



## **Dhavalkumar (Dhaval) PATEL**

**Executive Vice President  
Chief Scientific Officer**

Joined UCB in October 2017

Dhaval Patel leads UCB's research organization with the main goal of bringing scientific innovation to patients and helping them live the life they choose.

Dhaval Patel is a medical doctor and holds a PhD in Microbiology and Immunology. He comes to UCB from Novartis, based in their headquarters in Basel, Switzerland, where for 11 years he led various biomedical research teams in areas of neurology, autoimmunity, transplantation and inflammation. In 2010, he became the Head of Research for the Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research (NIBR) Europe.

For 12 years prior to crossing into industry, Dhaval made a strong mark in the halls of academia and research, specifically at Duke University Medical Center and the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill in North Carolina in the US. He authored and co-authored over 100 thought-leading publications with more than 10,000 citations, and was a member of several top-tier journal editorial boards.

Dhaval is a member of UCB's Executive Committee. He is also a Clinical Professor at UNC-Chapel Hill and an Independent Director on the Boards of Anokion and Inflazome.

### **Key positions**

Prior to UCB, Dhaval held the following positions:

**2006 - 2017    Novartis International AG**

Head of Research of the Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research Europe  
Global Head of Autoimmunity, Transplantation and Inflammation at the Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research  
Entrepreneur in Residence, Novartis Venture Fund

2003 - 2006 **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA**  
Director, Thurston Arthritis Research Center  
Chief of the Rheumatology, Allergy and Immunology division  
Professorships in the Department of Medicine, Microbiology and Immunology

1994 – 2003 **Duke University Medical Center, USA**  
Chief of the Allergy and Immunology division  
Professorships in the Department of Medicine and Immunology

## **Education**

Dhaval Patel graduated from Duke University where he completed a Bachelor in Science degree, an MD and a PhD in Microbiology and Immunology. He has also been board certified in Internal Medicine, Rheumatology, and Allergy and Immunology.