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Gisela Paulsen is a biopharmaceutical executive managing strategic and operations challenges at Genentech and Roche. She has a passion for leading people-focused agile change management and derives great satisfaction from building diverse teams and focusing on people engagement with the goals of driving business value beyond profit. She joined Genentech in 2005 and is currently Senior Vice President, Global Head, Product Development, Clinical Operations where she is responsible for oversight of Clinical Operations for Roche Product Development and the leadership of a 3,000-person workforce globally who is charged with planning and conducting clinical trials in 60+ countries to obtain the critical information we need in search for new therapies for patients. Prior to her current role, she was Vice President, Global Head of Product Development and Finance Global Product Strategy. Previous leadership roles include VP, Genentech Access Solutions; Senior Director, Franchise Head, Virology Marketing and Sales; Senior Director, Thought Leaders Services and Commercial Compliance; Senior Director, BioOncology Marketing, Communication and Operations; and Director of the Independent Medical Education Department at Genentech.

A champion of diversity and inclusion, she was a founding Officer of Genentech Women Professionals (GWP) in 2009, GWP Co-Chair in 2009-2011. She was a 2010 Healthcare Businesswomen Association (HBA) Rising Star, the 2016 HBA Council of Chapters' President of the Year and received the HBA Leadership Excellence and Dedication Award in 2017. She served as the 2016 President and has held various Board positions of the Healthcare Businesswomen Association (HBA) San Francisco Bay Area Chapter Board. She is also a recipient of the 2014 Professional Businesswomen of California (PBWC) Industry Leader Award. She is a Trustee of CuriOdyssey, a museum for environmental and STEM education; and experiential science for Bay Area children and families.

She received her undergraduate degree in Pharmacy and a Masters in Pharmaceutics and Drug Delivery from University of Uppsala, Sweden. She practiced pharmacy in a clinical setting before moving to the United States in 1995.

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