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Rob Kowalski is Executive Vice President and Head of Regulatory Affairs for Novartis and US Head of Global Drug Development. He serves on the US Country leadership team. Rob and his teams have successfully developed and registered over 100 new chemical entities, new indications, and devices across a wide array of therapeutic areas in the small molecule, biologics, biosimilar, and cell and gene therapy spaces.

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