

Project Managers in Pharmaceuticals (PMPharma) Presents:

What Makes a Great Project Manager?

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The basics of project management are well known. Building a plan, creating a budget, allocating resources, hosting reviews—these are necessary skills. But they are not the core skills—the battlefield skills—of a great project manager.

Great project managers manage teams to produce outstanding results, despite all of the challenges and messiness of real life. They make projects meaningful to participants, obtain honest and heartfelt commitments, confront irresponsible behavior, speak truth to power, and challenge people to attain their best and then some. To put it lyrically, great project managers have a lot of soul, and their projects do, too.

In the hour, Chris Davis will share some of the dimensions he sees necessary for great project managers. Chris will draw upon his 20-plus years leading projects and developing project managers in a variety of industries including biotech, and upon the discipline of Commitment-based Management, of which he is a founder.

Speaker's Bio

Christopher Davis, Managing Partner of The Stratam Group, has 25 years' experience coaching leaders, mobilizing change, and improving coordination inside companies. He has led numerous Global 1000 enterprise-level engagements focused on producing breakthrough results through the alignment of strategy, leadership, organization, processes, and culture. He is one of the original developers of Commitment-based Management, one of the most important innovations in management in the past twenty years.

Chris's clients have included ABB, IBM, Deutsche Bank, ABN AMRO, Citibank, Warner Music Group, The Discovery Channel, ADP, Johnson & Johnson, and numerous smaller life sciences companies. Chris is also an accomplished instructor, having led courses on management and leadership skills for over 10,000 people. He has spoken at complexity conferences on Commitment-based Management and has guest lectured at the London School of Economics and London Business School. He has a BA in philosophy from Pomona College and an MA in the philosophy of language. He worked for 17 years with Dr. Fernando Flores, the originator of Commitment-based Management.