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Connacht has over twenty years of industry experience and has successfully managed large clinical programs and assets, consulting on critical aspects of Clinical Trial Development for industry leading CRO, pharmaceutical and biotech companies. Connacht's expertise spans a wide array of therapeutic areas, including Immuno-Oncology, Oncology, Vaccines, Infectious Disease, Neuroscience, Cardiovascular, Gastroenterology, Endocrine/Metabolic, Musculoskeletal, Respiratory, Dermatology, Neurology, Multiple Sclerosis, Schizophrenia, ADHD, and Major Depressive Disorder.

Connacht and her business partners founded Elite BioPharma Consulting in 2019. At Elite, Connacht partners with clients to help drive excellence in their clinical development process from IND application through NDA filing. She provides superior BioPharma Executive, Clinical Development Operations and Program Management Services, offering professional expertise tailored to the client's needs based on the current life cycle of their program. For small biotech companies, she provides operational leadership and essential infrastructure building in the early phases of clinical development, allowing clients the opportunity to run their trials efficiently and in accordance with GCP/ICH guidelines.

Prior to founding Elite, Connacht held multiple Head of Clinical Operations and Program Management consulting roles, including four years as Senior Director of Clinical Operations at Checkmate Pharmaceuticals in Cambridge, MA. At Checkmate, Connacht managed a clinical operations department of over fourteen personnel, participated in multiple M&A opportunities and completed a successful IPO. In addition, Connacht spent time as a Global Clinical Project Manager for the Eli Lilly Trulicity (Dulglutide) Phase III program successfully participating in the FDA submission and NDA approvals.

In recent years, Connacht has focused on the emerging market, assisting small biotech and pharma clients with the development lifecycle, taking their first asset from Pre-IND, into the clinic, through full clinical program development. Connacht is knowledgeable in ICH/GCP/CFR and has attributed to several successful IND submissions. This expertise has led large global teams from trial execution through completion for all phases of clinical research.

Connacht earned her Bachelor of Liberal Arts from the University of Connecticut and a Master of Business Administrative Studies from Boston College. She is an official for US Figure Skating serving as a National Singles/Pairs Judge, Referee and Theatre on Ice Judge. She also volunteers in the High-Performance department and serves as a USA Team Leader at international competitions. Connacht resides in the Boston area with her husband and three children.