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Dr. Cleary is a graduate of both the University of Illinois and Loyola University of Chicago, Stritch School of Medicine. After receiving her Ph.D. in the field of neuroscience, she performed a Post-Doctoral fellowship in molecular neuropharmacology/neuroendocrinology at University of North Carolina. Since then, Dr. Cleary has gained more than 20 years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry including an expatriate assignment in the United Kingdom. She has developed extensive expertise in global clinical development and regulatory affairs. Her drug development background includes development of 3 antiepileptic drugs (BRIVIACT[®], VIMPAT[®], and LAMICTAL[®]) in addition to experience in other neurology and psychology therapeutic areas including Parkinson's Disease, neuropathic pain, migraine, bipolar disorder, and depression.

Dr. Cleary is currently the Vice President / Head of Regulatory Pathways within the global epilepsy business unit at UCB. She provides regulatory leadership to the epilepsy franchise, developing and leading the implementation of innovative regulatory strategies and driving delivery of a portfolio of differentiated patient solutions. These solutions include small molecule medicines as well as "beyond the pill" and "around the pill" solutions (i.e., devices, technology, data analytics).

Dr. Cleary co-founded and leads the Women in Leadership Program at UCB's Research Triangle Park facility. She is active as a presenter and participant in Epilepsy Foundation conferences, collaborating with external stakeholders (e.g., regulators, health care providers) to innovate and advance the drug development pipeline to benefit people living with epilepsy. Dr. Cleary was a Deputy Topic Leader representing the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) on the International Conference on Harmonisation (ICH) E3 Working Group and is currently a member of the Regulatory Affairs Professional Society (RAPS) and the Drug Information Association (DIA).

Dr. Cleary is married, has 3 (nearly) grown children, and lives in Durham, North Carolina.