



MOLECULES MATTER

DIVYA CHANDIRAMANI TELLS BINDU GOPAL RAO ABOUT HOW HER COMPANY PROTECTS PATIENT SAFETY BY REPORTING ADVERSE EVENT EXPERIENCES FOR A WHOLE VARIETY OF DRUGS ACROSS THE GLOBE

Divya Chandiramani grew up in a family of doctors, so medicine is something that has always been in her DNA. “Stories about hernias, cancers and gallbladders were normal dinner table discussions as my dad was Head of Surgery at the Hinduja Hospital and my mom on the other hand is a Pediatrician. I knew that I wanted to be in the field of medicine but at the molecular level,” she explains.

So Divya decided to pursue a degree in Molecular and Cellular Biology with a minor in Business at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. During her undergrad years, she became extremely interested in pharmacology, especially gene therapy and drug mechanisms and subsequently applied to and got accepted into the Doctor of Pharmacy program at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Divya’s experience of studying and living in the US helped her decide her career and also shaped her as a person. During her time in North Carolina, she had the opportunity to intern at the GlaxoSmithKlein headquarters at the Research Triangle Park. “That experience made me realise that I wanted to make decisions to help change