



Solve M.E.



SADIE WHITTAKER

CHIEF SCIENTIFIC OFFICER

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Sadie Whittaker, PhD is the Chief Scientific Officer of Solve M.E. Sadie has over 15 years of experience in the biotech industry, in clinical development for biologic medicines, and in strategic leadership roles for advocacy, policy, communication, and external engagement.

Sadie brings to the organization a deep understanding of the scientific discovery, drug development, and drug commercialization processes, as well as extensive experience in engaging members of the healthcare community.

Sadie's passion lies in using her education and expertise to advance the discovery of treatments for patients living ME/CFS.

She received her PhD in molecular biology at University of Birmingham, UK, and her BSc in Biochemistry from University of Leeds, UK.

Emily Taylor is the Director of Advocacy and Community Relations for Solve M.E. She brings to the organization advocacy experience in both the non-profit and government sectors. With five years' experience on Capitol Hill, Emily contributes a keen understanding of both state and federal policy processes while cultivating strong grassroots organization and patient representation.

Prior to joining the Solve M.E., Emily served as the director of policy and advocacy for an award-winning autism organization.

She received a B.A. with honors in politics and international relations from Scripps College in Claremont and earned her M.A. in American politics from Claremont Graduate University. Emily draws inspiration from her mother who has battled ME/CFS as well as chronic autoimmune and thyroid conditions since 1999.



EMILY TAYLOR

DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS

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John Nicols currently serves as President and CEO of Codexis Inc, a leading San Francisco Bay Area biotechnology company that engineers and markets proprietary proteins for the world's pharmaceutical industry. John started as CEO of Codexis in June of 2012 and also serves on the publicly listed company's board.

Prior to Codexis, John held roles of increasing responsibility over a 22-year career at Albemarle Corporation, a globally leading specialty chemical company headquartered in Baton Rouge, La. John was responsible for the corporation's strategic development department as well as the company's flagship \$1+ billion global catalyst business.

A native of New York City, John earned an MBA from the Sloan School of Management and a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the NYU Polytechnic University. John has served on numerous trade association Boards during his career, including currently serving on the board of directors of BayBio, the premier biotechnology industry association in the San Francisco Bay Area.



JOHN NICOLS

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHAIR
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CAROL HEAD

**BOARD MEMBER
SOLVE M.E.**

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Carol Head joined Solve M.E. as President and CEO in October 2013 and retired from the position in May 2019. Carol experienced ME/CFS for many years and is largely recovered. Carol is an executive with more than 25 years of success in both the for-profit and nonprofit sectors.

She's an experienced business owner, corporate executive, communicator and problem-solver. In the private sector, she most recently served as CEO of two companies. Previously, she served as vice president of marketing for two Internet-based companies. Carol also spent eight years as an executive at the Los Angeles Times in a variety of marketing and strategy roles. She served as associate vice president of the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee.

Carol has been active in community affairs with an emphasis on human rights for women and girls and amelioration of extreme poverty, serving on three national nonprofit boards, including service as a board chair. Carol is a founder of Project Redwood (www.projectredwood.org), a venture philanthropy fund that supports creative approaches to alleviating extreme global poverty. She received a Bachelor of Arts in English from Wellesley College, and earned an MBA from Stanford University.