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Big Pharma and Biotech: Research and Business
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Check out where these PhDs are currently and how they got here!

Najoua ElBourkadi, Ph.D.
Associate Director of Business Development
Fast Forward Medical Innovation
University of Michigan

Dr. ElBourkadi comes to us from Cooper Pharma, a Germany-based global pharmaceutical and healthcare company, where she was head of Business Development and Licensing. Dr. ElBourkadi is returning to her U of M roots, as she was a postdoctoral fellow in Dr. Richard Miller’s Lab (U-M Pathology). She received her Ph.D. in Medicinal Biochemistry from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and her B.S. and M.S. from Hassan University College of Science and Techniques in Morocco.

Susan Lignell, Pharm.D.
Regional Scientific Director
Novartis Pharmaceuticals

Dr. Lignell is currently Executive Director of a team of Respiratory Medical Science Liaisons within the US Clinical Development & Medical Affairs Department at Novartis Pharmaceuticals. Dr. Lignell has spent over 20 years in the pharmaceutical industry. In addition to her career at Novartis, Dr. Lignell has served as adjunct faculty and on the Board of Governors for the U of M College of Pharmacy for the past 15 years. Dr. Lignell received her Doctor of Pharmacy at the U of M in 1994 and then completed an Industrial Pharmacy Fellowship at Rutgers College and Bristol-Myers Squibb.

Egon Ranghini, Ph.D.
Field Application Scientist
10X Genomics

Dr. Ranghini received his PhD in Biological Sciences at the University of Liverpool (UK). During his postdoctoral training in the Dressler Lab at the University of Michigan, Dr. Ranghini Pax2 transcription factor targets in mouse embryonic kidney stem cells and adult kidney after injury. Later joining Rubicon Genomics in 2015, his role as Applications Scientist was to evaluate new applications and solutions for Rubicon's products, and assisted customers with assay troubleshooting and data interpretation. Now, as a Field Application Scientist for 10x Genomics, Dr. Ranghini is responsible for training customers on 10x Genomics’ solutions portfolio and partnering with customers in a wide range of functions, including experimental design, assay troubleshooting, and data interpretation.