

Tessa Therapeutics names Jeffrey H. Buchalter to Board of Directors

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Tessa Therapeutics, a clinical-stage immunotherapy company focused on autologous and off-the-shelf, allogeneic therapies targeting solid tumors has announced the appointment of Jeffrey H. Buchalter as an independent director.

He brings over three decades of biopharmaceutical industry experience and has an extensive background in commercialization and drug development in oncology. He has held various chairmanships and senior management positions, including serving as Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Archimedes Pharma. Prior to joining Archimedes, he was Chairman of the Board, President, and Chief Executive Officer of NASDAQ-listed Enzon Pharmaceuticals, and President, Chief Executive Officer, and Director of Ilex Oncology, Inc. He has also served as a senior executive at Pharmacia, Wyeth and Schering-Plough.

Underscoring his leadership in the industry, Buchalter received the American Cancer Society's Joseph F. Buckley Memorial Award for his commitment to cancer control and involvement in the oncology pharmaceutical field. At the invitation of former U.S. President George H. W. Bush, he served as Collaborating Partner in the President's National Dialogue on Cancer. He also served as Chairman of the Board of Directors to the National Childhood Cancer Foundation in the United States.

Tessa Therapeutics co-founder and CEO, Mr. Andrew Khoo said, "We are delighted to welcome Jeff to the Tessa board. His extensive industry leadership experience combined with his deep knowledge of oncology will be a great fit as Tessa moves to our next growth inflection point. Jeff's commercial experience steeped in oncology will be a strong asset to Tessa."

Commenting on his new role, he said, "I am pleased to be part of Tessa's growth and development at such a critical stage of the company's growth. I am excited to see the clinical progress Tessa has made in the treatment of solid tumors, using their proprietary technology. The strong operational capabilities of the team as well as Tessa's vibrant culture make this a compelling opportunity."

Tessa recently announced the addition of Dr. George W. Sledge, Jr., M.D., Professor and Chief of Medical Oncology at the Stanford University Medical Center, to its Board of Directors.