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The Business of Biotech: From Spin-offs to Thriving Ventures

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Peggy brings over twenty years of experience across biotech and academia. She has played a central role in the strategic development of biotechnology companies, advising on scientific positioning, and partnership development. Her work sits at the intersection of science and business, with a strong focus on building organizations that translate innovation into meaningful patient impact.

This webinar focuses on the business foundations of biotech innovation, with emphasis on gene and cell therapies. It examines how innovation moves across academia, startups, biotech and pharma, and how spin-offs translate research into products. The session tracks the path from lab discovery to venture funding, highlighting spin-out models, financing routes, and common pitfalls. Participants gain insight into platform versus product strategies, the role of incubators and translational funds such as SPARK, and how partnerships and licensing accelerate growth. The emphasis is on organizational strategy and capital flow, rather than scientific detail, providing practical guidance for positioning translational projects.

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