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Samsara Vision Welcomes Julia M. Williams as New VP, WW Clinical and Medical Affairs

Far Hills, NJ – (July 28, 2021)– Samsara Vision, a company focused on bringing vision and freedom back to late-stage, age-related macular degeneration (AMD) patients through advanced visual prosthetic devices, today announces that Julia M. Williams will join the executive leadership team as Vice President, WW Clinical and Medical Affairs.

“At Samsara Vision, our growth is fueled by a team whose passion, creativity, and professionalism drives every step we take to bring our novel implantable devices to a larger population of adults whose vision is significantly impacted by macular degeneration. We are excited to welcome Julia to our organization as her comprehensive ophthalmology experience will immediately impact how we advance our research and our patient community’s access to technology,” said Thomas Ruggia, Chief Executive Officer, Samsara Vision.

Julia M. Williams joins Samsara Vision with over 25 years of ophthalmic experience encompassing the therapeutic areas of retina, glaucoma, dry eye, and cornea/external disease. Ms. Williams was most recently Vice President, Global Medical Affairs at Aerie Pharmaceuticals and she has held roles at Allergan, Heidelberg Engineering, and Bausch & Lomb. Ms. Williams also worked for five years as a Research Supervisor at Shiley Eye Institute at the University of California San Diego, which is where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Cognitive Neuroscience, Master’s degree in Visual Psychophysics and a micro MBA from the Rady School of Management. Across her roles, she has built and effectively led multidisciplinary teams specific to ophthalmology across marketing, clinical and medical affairs functions in support of over 15 successful product launches.

“I’ve devoted my career to helping preserve and improve vision for the patient community. I’m excited to join the Samsara Vision team at a time when we’re poised to expand our research and clinical activities,” said Ms. Williams, Vice President, WW Clinical and Medical Affairs.

About Late-Stage AMD

More than 15 million Americans are affected by some form of macular degeneration and approximately 2 million Americans have advanced forms of AMD with associated vision loss. The number of Americans afflicted with macular degeneration is expected to double with the rapid aging of the U.S. population. Late-stage AMD results in a loss of central or “straight-ahead” vision, creating a blind spot that is uncorrectable by glasses, drugs, injections or cataract surgery. This blind spot makes it difficult or impossible for patients to see faces, read, and perform everyday activities such as watching TV, preparing meals, and self-care.

End-Stage AMD is the leading cause of blindness in older Americans.

About Samsara Vision

Samsara Vision is a privately held specialty medical device company engaged in the research, development, manufacture, and marketing of proprietary implantable ophthalmic devices and technologies that are intended to significantly improve vision and quality of life for individuals with untreatable retinal disorders. We believe that rejuvenating eyesight revives the spirit, allowing people to reconnect to the things in life that they love to see and do. Our approach includes working collaboratively with health care providers, researchers, payers, and advocates to ensure that people living with deteriorating vision have access to our novel technologies and support paths thereby better ensuring a future where they can see anew. Learn more at <https://www.samsaravision.com/>

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