

## Ocugen Inc. Announces Nirdosh Jagota, Ph.D. as Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Compliance & Safety

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MALVERN, Pa., Jan. 24, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- <u>Ocugen, Inc.</u> (NASDAQ: OCGN), a biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering, developing, and commercializing gene therapies to cure blindness diseases and developing a vaccine to save lives from COVID-19, today announced the appointment of Nirdosh Jagota, Ph.D., as Senior Vice President (SVP), Regulatory Affairs, compliance and safety.

He'll be responsible for ensuring the global strategy, development and execution of regulatory activities for the company's pipeline, including gene therapies and vaccines, are aligned with local and international registration requirements. His responsibilities include supporting commercialization. He will serve as a member of Ocugen's management team, reporting directly to the CEO.

Dr. Jagota is a seasoned biopharmaceutical regulatory professional with 30 years of experience in leading roles in drug development and regulatory sciences for vaccines, biologics and small molecules. Prior to joining Ocugen, he was Executive Vice President and Chief Regulatory Officer of Arcturus Therapeutics. Before joining Arcuturs he was Senior Vice President in Global Regulatory Affairs and Safety. Over the course of his career, Dr. Jagota has held leadership positions with Genentech, Roche, and Pfizer.

"We've been making progress on our regulatory efforts, and Nirdosh's arrival comes at an important time. He brings the experience, knowledge and successful track record of bringing many biopharmaceuticals and vaccines, through high performance teams, to the market. This is an investment into Ocugen's future work with national and international regulatory agencies," said <u>Dr. Shankar Musunuri</u>, Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, and Co-founder of Ocugen.

"Ocugen is a company with the talent and expertise to tackle some of the world's most challenging health issues, and I'm excited to be joining this team," commented Nirdosh Jagota, Ph.D.

Dr. Jagota's work has had international impact, managing teams spanning more than 20 countries, successfully shaping regulatory strategy across multiple therapeutic categories and establishing centers of excellence. In his career, Dr. Jagota has led and contributed to development, approval, and expansion of more than 30 vaccines and therapeutics including Ervebo®, Vaxneuvance™, Gardas∰9, Kadcyla®, Erivedge®, Zelboraf®, and Keytruda®.

Dr. Jagota holds a Ph.D. in pharmaceutical sciences from University of Georgia and an M.S. in biotechnology from University of Toledo, Ohio. and a BS/MS in pharmacy from Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Varanasi.

## About Ocugen, Inc.

Ocugen, Inc. is a biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering, developing, and commercializing gene therapies to cure blindness diseases and develop a vaccine to save lives from COVID-19. Our breakthrough modifier gene therapy platform has the potential to treat multiple retinal diseases with one drug – "one to many" and our novel biologic product candidate aims to offer better therapy to patients with underserved diseases such as wet age-related macular degeneration, diabetic macular edema, and diabetic retinopathy. We are co-developing Bharat Biotech's COVAXIN<sup>™</sup> vaccine candidate for COVID-19 in the U.S. market. For more information, please visit www.ocugen.com.

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