

# Meet Your Cardiovascular & Metabolic Team

From recruitment timelines to clinical endpoints, cardiovascular and metabolic trials can present unique challenges, potentially disrupting your drug development program. Our industry thought leaders and subject matter experts are ready to consult and advise you on your next study. Meet our strategic and operational leads:



**Alessandra Vignola**  
President, Cardiovascular & Metabolic

- 30+ years of experience in the pharmaceutical and clinical research industry
- Leads the Cardiovascular & Metabolic business unit at Worldwide, driving trial innovation and providing operational and strategic guidance for trial success



**MarieElena Cordisco, MA, NP-C, APRN**  
Senior Director, Therapeutic Strategy Lead, Metabolic

- 17+ years of experience with 10+ years in leadership in clinical research site management with a specialty in endocrinology
- Clinically active nurse practitioner and serves as principal and sub-investigator for cardiometabolic trials with publications in several peer-reviewed high-impact journals



**Monika Iten, PhD**  
Vice President, Project Management,  
Cardiovascular & Metabolic

- Almost 25 years of industry experience in clinical operations, performance management, and marketing
- Oversees successful execution of large-scale, global clinical trials in cardiovascular and metabolic indications



**Karina Castellano, MD**  
Senior Medical Director, Medical Affairs,  
Cardiovascular & Metabolic

- 20 years in global Phase II-IV clinical site management and medical monitoring and 10+ years in direct patient care
- Board-certified endocrinologist, internal medicine specialist, and published author with GLP-1 experience in obesity and type 2 diabetes



**Attila Timar-Peregrin, MD, PhD, DVProf**  
Executive Director, Medical Affairs, Digestive & Rare Disease

- 30+ years of experience of research experience as a preclinical and clinical researcher, study supervisor, principal investigator, chief investigator, and lead medical expert
- Has worked on 40+ clinical trials in gastroenterology, inflammatory and rare diseases, diabetic complications, and metabolic and hepatic conditions including MASLD



**Scott Beasley**  
Executive Director, Project Management,  
Cardiovascular & Metabolic

- 25+ years of experience in the industry managing complex clinical trials including metabolic dysfunction focus and experience in GLP-1, obesity, type 1 and type 2 diabetes, metabolic rare diseases, chronic kidney disease, and acute and chronic liver disease programs in MASLD/MASH, cirrhosis, alcohol associated liver disease, PBC, and PSC
- Program governance and oversight to ensure successful execution of clinical trials in cardiovascular and metabolic indications



**Bill Welder, MD**  
Senior Medical Director, Medical Affairs,  
Cardiovascular & Metabolic

- 22 years in global Phase I-IV clinical development and medical monitoring and 10+ years in direct patient care
- Board-certified family physician and diabetologist with metabolic dysfunction focus and experience in GLP-1, obesity, type 2 diabetes, and metabolic rare diseases, as well as incretin, insulin, glucagon, and nutrition support therapies



**Rafal Ziecina, MD, PhD, FFPM**  
Executive Director, Medical Affairs,  
Cardiovascular & Metabolic

- 20+ years of experience working in pharmaceutical companies and research companies
- Offers scientific and medical leadership of cardiovascular and metabolic research and provides strategic services around filing, regulatory, and safety, and writing services for protocol and drug development plans



**Michael F. Murphy, MD, PhD**  
Chief Medical and Scientific Officer,  
Scientific Solutions

- Co-founder of Worldwide with a distinguished career spanning 30+ years
- Received a Clinical Research & Excellence (CARE) Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to the discovery/development process, including translational research, strategic program development, and facilitation of commercialization during clinical development



Worldwide Clinical Trials is founded on an unwavering commitment that combines scientific rigor with personalized attention. [Contact us](#) to learn more about our cardiovascular and metabolic team.