



## Candel Therapeutics Appoints Leading Systems Immunology Expert Bali Pulendran, Ph.D., to Research Advisory Board

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NEEDHAM, Mass., Oct. 16, 2025 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Candel Therapeutics, Inc. (Candel or the Company) (Nasdaq: CADL), a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing multimodal biological immunotherapies to help patients fight cancer, today announced the appointment of Bali Pulendran, Ph.D. to Candel's Research Advisory Board (RAB). Dr. Pulendran, an internationally recognized expert in systems immunology and vaccinology, who has pioneered the use of systems approaches to understand human immune responses, will bring his deep expertise to the RAB, as Candel continues to advance its lead viral immunotherapy candidate CAN-2409 across multiple solid tumor indications and CAN-3110 for recurrent high-grade glioma.

"I'm honored to join Candel's Research Advisory Board during this pivotal stage for the Company," said Dr. Bali Pulendran. "Candel's innovative viral immunotherapy platform represents a compelling approach to activating the immune system against cancer. I look forward to contributing my experience in systems immunology and understanding immune responses to help advance these promising therapies that have the potential to benefit patients across multiple cancer types."

Dr. Pulendran is the Violetta L. Horton Professor at Stanford University School of Medicine and Director of the Institute for Immunity, Transplantation and Infection at Stanford University and a Fellow at ChEM-H (Chemistry, Engineering and Medicine for Human Health). He received his Ph.D. from the Walter & Eliza Hall Institute under Sir Gustav Nossal. His groundbreaking research has had a transformative impact on human immunology and vaccinology, including the discovery that dendritic cells consist of multiple functionally distinct subtypes and the mechanisms by which microbial stimuli program dendritic cells to modulate immune responses. His research has been published in leading journals including *Nature*, *Science*, *Cell*, *Nature Medicine*, and *Nature Immunology* and is listed on Thomson Reuters' list of Highly Cited Researchers, recognizing the world's most influential researchers, demonstrated by the production of multiple, highly cited papers that rank in the top 1% by citations.

"We are excited to welcome Dr. Pulendran to our Research Advisory Board," said Paul Peter Tak, M.D., Ph.D., FMedSci, President and CEO of Candel. "His pioneering work in systems immunology and his deep understanding of how the immune system responds to various stimuli will provide invaluable insights as we continue to advance CAN-2409 across multiple solid tumors and CAN-3110 in recurrent high-grade glioma, developing potentially vital therapies to those who need them most."

### About Candel Therapeutics

Candel is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on developing off-the-shelf, multimodal viral immunotherapies that elicit an individualized, systemic anti-tumor immune response to help patients fight cancer. Candel has established two clinical-stage multimodal biological immunotherapy platforms based on novel, genetically modified adenovirus and herpes simplex virus (HSV) gene constructs, respectively. CAN-2409 is the lead product candidate from the adenovirus platform.

The Company recently completed successful phase 2a clinical trials of CAN-2409 in non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) and pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC), and a pivotal, randomized, placebo-controlled, phase 3 clinical trial of CAN-2409 in localized prostate cancer, conducted under a Special Protocol Assessment (SPA) agreed with the FDA. CAN-2409 plus prodrug (valacyclovir) has been granted Fast Track Designation by the FDA for the treatment of PDAC, stage III/IV NSCLC in patients who are resistant to first line PD-(L)1 inhibitor therapy and who do not have activating molecular driver mutations or have progressed on directed molecular therapy and localized primary prostate cancer in combination with radiation therapy. The FDA also granted Regenerative Medicine Advanced Therapy (RMAT) Designation to CAN-2409 for the treatment of newly diagnosed localized prostate cancer in patients with intermediate-to-high-risk disease and Orphan Drug Designation to CAN-2409 for the treatment of PDAC.

CAN-3110 is the lead product candidate from the HSV platform and is currently in an ongoing phase 1b clinical trial in recurrent high-grade glioma. Initial results were published in *Nature* and CAN-3110 received Fast Track Designation and Orphan Drug Designation from the FDA. Finally, Candel's enLIGHTEN™ Discovery Platform is a systematic, iterative HSV-based discovery platform leveraging human biology and advanced analytics to create new viral immunotherapies for solid tumors.

For more information about Candel, visit: [www.candeltx.com](http://www.candeltx.com)

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