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Information, insights, and advice for ACS industry members

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In today's issue, senior Pharma Industry leaders talk about COVID-19: What's the likelihood of a vaccine? What are implications for future pandemics? And more

ACS Career Consultant Joe Martino has some comprehensive advice on getting credit for your contributions.

Our Early Career Chemist spotlight shines on DuPont's Manibarsha Goswami. I loved this advice of hers for aspiring scientists, "Don't let your PhD specialism limit you from what you can achieve. Companies hire talent. They are always looking for people who can do logical reasoning and solve problems."

Finally, our LinkedIn Learning summary shares some suggestions on turbo-charging your organization's culture of collaboration.

*John C. Katz
Executive Editor*

COVID-19 UPDATE FROM SENIOR PHARMA EXECUTIVES

What are some of the important ways in which the global pharmaceutical industry is coordinating to assist in mitigating the impact of COVID-19?



Karin Briner

Vice President and Head,
Global Discovery Chemistry
Novartis (NIBR)

"In the face of the global crisis, pharmaceutical companies have come together with partners across industry and academia to ..."
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Nick Kartsonis

Senior VP Vaccines and Infectious
Diseases Clinical Research,
Merck

"COVID-19 is a generational challenge to the global community, and the biopharmaceutical sector is rising..."
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What are the primary challenges the pharmaceutical industry confronts in quickly developing and producing a vaccine to protect against COVID-19?



Annaliesa Anderson

Chief Scientific Officer Bacterial
Vaccines/Hospitals,
Pfizer

"Traditionally vaccine development for a new pathogen takes many years. SARS-CoV-2 the virus that caused COVID-19, it..."
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What are you learning during this pandemic that will influence how you approach drug development in the future?



Charlotte Allerton
Head of Medicine Design,
Pfizer

"Scientists across healthcare are driven by a desire to..." [Read More](#)

SPOTLIGHT ON EARLY CAREER CHEMIST

Meet the materials chemist facilitating the production of novel logic- and memory-chips



Manibarsha Goswami
Research Investigator,
DuPont

Manibarsha Goswami always knew she was destined for a STEM career. Her dad was an electrical engineer at the... [Read More](#)

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Joe Martino
ACS Career Consultant

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"It's not uncommon to see a sense of urgency across the pharmaceutical industry in responding to healthcare challenges. But the scope and scale we're seeing it at now is incredible—and it's uncovering opportunities for collaboration within and across companies that may not have been noticed before."

- Charlotte Allerton, Head of Medicine Design, Pfizer

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