTICE PHARMA APPOINTS VP, RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT****Dr. Indranil Nandi**

Vertice Pharma, a specialty pharmaceuticals company focused on improving patients' health, has appointed Indranil Nandi, Ph.D., as VP, research and development. Most recently, Dr. Nandi has served as VP, generic R&D, for Impax Laboratories.

**Jeff Mihm**  
**NOVEN APPOINTS CEO****Jeff Mihm**

Jeff Mihm has been appointed Noven's CEO, succeeding Jeffrey Eisenberg. Mr. Mihm joined Noven in 2003 and since then has been consistently promoted to senior leadership positions of increasing scope and importance. Most recently,

he served as VP, chief administrative officer and general counsel, where he oversaw Noven's business development, corporate affairs, human resources, information technology, and legal/compliance functions.

Noven is a specialty pharmaceutical company engaged in the research, development, manufacturing, marketing and sale of prescription pharmaceutical products.

**► AGENCY POOL****Bill McEllen**  
**FINGERPAINT TAPS AGENCY VETERAN FOR NY OFFICE****Bill McEllen**

Fingerpaint, a full-service marketing agency, has appointed Bill McEllen to lead its New York office. Mr. McEllen brings more than 20 years of experience in client-side sales, marketing, and advertising, as well as an innate ability to combine corporate objectives with creative strategies to produce impactful campaigns. Mr. McEllen joins Fingerpaint after 13 years with McCann where he served as president of both the Torre Lazur and Echo Torre Lazur Groups.

**Horacio Rodriguez**  
**ASHFIELD ADDS TO LEADERSHIP TEAM****Horacio Rodriguez**

Ashfield, part of UDG Healthcare, has named Horacio Rodriguez VP of clinical and commercial contact center US in its Ivyland, Pa., office. Mr. Rodriguez has more than 25 years of commercial healthcare experience in pharmaceutical sales, brand marketing, and contact center management within oncology, neurology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, cardiovascular, and asthma. He was VP of healthcare commercial and medical operations US for TeleRx. <sup>PV</sup>



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## ► BIOPHARMA POOL

**Rowena Choudrie**  
**Kevin Zikaras**

**ACTINIUM PHARMACEUTICALS ANNOUNCES  
NEW HIRES TO PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT  
AND CLINICAL RESEARCH TEAMS**

Actinium Pharmaceuticals, a biopharmaceutical company developing innovative targeted payload immunotherapeutics for the treatment of advanced cancers, has appointed Rowena Choudrie to the position of senior director, pharmaceutical product development, and Kevin Zikaras to the position of senior clinical scientist.

Ms. Choudrie has more than 20 years of pharmaceutical industry experience with roles of increasing responsibility in product development. Most recently, Ms. Choudrie worked at NPS Pharmaceuticals as senior director, pharmaceutical development, global technical operations.

Mr. Zikaras joins Actinium from Bristol-Myers Squibb where he was a clinical protocol manager in the Immuno-Oncology group since 2014.

**Dr. Craig Granowitz**  
**Dr. Steven Ketchum**

**AMARIN ADDS TO SENIOR MANAGEMENT**

Amarin, a biopharmaceutical company focused on the commercialization and development of therapeutics to improve cardiovascular health, has appointed Craig Granowitz, M.D., Ph.D., to the position of chief medical officer. In this role, Dr. Granowitz is providing strategic and operational leadership across multiple functions, including medical affairs, drug safety, and medical communications. In addition, the title and role of Steven Ketchum, Ph.D., Amarin's president of research and development and senior VP, has been expanded to include the responsibility of chief scientific officer.

Before joining Amarin, Dr. Granowitz was senior VP and head of global medical affairs, global human health at Merck.

Before joining Amarin, Dr. Ketchum served as senior VP, research and development, for Sunesis Pharmaceuticals.

**Marion McCourt**  
**MEDIATION NAMES CHIEF  
OPERATING OFFICER**

Marion McCourt has joined Medivation, a biopharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of medically innovative therapies to treat serious diseases for which there are limited treatment options, as chief operating officer.

