

Alumni Focus

Dr. Chetan Pujara (1997) is Vice President, Small Molecule Development at Allergan Inc, Irvine, CA. In this role, he is responsible for formulation development, manufacturing process development & scale-up, analytical method development & validation, stability testing, microbiology, and packaging development departments. His organization designs and develops dosage forms intended for clinical trials and commercialization. Dosage forms in development include, solid & liquid oral products, topical dermal products, sterile ophthalmics & injectables including sustained-release ocular biodegradable implants. In this position he enjoys helping design and develop pharmaceutical products that help patients, mentoring the next generation of pharmaceutical scientists and continuing to learn everyday. Prior to joining Allergan, Chetan was employed by Abbott Laboratories (Abbvie) in Illinois, where he held various positions in Global Pharmaceutical R&D gaining experience in development of solid oral dosage forms and pediatric oral suspensions. Chetan contributes to the pharmaceutical sciences community as a volunteer for several non-profit organizations. He is a member of the USP Dosage Forms Expert Committee and serves on the USP <771> Ophthalmic Preparation Expert Panel. He is also a Scientific Advisor to the Editors of Journal of Pharmaceutical Sciences and an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Industrial and Physical Pharmacy, Purdue University, IN. He served as Chairman of the Industrial Advisory Board of NSF's Center for Pharmaceutical Processing Research and contributed to the Physical Properties Working Group of Product Quality Research Institute (PQRI).

Chetan received his B.S. degree in Pharmacy from BITS, Pilani, India and PhD in Pharmaceutics from Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. When asked about his time at Purdue, Dr. Pujara replied, "Dr Dane Kildsig taught his students not only to excel in science but also develop as leaders. The two most important words I learned from Dr. Kildsig were 'Intrinsic Motivation' (this was in the context of not looking for external factors to motivate you to perform well). The IPPH department provided a solid foundation that has helped me throughout my career both to develop as a scientist and a leader. It is wonderful to see that the current students in IPPH are getting the same solid foundation from IPPH professors and Purdue University."



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