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Immunomedics appoints new CMO

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Clinical Stage Company Immunomedics has announced the appointment of Robert Iannone as Head of Research & Development and Chief Medical Officer.

In his new role, Dr. Iannone will oversee and lead all clinical development, regulatory, pre-clinical, translational research and medical affairs strategies and activities of the Company.

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Michael Pehl, President and Chief Executive Officer said, “Rob is not only a highly accomplished oncology drug developer but also is deeply rooted in science with outstanding development experience and an established track record in a number of disease settings of interest to Immunomedics. We are thrilled that Rob is bringing his strong industry, medical, scientific and strategic leadership to Immunomedics.”

“Through his unique expertise, Rob will be instrumental in aggressively advancing development of our programs with the right drug combinations and in the most appropriate patient segments. I look forward to working closely with Rob to unlock the full potential of our ADC platform and further strengthen Immunomedics as a leader in this field.”

Dr. Iannone comes to Immunomedics from AstraZeneca/MedImmune where he oversaw the development of Imfinzi and was, most recently, Senior Vice President and Head of Immuno-oncology, Global Medicines Development.

He joined AstraZeneca/MedImmune in July 2014 as Global Products Vice President. Prior to AstraZeneca/MedImmune, Dr. Iannone served as Executive Director, Clinical Research, and Section Head of Oncology at Merck Research Laboratories and was a development leader for Keytruda®.

"Immunomedics has a unique and highly differentiated ADC pipeline and platform technology. I am very excited to be joining the Company to help develop sacituzumab govitecan and other pipeline assets, to be foundational therapies in a wide variety of hard-to-treat solid cancer indications, in both early- and late-line settings, including the potential for combining with immune checkpoint inhibitors and other targeted cancer therapies," remarked Dr. Iannone.

Dr. Iannone received his M.D. from Yale University School of Medicine with Alpha Omega Alpha honors and a Master of Science in Clinical Epidemiology from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Dr. Iannone completed his Residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital, where he also served as Chief Resident for one year and completed his Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Fellowship. Dr Iannone is the author or co-author of numerous articles in peer-reviewed journals and has served on the Biomarkers Consortium of the Cancer Steering Committee of the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health since 2011.