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## A message from Shreeram Aradhye

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Dear GDD colleagues,

I wanted to reach out to all of you on my first day in role to share a personal greeting and say how excited I am to rejoin the company that feels like my professional home. I'm looking forward to reconnecting with those of you I worked with previously, as well as meeting the new leaders and associates who have joined in recent years.

Some of you may know that I first joined Novartis 23 years ago, with the aspiration to improve patient lives on a far larger scale than I could as a transplant nephrologist caring for individual patients in an academic hospital. Returning now to lead GDD at what I believe is a pivotal moment for future innovation and growth, I also recognize this is an intense time of change across the company. My focus will be on listening and learning, hearing your ideas and what's on people's minds.

We have a promising pipeline and great talent, and with the momentum already underway in GDD you have my commitment to lead with a focus on the fundamentals of drug development. We play a unique role at the heart of Novartis in advancing investigational medicines through trials, and I believe the hope and trust patients place in us is a true privilege and responsibility.

I've taken the opportunity to answer some questions I've been hearing recently in a [video](#), including what I've been up to in biotech, why Novartis is a company I'm excited to return to, and my initial thoughts on the opportunity I see in GDD today.



As I hope you'll see, I return highly energized with a broadened perspective having viewed Novartis from the outside. I very much look forward to taking on this new opportunity alongside you, developing and delivering the next generation of transformational medicines founded in innovative science.

Best wishes,  
Shreeram

**Shreeram Aradhye**

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