

ARIE BELLDEGRUN, M.D., FACS

BIO & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Arie Belldegrun, M.D., FACS, founded Kite Pharma, a biopharmaceutical company engaged in the development of innovative cancer immunotherapies. Dr. Belldegrun served as Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer until the acquisition of Kite by Gilead Sciences in October 2017. He has had a distinguished tenure in the life sciences, having been closely involved with the founding and advancement of several successful biopharmaceutical companies. Prior to Kite, Dr. Belldegrun was the founding Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board of Cougar Biotechnology, acquired by Johnson & Johnson in 2009. Dr. Belldegrun also founded and served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Agensys, acquired by Astellas Pharma Inc. He currently serves as Chairman of Two River Group and UroGen Pharma, Ltd., and previously served as a Board member of Cell Design Labs until its acquisition by Gilead in December 2017. He is currently a member of the Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy Strategic Advisory Group. In addition, Dr. Belldegrun is Professor of Urology, holds the Roy and Carol Doumani Chair in Urologic Oncology, and is Director of the UCLA Institute of Urologic Oncology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. Prior to joining UCLA, he was at the National Cancer Institute/NIH as a research fellow in surgical oncology and immunotherapy under Dr. Steven A. Rosenberg. Dr. Belldegrun completed his M.D. at the Hebrew University Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem, his post-graduate studies in Immunology at the Weizmann Institute of Science, and his residency in Urologic Surgery at Harvard Medical School. He has authored several books in oncology and more than 500 scientific and medical papers related to urological cancers, immunotherapy, gene therapy, and cancer vaccines. He is certified by the American Board of Urology, and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the American Association of Genitourinary Surgeons.