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Dan Grant is the CEO of MTPConnect, a not-for-profit organisation aiming to accelerate the rate of growth of the medical technologies, biotechnologies and pharmaceuticals sector to increase commercialisation, collaboration and establish Australia as an Asia-Pacific hub for MTP companies. Formed in November 2015 as part of the Federal Government's Industry Growth Centres Initiative, MTPConnect is an independent and trusted voice, calling for change to support the sector.

Prior to joining MTPConnect, Dan was the inaugural Pro Vice-Chancellor for Industry Engagement at La Trobe University. In this role he was responsible for the University's Innovation, Commercialisation and Industry Engagement activities. In addition, he had oversight of the University's consulting activities, managed the R&D Park and was responsible for the establishing the La Trobe Accelerator Program and the La Trobe Strategic Innovation Fund.

Prior to joining La Trobe, Dan was the Senior Director and Head of Pfizer's External Research and Development Innovation (ERDI) group for Australia, New Zealand and Singapore. He was also the Head of Open Innovation for Pfizer's ERDI group. In that role he was responsible for identifying, evaluating and managing collaborative and licensing opportunities that aligned with Pfizer's Worldwide R&D strategies. Dan was also a member of the Pfizer Australia Country Medical Council and sat on the Steering Committee for Pfizer's Center for Therapeutic Innovation in Australia.

Prior to joining Pfizer, Dan was a senior business development manager at Melbourne Ventures, a member of the Investment Committee for Uniseed and a Senior Business Development Manager for Biocomm Services. In these roles Dan was responsible for technology evaluation and commercialisation through licensing and company formation.

Dan has sat on the board of a number of biotechnology spin-out companies, is a past Director of Research Australia, CRC for Mental Health and the Prader Willi Research Foundation Australia. Dan was also a member of the United Nations ESCAP SBN Task Force on Innovation and Competitiveness. Dan has a Ph.D. in Cardiovascular Physiology and an M.B.A. He has more than 15 years experience in applied biomedical research including 10 years as a Senior Scientist at the Monash Institute of Medical Research.