In this newly created position, Ms. McCourt is responsible for oversight of several functions, including commercial operations, medical affairs, manufacturing, quality, and corporate efficiency.

Most recently, she was VP in U.S. commercial operations for Amgen.

**Dr. James Owen**

**ACADIA PHARMACEUTICALS APPOINTS  
SENIOR VP, CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT AND  
CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER**

Acadia Pharmaceuticals, a biopharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of innovative medicines to address unmet medical needs in central nervous system (CNS) disorders, has appointed James (Randy) Owen, M.D., as senior VP, clinical development and chief medical officer. Dr. Owen is responsible for evolving and executing the clinical development programs for the company's product candidates.

Dr. Owen most recently served as VP, U.S. clinical affairs, at Lundbeck LLC, from 2010 to 2016.

## ► BIOTECH POOL

**Dr. Christopher Silber**  
**AGILIS BIOTHERAPEUTICS NAMES CHIEF  
MEDICAL OFFICER**

Agilis Biotherapeutics, a biotechnology company advancing innovative gene therapy products for the treatment of rare genetic diseases that affect the central nervous system, has appointed Christopher Silber, M.D., as chief medical officer. Dr. Silber has more than 25 years of clinical development leadership experience in the pharmaceutical industry, including orphan drug development, with extensive therapeutic experience in neuroscience. Before joining Agilis, he spent seven years at H. Lundbeck A/S.

**Dr. Jeffrey Stoddard**  
**NOVAVAX APPOINTS VP, MEDICAL AFFAIRS**

Novavax, a clinical-stage vaccine company focused on the discovery, development, and commercialization of recombinant nanoparticle vaccines and adjuvants, has appointed Jeffrey Stoddard, M.D., to the position of VP, medical affairs. Dr. Stoddard's efforts are focused on external engagement with thought leaders, vaccine experts, policymakers, and key stakeholders. He is also responsible for evidence generation related to health economics and outcomes research.

Dr. Stoddard joins Novavax with more than 15 years of vaccine research and development experience and leadership roles and was most recently VP, medical affairs and medical professional services, at Alkermes.

## ► SPECIALTY POOL

**Sherry Korczynski**  
**EAGLE PHARMACEUTICALS NAMES SENIOR  
VP OF MARKETING**

Eagle Pharmaceuticals has named Sherry

Korczynski as senior VP of marketing. She joins Eagle from Mylan Specialty, where she was VP of EpiPen marketing.

## ► CRO POOL

**Dr. Cynthia Berger**  
**AVERICA APPOINTS VP OF OPERATIONS**

Averica Discovery, an analytical development contract research organization with specialized expertise in small-molecule analysis and purification, has appointed Cynthia Berger, Ph.D., to the newly created position of VP of operations.

Before joining Averica Discovery, Dr. Berger served as project manager at PCI Synthesis, a contract manufacturing organization (CMO), where she managed multimillion dollar projects manufacturing active pharmaceutical ingredients.

## ► AGENCY POOL


**Dr. John Hixson**  
**FRESHBLOOD HEALTH MARKET NAMES  
SENIOR MEDICAL DIRECTOR/NEUROLOGIST**

FreshBlood Health Market Consultants, an on-demand creative consultancy comprised of senior-level management consultants and communications specialists in the healthcare industry, expanded its clinical capabilities and scientific expertise with the addition of highly regarded neurologist, John Hixson, M.D., as a senior medical director/neurologist.

Dr. Hixson is an accomplished clinical neurologist, associate professor at the University of California San Francisco, American Academy of Neurology Committee member, published author, and public speaker who holds a degree from the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

## ► CONSULTING POOL

**Dr. Mark Weinberg**  
**HALLORAN CONSULTING GROUP ADDS CHIEF  
MEDICAL OFFICER**

Halloran Consulting Group has expanded its strategic capabilities with the addition of Mark Weinberg, M.D., who serves as chief medical officer and managing director. The addition of Dr. Weinberg to Halloran's advisory services creates a unique offering to life-sciences companies seeking CMO expertise as a key part of an on-demand, integrated development team. Before joining Halloran, Dr. Weinberg worked at RestorGenex as senior VP and head of development. 



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