

Executive Team



Renee Ryan

Chief Executive Officer

Renee has 25 years of building category creating healthcare companies. She led the medical technology investments for Johnson & Johnson Innovation (JJDC) on the West Coast and Asia Pacific for 8 years. While at J&J, she made over 15 new investments, including the Series A for Cala Health. Previously, she was a healthcare investment banker at RW Baird, Jefferies and Goldman Sachs.



Kate Rosenbluth, Ph.D.

Founder & Chief Scientific Officer

Kate is a Founder, Member of the Board of Directors, and Chief Scientific Officer at Cala Health. She has previously served as Chief Executive Officer and raised three rounds of financing totaling over \$80M. She is an engineer and neuroscientist who previously worked on cutting edge neurotherapies at Stanford Biodesign, UCSF Neurosurgery, Brainlab, Autonomic Technologies and Genentech.



Kristie Burns

Chief Marketing Officer

Kristie has held strategic marketing leadership and business development roles with medical device and biotechnology leaders, ResMed and Advanced Tissue Sciences. She brings 20+ years of market development and digital health experience to Cala Health. Kristie started her career with 5 years in health care consulting with LBA/HCIA.



Bobby Thomas

VP of Digital

Bobby Thomas has over two decades of experience in customer focused product innovation and has lead world-class engineering teams at companies like Intuitive Surgical, Blue Shield of California, Edifecs Inc, Kaiser and Navigating Cancer. A seasoned healthcare executive, Bobby has served in a variety of roles throughout his extensive career from startups to leading large scale enterprise transformation. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering.



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Greg Schulte

VP of Hardware

Greg has 20 years of experience in product strategy, design, and engineering for companies and clients of all sizes focused in medical, utility, and consumer electronics. A mechanical engineer by training, Greg cofounded Guide Medical Ventures in 2011, managing strategic vision and technology for a portfolio of 6 start-ups in the medical device space. Prior to joining Cala Health, Greg led engineering at Mindtribe, a boutique hardware development consultancy acquired by Accenture. Greg started his career at Medtronic as a mechanical design engineer in neurological leads and honed his engineering leadership at Intellect Medical (acquired by Boston Scientific), Enpath Medical and EnteroMedics.



Ali Samiian

Sr. Director, Reimbursement

Ali has over 15 years of experience working in the pharmaceutical and medical device sector in several commercial roles of increasing responsibility in global, regional and country organizations. A lawyer by training, Ali has worked in government in the healthcare sector providing policy advice to the Minister of Health in Ontario, Canada. Prior to joining Cala Health, Ali worked at Abbott Diabetes Care, including 5 years as the global head of Market Access, Health Economics and Pricing, where he was a key contributor to securing reimbursement for a novel diabetes monitoring system.

Ali holds a JD from Osgoode Hall Law School, an MBA from the Schulich School of Business in Canada, and a MSc in Health Economics, Policy and Management from the London School of Economics.



Rob Tucker, Ph.D.

Sr. Director, Manufacturing

Rob Tucker has 15 years experience in medical device development, leading engineering, manufacturing, and operations with increasing responsibilities. A University of Washington Chemical Engineer by training, Rob also has a Ph.D. in Bionanotechnology from the University Florida. Rob was a Fulbright Scholar working in Dresden, Germany on bionolithography for rapid prototyping of protein control systems. Prior to joining Cala Health, Rob was the Director of Manufacturing at AirXpanders. He brings experience from Auris Surgical Robotics, Abbott Vascular, and Hansen Medical with him to Cala.



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