

**Radha Rangarajan** has almost two decades of experience in R&D, in industry and academia. She is currently Chief Scientific Officer at HealthCubed Inc., a medical devices company, where she is responsible for product development, clinical validation and regulatory affairs.

Radha received her Bachelor's degree in Biology from Stanford University, Master of Science degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and Ph.D. in Neurobiology/Genetics from Rockefeller University, New York. She was a postdoctoral fellow at the Harvard School of Public Health.

After moving back to India in 2003, she joined the Drug Discovery division of Dr. Reddy's Laboratories. She served in multiple roles, successfully developing early-stage molecules for therapeutic areas such as anti-infectives, diabetes and cardiovascular disease. Thereafter she co-founded Vitas Pharma in 2010, a drug discovery and development company focused on identifying and developing novel antibacterial compounds and companion diagnostics. She served as CEO until the company's portfolio was sold to a UK based start-up, Arcezza Limited in 2019.

She received the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FICCI) Award of Excellence-Women in R&D in 2019. She was selected for the "Champions of Change" initiative of Prime Minister Modi, recognizing India's emerging entrepreneurs in 2017. She led the Vitas team that received the Discovery Award of the Longitude Prize Committee, UK in 2016; the award recognized the team's work towards a novel diagnostic test to detect multidrug resistant infections. She was a finalist in the Economic Times (India) Start up awards- Woman Ahead category in 2016. She was featured in Biospectrum (India) magazine's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue on India's top women Biotechnology entrepreneurs.

She is a member of the Steering Council of the MedTech Incubator, IIIT, Hyderabad and mentors a number of start-ups developing novel drugs and devices. She is also a member of the Scientific Program Committee of the IHub-Data, an initiative of the International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad to develop AI algorithms for drug discovery and other areas of healthcare. She is a member, of the Selection Committee of the National Initiative for Developing and Harnessing Innovations- Seed Support System, Government of India at ACI-CCMB.