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Dr. Randall Hyer leads medical affairs at Dynavax Technologies. He has a decade's experience in the private sector as a global health care executive. His responsibilities have included managing crises, helping develop vaccines and biologics, directing vaccine and pharmaceutical safety programs, and facilitating investor relations. His perspective and contributions span 7 continents and 100 plus countries in diverse positions across the public and private sectors.

Dr. Hyer's studies won him the National Institutes of Health (NIH) "Outstanding Research Award for Clinical Trainees" and are widely cited. At Oxford University, Dr. Hyer founded the biotechnology company, Alpha-Plus DNA. He also served as a US Congressional Fellow for Senator Pete V. Domenici (R. -NM). Dr. Hyer helped introduce legislation to safeguard genetic privacy that eventually became the Genetic Information Non-discrimination Act (GINA) of 2008.

Dr. Hyer graduated with Distinction from the US Naval Academy. Rising to the rank of Commander, he served 12 years naval service supporting 4 major military combat operations. His humanitarian service includes being Chief Public Health Advisor for the Kosovo relief operations and the Deputy Surgeon for the Mozambique flood relief effort. Dr. Hyer also served as the Winter-Over Medical Officer at the McMurdo and South Pole Stations, Antarctica. From 2001-2005, Dr. Hyer was a World Health Organization Medical Officer and Military Liaison in Geneva. Among other duties, he facilitated the WHO respond to various crisis such as anthrax, Ebola, SARS, tsunamis, earthquakes, and pandemic influenza.

Board-certified in public health and general preventive medicine, Dr. Hyer earned his MD from Duke and trained at Walter Reed Hospital and Harvard. He was awarded his PhD from the University of Oxford where he studied the genetics of juvenile diabetes.