



Deirdre P. Connelly
President, North America Pharmaceuticals
GlaxoSmithKline

Deirdre P. Connelly was named president North America Pharmaceuticals for GlaxoSmithKline in February 2009. She is a member of the global Corporate Executive Team and co-chairs, along with the Chairman, Research and Development, the Portfolio Management Board.

Prior to joining GSK, Deirdre spent 26 years with Eli Lilly and Company. She was named president of Lilly USA in June 2005. She held a variety of executive positions, including senior vice president of human resources for Eli Lilly and Company, as well as vice president of human resources for pharmaceutical operations, executive director of global marketing for Evista, and leader of the woman's health business unit in the U.S.

For five consecutive years (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010), Deirdre was recognized by Fortune magazine as one of the 50 most powerful women in business. In April 2010, she was named Woman of the Year by the Healthcare Businesswomen's Association.

In 2008, she was appointed to the President's Commission on White House Fellowships. In this role, she helps to select the White House Fellows, a prestigious annual program that fosters leadership and public service.

Deirdre began her career in the pharmaceutical industry in 1984 as a sales representative for Lilly in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She moved to marketing and then joined their international management development program. Deirdre was named national sales manager for the Puerto Rico affiliate and later became director of sales and marketing for the Caribbean Basin Region. She was also general manager for Eli Lilly Puerto Rico.

Born in San Juan, Deirdre earned a bachelor's degree in economics and marketing from Lycoming College in Pennsylvania in 1983. She graduated from Harvard University's Advanced Management Program in 2000.

Deirdre serves as a member of the Board of Directors for Macy's Inc.