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Emmes Group Appoints Dr. Rama Kondru as CEO to Drive AI-Led Clinical Research Innovation

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The Emmes Group today announced that its Board of Directors has appointed Dr. Rama Kondru as Chief Executive Officer, reflecting the company's commitment to advancing next-generation clinical trials that improve quality, speed, and patient outcomes.



This appointment reflects the Board's confidence in Dr. Kondru's ability to drive innovation and operational excellence and underscores its commitment to advancing clinical research through scientific excellence, technology, and artificial intelligence.

Dr. Kondru joined the Emmes Group in 2024 and most recently served as CEO of Veridix, the company's AI, technology, and data sciences business. He assumes the role at a pivotal moment for Emmes: a company built on almost 50 years of scientific rigor now positioned to combine that legacy with modern AI and technology to accelerate the pace of biomedical discovery. Dr. Kondru has demonstrated exceptional leadership in technology-driven innovation across The Emmes Group and brings a combination of scientific expertise, global operating experience, and a track record of scaling technology platforms, making him ideally suited to lead the company's next phase of growth.

"It is a privilege to lead The Emmes Group at such an exciting time for our industry," said Dr. Kondru. "For nearly five decades, Emmes has stood behind some of the most important public health efforts, from the earliest NIH vaccine and infectious disease programs to the trials that helped the world respond to COVID-19. Building on that legacy, we have a unique opportunity to combine AI, technology, and clinical expertise to transform how trials are designed and conducted. Together with our customers, we will help bring life-changing therapies to patients faster while creating long-term value for customers, employees, and investors."

Prior to joining The Emmes Group, Dr. Kondru served as **Co-CEO of Medidata Solutions**, a global leader in cloud-based clinical development technology, where he helped scale one of the industry's most transformative platforms. He brings 25 years of experience across pharmaceuticals, healthcare technology, data science, and academia, and has built technology-driven businesses that accelerate clinical development and improve patient outcomes. Earlier in his career, he served as **Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer for Janssen Americas (Johnson & Johnson)** and **Vice President and Chief Information Officer for R&D and Innovation at Johnson & Johnson Medical Devices** and held leadership roles at **UCB Pharma** and **F. Hoffmann-La Roche**.

Dr. Kondru earned his bachelor's degree from the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT Bombay)** and his Ph.D. from the **University of Pittsburgh**, where he also completed postdoctoral research. He has served as an Adjunct Professor at

Duke University.