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*Unlocking the Potential of Real-World Data in Oncology
Research and Development*

Dr. Chandrasekaran has over 15 years of experience in the pharmaceutical and healthcare industry at the intersection of data science, real-world data and drug discovery/development.

He joined Ontada in 2021 and has responsibility for the development, delivery and growth of real-world data products and data science services to biopharma and life sciences customers seeking to leverage real-world data across the discovery, development and commercialization lifecycle.

Prior to joining Ontada, he spent 5 years at Merck & Co. in the Center for Observational and Real-World Evidence (CORE) where he led a team of data scientists responsible for data science capabilities and strategy. Before Merck, Dr. Chandrasekaran held positions of increasing responsibilities at UMass Medical School, Cubist and Novartis.

Dr. Chandrasekaran obtained his Ph.D. in structural bioinformatics from the University of Georgia and completed postdoctoral fellowships at UNC-Chapel Hill and MIT prior to joining the pharmaceutical industry. He has published in several peer-reviewed journals and presented at scientific and professional meetings, including the American Chemical Society, Keystone Symposia, Machine Learning in Healthcare, American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) and Observational Health Data Sciences and Informatics (OHSDI).