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Dr. Gary W. Cleary is an accomplished entrepreneur and world renowned scientist in the field of drug delivery systems and polymer technologies, having founded and co-founded companies and held management positions at many of the leading pharmaceutical companies. He was a founder of Cygnus, Inc. and Corium International, Inc. and earlier held research and management positions at ALZA Corporation, Key Pharmaceuticals and Genentech, as well as the U.S. Public Health Service and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Dr. Cleary was among the first researchers to determine and investigate the development of drug delivery systems for large molecular weight biomolecules. Over the past 40 years he has been the author and co-author of numerous publications and books addressing innovation in transdermal drug delivery technologies, applications and product research and development. Dr. Cleary holds more than 70 patents covering a range of scientific research and applications in the field including transdermal, polymer and permeation technologies.

He has been the recipient of multiple industry awards and honors including the 2015 Controlled Release Society Founders Award, entrepreneur of the year awards from Life Sciences for Northern California, New Jersey Center for Biomaterials and the AAPS Rainer Hoffman Award, in addition to the UCSF Distinguished Alumnus Award. Dr. Cleary earned a Pharm.D. from the University of California, San Francisco, a Ph.D. from Rutgers University and a MBA from University of Miami.