



Parexel Announces Appointment of Rob Goodwin as Chief Operating Officer

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Industry veteran brings proven expertise in global clinical development and further strengthens company focus on operational excellence, quality and delivery

RALEIGH, N.C., Sept. 16, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Parexel, a leading global clinical research organization (CRO) providing insights-driven Clinical and Consulting solutions to the world's life sciences industry, today announced the appointment of [Rob Goodwin](#) as Chief Operating Officer (COO). Mr. Goodwin's proven track record of operational excellence, quality and strategic execution enables Parexel to continue to drive value for its customers and accelerate the delivery of life-changing treatments to patients.

In his new role, Mr. Goodwin will report to CEO Peyton Howell and be responsible for leading the core clinical functions, specifically, project management, clinical and data operations, inclusive of early phase clinical units, real world research, and the operational excellence office. His team will include Teri Karcher, President, Global Project Leadership and Launch Excellence, Amy Kissam-Sands, President, Operational Excellence, Delivery and Innovation and Deb Tatton, President, Global Clinical & Data Operations.

"Parexel's strength lies not only in our ability to deliver for our customers, but also in our capacity to evolve and innovate as we grow. Rob's deep industry experience and knowledge, biopharma relationships and proven, hands-on expertise are all enormous advantages to Parexel and our team as we continue to advance what it means to be a successful clinical research organization," said Ms. Howell. "The addition of Rob as Chief Operating Officer further supports our strategic focus as we work to meet – and exceed – our customers' needs and accelerate our own growth objectives. He is the ideal person for this role and the entire team is excited to collaborate with him as we move forward."

Mr. Goodwin brings nearly 30 years of biopharmaceutical clinical development experience, most recently serving as Senior Vice President, Clinical Development and Operations, at Pfizer. In this role, he was responsible for establishing, maintaining, and overseeing the global clinical development and operational capabilities required to develop Phase I through Phase IV study protocols and plans, execute clinical trials and deliver post marketing studies to support the introduction of new therapies for patients.

"I'm honored and excited to join Parexel," said Mr. Goodwin. "I look forward to working alongside our talented team to drive strong execution, deliver the highest quality and reliability, foster meaningful innovation, and provide exceptional service for our customers – all with a continued focus on what matters most, delivering life-saving treatments to patients."

Mr. Goodwin held roles of increasing seniority and responsibility at Pfizer over 27 years before retiring from the company earlier this year. Prior to his tenure as Senior Vice President, Clinical Development and Operations, he served as Vice President, Operations Center of Excellence, where he was accountable for the creation and implementation of a set of cross-functional core disciplines responsible for facilitating clinical, safety and regulatory operations. He also held the role of Vice President, Safety, Evaluation and Reporting / Pharmacovigilance (PV) Operations and, earlier in his career, Vice President, Operational Excellence and Business Innovation, Worldwide Safety and Regulatory Operations, along with additional roles overseeing clinical data services and clinical operations strategy. Prior to Pfizer, Mr. Goodwin helped develop the Electronic Data Capture program at Bayer. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from Eastern Connecticut State University, a Master's Degree from Southern Connecticut State University and an MBA from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

About Parexel

Parexel is a leading global clinical research organization (CRO) providing insights-driven Clinical and Consulting solutions to the world's life sciences industry. Leveraging deep local knowledge and a global breadth of clinical, regulatory and therapeutic expertise, our 24,000+ professionals worldwide work in partnership with biopharmaceutical leaders, emerging innovators and sites to design and deliver clinical trials with patients in mind — broadening access and making clinical research a care option for anyone, anywhere. Our proven track record spans 40+ years and drives us forward, advancing clinical research in healthcare's most complex areas while harnessing innovation to drive efficiencies across every phase of the clinical development process. Our **insights-driven** approach, proven **delivery** and **trusted** execution are accelerating the delivery of life-changing treatments to patients — *With Heart.*™ We continue to earn recognition industrywide, including the 2024 Fierce Biotech CRO Award for "Innovative Approaches to Patient-Centric Research" and the 2024 and 2023 Society for Clinical Research Sites (SCRS) Eagle Award for advancing the clinical research profession through strong site partnerships. For more information, visit parexel.com and follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [X](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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