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Title: Academia to Commercial Product: The Long and Winding Road

Abstract: The presentation will walk the audience through the challenges and successes in taking an academic research concept to a commercial product. Topics to be discussed include: contract research, challenges around initial and subsequent rounds of funding, approaches to the FDA for regulatory guidance, intellectual property, biotech manufacturing, and licensing and acquisition. The talk will revolve around the formation and growth of Likarda, a KU Medical Center spin-out company.