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CDRD SEMINAR SERIES

“Today's Merck: External Discovery and Preclinical Sciences”

Presented by: Kathleen M. Metters, PhD
Senior Vice President
External Discovery & Preclinical Sciences

Summary:

External Discovery and Preclinical Sciences (xDPS) is a team of senior Merck scientists dedicated to successful execution of our partnered research programs. The mission is to diversify and sustain the Merck pipeline by accessing programs and approaches not currently prosecuted within the company, that are aligned with our therapeutic area and technology strategies. xDPS aims to partner with key laboratories worldwide, facilitated by an extended global footprint with hubs in the Asia-Pacific and Americas/Europe regions. The xDPS portfolio comprises partnerships with life-sciences institutions, biotechnology companies and contract research organizations that are based on customized business models. The philosophy is to build collaborations that capitalize on diversity of scientific thought and create value for all partners.

Biography:

Dr Kathleen M. Metters is head of External Discovery and Preclinical Sciences, responsible for expanding Merck's global scientific network. Kathleen joined Merck Frosst Canada Inc. in 1988. Her research resulted in the discovery of SINGULAIR® (Prix Galien Canada 2000) and TREDAPTIVE®. In 2002, Kathleen became vice president and site head of Merck Frosst, overseeing discoveries in respiratory, metabolic and bone disorders, including odanacatib, Merck's investigational Cathepsin K inhibitor in Phase III for osteoporosis. In 2005, Kathleen was promoted to senior vice president and head of Worldwide Basic Research with oversight of research activities at all major sites.

Kathleen graduated with a B.S. in biochemistry from the University of Manchester Institute for Science and Technology, and a Ph.D. from Imperial College of Science and Technology, London. She completed post-doctoral training at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, France, and at the Clinical Research Institute of Montréal.

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