

# Cell & Gene Therapy



## Distinct Challenges in Commercializing an Autologous Therapy



**WHEN:** Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
4:00 pm – 8:00 pm

**WHERE:** Northeastern University Innovation  
Campus, Building 5  
147 S. Bedford Street  
Burlington, MA 01803

### PROGRAM DETAILS:

#### Users and Providers: A Workshop of Exploring the Dialogue of Documents

Cell and gene therapies have distinct differences from monoclonal antibodies and vaccines. Autologous cell and gene therapies add another element to the uniqueness of these therapies. This presentation will inform those new to the topic on some of these differences and dig into three challenges and how they were addressed for bluebird bio's LYFGENIA™.

Come to Northeastern University's Burlington Campus for an opportunity to experience insightful presentations and Q&A on the cutting-edge field of Cell & Gene Therapy. There will be a short introductory "course" offered on the basics of C&G therapies and how they are developed.

The main presentation will showcase industry experts delving into challenges they encountered while ensuring product quality and navigating regulatory landscapes crucial for bringing novel therapies to market.

### AGENDA:

**4:00 PM** – "Introduction to Cell & Gene Therapy" Session - OPTIONAL 101 Session for those new to the field

**5:00 PM** – Arrival, Networking, Welcome Appetizers, and Tour of Makers Space Facility

**6:00 PM** – Introductions by Moderators and University Representative

**6:15 PM** – Main Speaker Presentations

**7:00 PM** – Q+A Session

**7:20 PM** – Networking and Refreshments

### SPEAKERS:



**Paul O'Sullivan's** early career included about 10 years in process and product development at a medical device manufacturer. Paul then moved over to biopharmaceuticals where he has spent the last 24 years for multiple companies including Shire (now Takeda) and Sanofi. His experience included equipment and utilities qualification as well as cleaning validation.

The last eight years have been in cell and gene therapy. Initially Paul's role was in Quality Validation, establishing programs for contract manufacturing organization (CMO) oversight, technology transfer, process validation, continued process verification and comparability.

Paul's team has provided Quality Validation oversight for the process development and process validation of four variations of lentiviral vectors across three CMOs and five variations of drug product across three CMOs. Recently Paul's team merged with Quality Operations after which Paul took on responsibilities for clinical lot release. He also has direct CMO quality oversight for the LYFGENIATM program.



**Marc D'Anjou** joined bluebird bio in 2017 in MSAT and Regulatory CMC roles supporting the development and regulatory approval of four cell-based gene therapies in oncology and rare disease. In his current role, he focuses on the CMC elements of the BLA for LYFGENIATM. Prior to Bluebird Bio, he held roles in MSAT and biologics process development at BMS, Merck and GlycoFi. Marc holds a B.Sc.E and an M.Sc.(Eng) in chemical engineering from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.

**REGISTRATION FEES:**

**Registration by EOD Wednesday, November 6**

- Members (Early Bird): \$50
- Non-Members (Early Bird): \$95
- Emerging Leaders Members (Early Bird): \$20
- Student Members: FREE

**Registration Starting Thursday, November 7**

- Members: \$60
- Non-Members: \$115
- Emerging Leaders Members: \$30
- Student Members: FREE

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