



## Oculus Appoints Sharon Klier, M.D., M.S., M.P.H. as Chief Development Officer

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- *Dr. Klier brings significant experience in ophthalmology and drug development with a proven track record in U.S. FDA approvals, which will be instrumental as the company advances its late-stage pipeline*
- *Appointment further expands Oculus' executive leadership team and bolsters U.S. presence*

ZUG, Switzerland, Aug. 15, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Oculus Holding AG (Nasdaq: OCS) ("Oculus"), a global biopharmaceutical company purposefully driven to save sight and improve eye care, today announced the appointment of Dr. Sharon Klier, an executive leader with extensive experience in clinical development across early and late-stage programs, regulatory submissions, and approvals, to the role of Chief Development Officer. In this key role, Dr. Klier will oversee and provide strategic leadership across the clinical development and operations of Oculus' robust ophthalmology pipeline.

Dr. Klier has over 20 years' experience developing and executing global clinical development strategies that have supported product approvals and successful launches in retina and corneal diseases. Before joining Oculus, she served as Chief Development Officer, Head of Ophthalmology at UNITY Biotechnology, where she played a key role in driving forward UNITY's pipeline. Prior to that, Dr. Klier held roles of increasing responsibility at several companies including Quark, Allergan, ISTA and Pfizer, where she gained extensive experience in ophthalmology, particularly in retinal diseases, neuro-ophthalmology, and ocular inflammation.

**Riad Sherif, M.D., Chief Executive Officer of Oculus:** "We are delighted that Sharon is joining Oculus' strong R&D team. Sharon's breadth of knowledge in ophthalmology, alongside her expertise in drug development, will be crucial as we continue to progress our late-stage pipeline. Her leadership experience, along with her proven track record in taking programs from late discovery through regulatory approval, will be instrumental as we continue to successfully execute our strategic vision."

**Sharon Klier, M.D., M.S., M.P.H., Chief Development Officer of Oculus:** "I am excited to join the Oculus team, and have been so impressed by the company's innovative, diverse and successful pipeline. I look forward to applying my expertise in clinical development across the different clinical programs, and to working with this skilled and accomplished team to make significant strides towards delivering new and transformative therapies for eye diseases."

### About Oculus

Oculus is a global biopharmaceutical company (Nasdaq: OCS; XICE: OCS) purposefully driven to save sight and improve eye care. Oculus' highly differentiated pipeline comprises multiple innovative product candidates in development. It includes OCS-01 eye drops, a topical candidate in Phase 3 development for diabetic macular edema (DME) and for treatment of inflammation and pain following ocular surgery; OCS-02, a topical biologic anti-TNF $\alpha$  eye drop candidate for dry eye disease (DED) and for non-infectious anterior uveitis; and OCS-05, a neuroprotective candidate for acute optic neuritis (AON). Headquartered in Switzerland and with operations in the US, Oculus' goal is to improve the health and quality of life of patients worldwide. The company is led by an experienced management team with a successful track record and is supported by leading international healthcare investors.

For more information, please visit: [www.oculus.com](http://www.oculus.com)

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