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Gary has spent over 20 years in the life sciences, including experience in medicine, academic and government-sponsored research and as an executive with several biotechnology companies. Along the way, he has participated in many "start-up" activities including corporate strategy and infrastructure, private and public fundraising, corporate collaboration, technology assessment and licensing, and intellectual property and M&A.

Following research training at the National Institutes of Health and Stanford University in virology and hematology, Gary joined Gilead Sciences, then a pre-IPO California biotech company, in 1991 as head of the virology research and preclinical development group. In 1993, he was recruited to Avigen, an early stage gene therapy company in the San Francisco Bay Area as head of R&D, and in 1998 joined Genovo, a Philadelphia area gene therapy start-up, as Chief Operating Officer. In these roles he worked closely with investigators at several academic centers including the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania to advance research from the laboratory into commercial application. After leaving Genovo in early 2001 following its acquisition by Targeted Genetics Corporation, Dr. Kurtzman was Chief Executive Officer of Pluvita, a venture-backed company in Bethesda, MD identifying cutting-edge science to accelerate the drug discovery and development process.

Gary received his undergraduate degree in biological sciences from Stanford University. He received his M.D. degree and medical training at Washington University in St. Louis and Stanford University and is a board certified internist with a hematology subspecialty. He has authored more than 40 research articles, book chapters and reviews and is the inventor on 12 issued U.S. patents.

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