

Medincell Proposes Board Appointments of Industry Veterans Dr. Sharon Mates and Dr. Charles Kunsch



Sharon Mates, PhD, is the co-founder and former Chair and CEO of Intra-Cellular Therapies, a CNS-focused biotech that developed the successful drug CAPLYTA®, acquired by Johnson & Johnson for \$14.6 billion in April 2025.

Dr. Mates said: *"Medincell is entering a new era and I'm excited to help shape its future. Its vision and achievements closely align with my passion for advancing medical innovation and delivering meaningful solutions for patients."*



Charles Kunsch, PhD, is a seasoned life sciences executive with over 30 years of experience, including as former Managing Director at AbbVie Ventures, where he led investments in pioneering biotech companies.

Dr. Kunsch said: *"Throughout my career, I've seen how innovation and collaboration can transform bold ideas into meaningful impact. These values are deeply rooted at Medincell. They've already taken the company far and laid a strong foundation for a new phase of growth. I'm excited to contribute my experience to support the executive team and fellow board members in driving the company's continued success."*

These nominations aim to further strengthen the expertise of Medincell's Board of Directors, which currently includes:

- **Philippe Guy (Chairman)** - Former Head of BCG's Global Health Care Practice and member of BCG's Worldwide Executive Committee
- **Christophe Douat** - CEO of Medincell
- **Elisabeth Kogan** - CEO of Clexio Bioscience, former SVP at Teva where she led global generic and specialty R&D
- **Tone Kvåle** - CFO of Herantis Pharma, with over 25 years of biotech finance leadership
- **Virginie Lleu** - Senior Partner at WittKieffer, with over 30 years of experience in executive search for the pharmaceutical industry
- **Pascal Touchon** - Former Global Head of Cell & Gene Therapy at Novartis Oncology, CEO then Chairman of Atara Biotherapeutics, Inc.

Philippe Guy, Chairman of the Board of Medincell, said: *"The Board has made it a priority to strengthen its collective expertise in preparation for the future. The addition of Dr. Mates and Dr. Kunsch brings a wealth of experience in innovation, strategic vision, and influential networks. Their contributions will play a key role in reinforcing our leadership, expanding our impact, and creating lasting value."*

Christophe Douat, CEO and Director of Medincell, said: *"The coming years will be the most transformative in Medincell's history. Sharon and Charles will bring invaluable experience and world-class expertise in science and innovation to our Board, as Medincell remains deeply committed to improving patients' lives."*

The appointments of Dr. Mates and Dr. Kunsch, along with that of Pascal Touchon - who was previously appointed by Medincell's Board of Directors ([see press release](#)) - is subject to shareholder approval at the General Assembly to be held on September 11, 2025.

About Dr. Mates

Sharon Mates, Ph.D., co-founded Intra-Cellular Therapies in 2002 with Nobel Laureate Dr. Paul Greengard, building the company on his groundbreaking research into intracellular signaling to pioneer treatments for psychiatric and neurologic disorders. As Co-founder, Chairman and CEO, Dr. Mates led the development of CAPLYTA® (lumateperone), a breakthrough therapy for schizophrenia and bipolar depression, with analysts projecting peak annual sales of up to \$5 billion. Under her leadership, the company went public and grew to a market capitalization of over \$10 billion before its acquisition by Johnson & Johnson for \$14.6 billion in April 2025. Previously, for almost a decade, Dr. Mates served as President of North American Vaccine Inc., where she oversaw the development of pediatric vaccines. She holds a Ph.D. in anatomy and neuroscience and completed her postdoctoral training at Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital. In addition to her scientific leadership as a research analyst and investment banker in the life sciences sector, she has co-founded several biotech companies and has sat on several non-profit boards. Dr. Mates was named to Forbes' "50 Over 50 – Innovation" list in recognition of her lasting impact on neuroscience and biotech innovation.

About Dr. Kunsch

Charles Kunsch, Ph.D., is a seasoned life sciences executive and investor with over 30 years of leadership in R&D, venture capital, and biotech innovation. He served as Managing Director at AbbVie Ventures, where he led investments in many high-impact biotech companies including Prevail Therapeutics (acquired by Lilly) and Tidal Therapeutics (acquired by Sanofi) among others. Earlier in his career, he held senior scientific roles at AbbVie, AtheroGenics and Human Genome Sciences. Kunsch holds a Ph.D. in Immunology from Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine and completed postdoctoral training at the Roche Institute of Molecular Biology. He currently serves as a Venture Partner at Dreavent Capital, Vice Chair of the Board at Massachusetts Biomedical Initiatives, Board of Trustees of the Penn State Research Foundation, and is a board member at Captor Therapeutics, Antiverse and NextRNA.

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