Can academia save the pharmaceutical industry?

The pharmaceutical industry is at a crossroads. The urgent need for novel therapies cannot stem the skyrocketing costs and plummeting productivity plaguing R&D, and many key products are facing patent expiration. Dr. Rathnam Chaguturu presents a case for collaboration between the pharmaceutical industry and academia that could reverse the industry's decline. *Collaborative Innovation in Drug Discovery: Strategies for Public and Private Partnerships* provides insight into the potential synergy of basing R&D in academia while leaving drug companies to turn hits into marketable products. As Founder and CEO of iDDPartners, focused on pharmaceutical innovation, Founding president of the International Chemical Biology Society, and Senior Director-Discovery Sciences, SRI International, Dr. Chaguturu has assembled a panel of experts from around the world to weigh in on issues that affect the two driving forces in medical advancement.

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