

Biotechnology

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I completed my Doctorate (Ph.D.) in biochemistry in 1979 from Penn State University. I have over 35 years of experience in the biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries. When I started, I was an analytical protein biochemist for over 12 years at Monsanto, Hoffmann-La Roche and Scios (formerly California Biotechnology). Projects included essential work on herbicide-resistant (GMO) crop plants (soybean), bovine growth hormone, alpha interferon, interleukin 2 and basic fibroblast growth factor.

Beginning in 1992, I managed investments in venture capital and later, in public equity markets, exclusively in the health care arena. As a venture capitalist with Berkeley International Capital Corporation, my colleagues and I completed investments in sixteen, late-stage medical device companies between 1992 and 1995. All except one went public or were acquired. Since February 1995, my one-person company, Foursquare Partners, has provided independent investment advice to institutional healthcare investors - mostly hedge funds - in the biotechnology and medical device sectors.