



Dhavalkumar (Dhaval) Patel

**Executive Vice President
Chief Scientific Officer**

Joined UCB in October 2017

Appointed in 2017

Date of birth: 1961

Nationality: American

Introduction & Professional experience

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

Dhaval Patel 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.

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

Eminent Professor of Medicine

Director, Thurston Arthritis Research Center

Chief of the Rheumatology, Allergy and Immunology division

Professorships in the Departments of Medicine, Microbiology and Immunology



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

Education

Dhaval Patel graduated from Duke University where he completed a bachelor's 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.

Main external appointments

Member of the Board of Anokion

Member of the Board of Priothera

Member of the Board of Quell Therapeutics

Chair of the Board of Mimetas

Clinical Professor of Medicine at the University of North Carolina

