



Catherine Beech MB,ChB,OBE

Co-founder and CEO, Exonate

Catherine is a serial entrepreneur with experience in founding, growing and investing in early stage companies to commercialise novel technologies in the life sciences. She was a co-founder of The Cambridge Gateway Fund a UK based Venture Capital Fund and has personally invested in many start-ups as an Angel Investor. She is an experienced Board member having been a non-executive director of Regenerative Medicine, Medtech, Biotech and Digital health companies.

Prior to becoming involved with start-up companies, Catherine gained a degree in medicine from Birmingham University and then worked in the pharmaceutical industry both in the USA and laterally as the European Medical Director for a multinational pharmaceutical company.

Catherine currently is the co-founder and CEO of Exonate a UK/Australian biotechnology company which aims to develop a revolutionary, game-changing eye drop for the treatment of retinal vascular diseases.

In addition to her company activities, Catherine has been a member of the UK Government's Technology Strategy Board from 2004-2007, she was the founding Chair of the UK BioIndustry Association's Fledgling Company Committee, the Chair of Women in Technology, an industry adviser to the UK Governments Department of Business and Regulatory Reform (BERR) Bioscience working group and a member of the steering group of the Eastern Region Biotechnology Initiative (ERBI).

In 2008 Catherine was awarded the OBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours for Services to Technology and Innovation.