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David (Dave) Persing, MD, Ph.D., is Chief Medical and Technology Officer at Cepheid, and was recently appointed Chief Scientific Officer (CSO) for the Danaher Diagnostics Platform. He has spent most of his 25 year career in biomarker discovery, translational medicine and innovation in the diagnostics space. As CSO, Diagnostics Platform, Dave will have responsibility for providing scientific, medical and clinical input and related expertise to the Diagnostics' Operating Companies and Platform leadership. Dave also will have responsibility for development of new clinical processes, technologies or products that advance patient care, innovation and competitive position of the Danaher Diagnostics group of operating companies.

Dave joined Cepheid in 2005 and has focused on the enablement of molecular diagnostic technology to meet global needs in infectious diseases and oncology. Early in his career, he conducted his scientific training at UCSF with Don Ganem and Nobel laureate Harold Varmus. Since completing his residency training in clinical pathology at Yale University, he has held leadership roles in academia and industry starting in the early 1990s with the design, implementation, and operation of the first PCR reference laboratory at the Mayo Clinic. Dave's interest in the democratization of molecular diagnostic methods has been longstanding, starting in 1993 with his publication of the first widely adopted textbook to include PCR protocols and guidelines for laboratory operations. He has published over 300 peer-reviewed articles and reviews, including multiple articles in the New England Journal of Medicine, Science, and PNAS, and has served as Editor in Chief for five highly regarded textbooks, the most recent of which was published in 2016. To maintain a connection with the latest trends in translational medicine, Dave also serves as Consulting Professor of Pathology at Stanford University School of Medicine. He obtained his MD and PhD degrees from the University of California, San Francisco, CA in 1988.