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A physician and clinical researcher, Sonali Kochhar, M.D., CEO and Medical Director, Global Healthcare Consulting, has over nineteen years of experience in a Leadership position for Global Phase I-IV Clinical Research, Epidemiology and Safety Studies for Vaccines and Drugs conducted in the USA, Europe, Asia, Africa and India in Adult and Paediatric populations, Introduction of New Vaccines, Maternal Immunization, Healthcare Systems Strengthening including Logistics and Supply Chains for Immunization and Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health programs, Pandemic Preparedness, HIV/AIDs Prevention, Care and Treatment, Infectious, Tropical and Neglected Diseases, Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health and working with vulnerable and at-risk populations (including women, adolescents, children, MSMs, IDUs and Sex Workers).

She has been responsible for leading complex international projects and teams in thirteen Asian and four African countries, Europe and the USA.

She has got a strong track record of setting up global multi-million dollar International Strategic Partnerships, Policy Development, Institutional Strengthening, Strategy and Advocacy to achieve tangible results and deliver change with Government Partners (across Asia-Pacific, Africa, and South America), International Aid Agencies and Donors (Gates Foundation, USAID, Basque Government etc.), Public Health Authorities, International and Bilateral Organizations (e.g. WHO), Regulatory Bodies (including the FDA, EMEA, African and Asian National Regulatory Authorities), Ethical Committees, Scientific Organizations, International Pharmaceutical Companies, Local Communities and the Media.

She serves on various International Steering Committees, including the Wellcome Trust's 5 member Independent Review Committee for Clinical Study Data Requests, the Global Alignment of Immunization Safety Assessment in Pregnancy (GAIA), Core Planning Group of the Maternal Immunization Pharmacovigilance programs for Low and Medium Income Countries, and was on the 3 member International Steering Committee of the WHO Consultation on Safety of Immunization in Pregnancy in Mothers and Newborn Children, WHO Pediatric Deliberative Session on neonatal events in maternal immunisation, and Harvard University's Multi-Regional Clinical Trial Group (MRCT). Kochhar was part of the Gates Foundation's five member Global Health Clinical Consortium Leadership Group, International Committees involved in the development of a WHO globally integrated Vaccine Safety Monitoring System

and Safety Standards for Malaria, Tuberculosis and AIDS Vaccine trials, and the Vienna Vaccine Safety Initiative working on global vaccine research and safety.

Kochhar serves on International Scientific Advisory Boards, as Guest Faculty for International Public Health and Vaccinology Programs and has published numerous peer-reviewed international articles. She serves as a reviewer for journals like Vaccine, Lancet, Cochrane Review etc.

She earlier led teams across 13 countries in Asia for Eli Lilly and Company, as the Medical Director for the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative she provided leadership for the first AIDS vaccine research in India and as the Clinical Research and Drug Development Specialist has provided leadership for clinical research for PATH.

As the Country Director for the USAID | DELIVER PROJECT for John Snow India Pvt. Ltd., an International Health Consultancy Organization, she led efforts to strengthen Healthcare Systems including Supply Chains for Reproductive, Maternal and Child Health and Immunization programs, and enhance the use of technology for health systems planning and monitoring.

Dr Kochhar received her M.D. in Pharmacology from Delhi University, India, has done International Advanced Vaccinology courses from the University of Geneva and Fondation Mérieux, Annecy, France and Seoul, Korea (Advanced Course on Vaccinology in Asia-Pacific Region) and Epidemiology from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She was a Yale World Fellow for 2011 (Yale University's International Leadership Program).

She has been awarded the Vaccinology Fellowship Award for significant achievements in Vaccinology from Fondation Mérieux and University of Geneva; Global Leadership Awards from Eli Lilly & Company, Indianapolis, U.S.A; Bharat Jyoti (Light of India) Award for medical achievements and the Serviers Young Investigator Award by Institut de Recherches Internationales, Servier, France.