

# Understanding Competition in Prescription Drug Markets

## SPEAKER BIOS

**The Honorable Scott Gottlieb, M.D.**, was sworn in as the 23<sup>rd</sup> Commissioner of Food and Drugs on May 10, 2017. Dr. Gottlieb is a physician, medical policy expert, and public health advocate who previously served as the FDA's Deputy Commissioner for Medical and Scientific Affairs and before that, as a senior advisor to the FDA Commissioner. He also worked on implementation of the Medicare drug benefit as

**Aharon “Ronny” Gal, Ph.D.**, is the Senior Analyst at Bernstein covering Global Specialty Pharmaceuticals & Biotechnology. Prior to joining Bernstein in 2004, Ronny spearheaded Canon's business development in life sciences. He also spent six years with the Boston Consulting Group, advising clients in the pharmaceuticals and healthcare delivery industries. Ronny was awarded a Ph.D. dT.





**Neeraj Sood, Ph.D.**, is Professor & Vice Dean for Research at the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy at the University of Southern California. Dr. Sood is on the editorial boards of leading journals in his field including the *Journal of Health Economics* and *Health Affairs*. He is a research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) – the nation’s premier economic research organization, faculty at the USC Schaeffer Center, and board member of the American Society of Health Economists. He has published more than 100 book chapters and papers in leading journals including *Journal of Health Economics*, *Health Affairs*, and *Journal of Law and Economics* and his work has also been featured in several media outlets such as the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Washington Post*. He has testified frequently on health policy issues, participated in expert panels for the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine and led projects funded by prominent national and international agencies such as the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation and World Bank. Dr. Sood was the finalist for the 16th and 21st Annual NIHCM Health Care Research Award, recognizing outstanding research in health policy. He was also the 2009 recipient of the Eugene Garfield Economic Impact Prize, recognizing outstanding research demonstrating how medical research impacts the economy. Prior to joining USC, Dr. Sood was a senior economist at RAND and Professor at the Pardee RAND Graduate School. Dr. Sood would like to acknowledge the contributions of the Schaeffer Center for Health Policy & Economics and by Amgen through a contract with Precision Health Economics.

**David R. Schmidt, Ph.D.**, is the Assistant Director of the Office of Applied Research and Outreach in the FTC’s Bureau of Economics, and was previously a staff economist in one of the antitrust shops in the Bureau. His research has focused on antitrust analysis, healthcare, game theory and experimental economics. He has contributed to FTC staff reports on generic drugs, and pharmaceutical benefit managers. He earned his undergraduate degrees at Indiana University, and his Ph.D. from the California Institute of Technology. He has also served on the faculty of the Department of Economics at Indiana University.

**Todd Ebert, R.Ph.**, President and CEO of Healthcare Supply Chain Association (HSCA), is a nationally recognized supply chain leader, a group purchasing industry expert, and a registered pharmacist with more than 30 years of healthcare experience. Ebert joined HSCA in 2015 from Amerinet, Inc., a national healthcare solutions organization and HSCA member, where he had served as President and CEO since 2007. After joining Amerinet from Intermountain Healthcare in 1991, Ebert served in a series of leadership roles including Vice President of Amerinet's pharmacy program; President of Amerinet's private-label company, Amerinet Choice, LLC; Executive Vice President for Contracting Operations and Purchasing Program Development Units; President of Operations; and as President and Chief Operating Officer. Prior to Amerinet, Ebert gained extensive experience in several other sectors of the healthcare (2011)ntetris



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