

Panelist bios for Nov. 15 PMINJ Life Sciences LCI event with Carlos Ubinas

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Carlos is a Sr. Project Manager, leader, and travel enthusiast, is glad to share his learnings from a 15-year career in Project Management and Engineering. He has so far led projects in 40 US States, 9 different countries, over 70 cities, with 7 corporate functions, and outdoor adventures in 18 different countries. Carlos serves as Coach and Mentor to Project Managers and Engineers, and will discuss many of the strategies which have proven successful for him. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering, is PMP Certified, is a member of ASME, PMI, and a speaker at events.

David Dalessandro, PMP dalessandrodauida@gmail.com

David is an experienced new product development leader, innovator and project manager, with a broad range of experience in implantable medical devices, in vitro diagnostics and consumer products. He has over 35 years of experience with Johnson & Johnson, where he held leadership positions in R&D, Project Management and Supply Chain across the medical device, pharmaceutical and consumer sectors. During that time, he led high-performing teams to successfully develop and launch over 20 medical devices in cardiovascular, surgical, orthopedic, diagnostics and consumer markets, many achieving domestic and international market leadership positions. Most recently, Dave was Vice President, Program Management at Sherlock Biosciences, a biotech startup developing at-home diagnostic tests based on CRISPR technology for the detection of DNA and RNA. David holds a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and an M.S. in Engineering Management, both from New Jersey Institute of Technology. He is a Certified Project Management Professional (PMP), holds a Certification in Innovation and Entrepreneurship from Stanford University and six issued US Patents for medical devices.

Rebecca Baerga, Ph.D., PMP – Director, Project Management, Global Project and Alliance Management rebecca.baerga@merck.com

Rebecca joined Merck and GPAM in 2017. During her tenure in GPAM, she has provided PM leadership to multiple programs within several diverse therapeutic areas including Women's Health (Nexplanon Product Development Team, the Women's Health pipeline) where she was instrumental in the successful transition to Organon, Diabetes, Early Oncology, and most recently Infectious Diseases. Rebecca is also a Staff Manager for Specialists and Associate Specialists within GPAM where she was instrumental in establishing the group as well as hiring and onboarding new staff.

Prior to joining Merck, Rebecca served as Project Manager and later Director Preclinical Operations for a cancer biotech start-up Niiki Pharma. There she managed a successful preclinical program allowing submission of two Investigational New Drug (IND) applications to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and aided the chief medical officer in ensuring proper clinical trial setup and execution. After the successful acquisition of Niiki Pharma, Rebecca transitioned to the education sector to oversee the research pipeline work for the new product development team at Educational Testing Service (ETS). During her tenure at ETS, she played a critical role in the launch of three innovative products. Rebecca holds a Ph.D. in Cellular and Molecular Pharmacology from Rutgers University and is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP®).

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Claudia Campbell-Matland, PMP, has over 30-years' experience in the *in vitro* diagnostic and medical device industries managing a variety of business-critical programs/projects including new product development, Quality System remediations, postmarket support and functional department integrations. As an independent project management and quality consultant, she works with start-up companies to manage translation of their research into a compliant design & development process, and supports postmarket activities for small medical device companies with risk management and other quality system expertise. Claudia enjoys sharing her project management knowledge as a contract instructor for Rutgers University Office of Continuing Professional Education. She launched PMINJ's Life Sciences LCI (Local Community of Interest) in 2019, and leads its core team in developing events & content for PMINJ members and colleagues in the greater life sciences project management community.