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Sean Curtis is senior vice president and head of global regulatory affairs & clinical safety at MSD Research Laboratories (MRL). In this role, Curtis and his team are responsible for driving innovative regulatory and safety strategies to enable rapid and efficient licensure pathways and maintain product registration.

Since joining MSD in 1997 in the department of clinical pharmacology, Curtis previously held positions of increasing responsibility in global clinical development, leading to his appointment as late-stage clinical therapeutic area head for respiratory and immunology. Curtis also previously led the global center for scientific affairs, the China development organization and the EU clinical development group at MSD.

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Curtis received his medical degree and M.P.H. from Tufts University. He completed his internship and medical residency at the University of Colorado, followed by a post-doctoral training and research fellowship in the division of infectious diseases at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center in New York City.

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