

**Samina Kanwar**

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**Global Human Health**

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Samina obtained her Bachelor's in Zoology and Ph.D. in Immunology from the University of Calgary (Alberta, Canada), and conducted postdoctoral research in Inflammatory Disease at the Baylor College of Medicine (Houston, Texas). After holding a junior faculty appointment at Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital, Dr. Kanwar joined Merck Research Laboratories (MRL) in 2004.

Over her tenure in MRL, Dr. Kanwar held positions of increasing responsibilities – including Project Leader in the Respiratory & Immunology Franchise, Manager of several cross functional senior management committees and divisional initiatives - including the Merck-Schering Plough Integration (for Basic Research). In these various roles, Samina built upon her scientific training and developed a strong ability to navigate the matrix governance structure, drive decisions and deliver significant project efficiency. Her broad experience and demonstrated leadership led to her 2012 appointment as Executive Director, Emerging Markets R&D Integration & Global Process. In this role, she assumed greater leadership and operational responsibilities to drive strategic and tactical execution of key initiatives and objectives for Emerging Markets within MRL.

In September 2013, Dr. Kanwar's leadership versatility, ability to think strategically and objectively, laser focus on execution, and her strong collaboration across functions and divisions was again recognized as she moved from MRL to GHH to assume the role of Chief of Staff for the Latin America Region. In this position, Samina drove planning and execution of cross-divisional, cross-functional, and regional projects critical for the success of Merck's business in Latin America.

In December 2015, Samina was appointed Head of the Late Life Cycle Management Center of Excellence for Global Human Health. In this role, she is responsible for working with Global Brand teams to plan for upcoming Loss of Exclusivity (LOE) and drive activities to maximize revenue pre-LOE and minimize erosion post LOE.

Dr. Kanwar currently holds an Adjunct Professor appointment in the Department of Physiology & Pharmacology at the University of Medicine and Dentistry (NJ), New Jersey Medical School (UMDNJ-NJMS). She is a native Canadian from Calgary, Alberta.