

WESLEY P. WHEELER

President of UPS Healthcare



Wes Wheeler is President of Global Healthcare, UPS' first vertical business unit in the company and is specifically focused on pharmaceuticals, medical devices, wholesalers, retail distributors and customers which store or move regulated healthcare products. Prior to taking this role, Wes was the Chief Executive Officer of Marken, a leading global supply chain service provider to the clinical supply chain industry serving all of the leading pharmaceutical sponsors, central laboratories and contract research organizations in the world.

Wes was recruited in 2011 to transform Marken which has grown to more than 50 locations in 27 countries throughout the world. As CEO, he transformed Marken from a single product courier company to the full service company it is today and was behind his Board's decision to sell the company in 2016 to UPS in a competitive process.

Wes joined the pharmaceutical industry in 1989 with Glaxo (now GlaxoSmithKline) and worked for 12 years, leaving the company in 2003 as Senior Vice President, Global Manufacturing & Supply. While at GSK, Wes was responsible for the manufacturing merger of GlaxoWelcome and SmithKline Beecham. He has since served as CEO / President at four different companies, including Patheon, Valeant and DSM Pharmaceuticals. Prior to joining GSK in 1989, he worked for 12 years as a project engineer for Exxon (now ExxonMobil).

During his 40-year professional career, Wes has been involved in every key functional area in pharmaceuticals, including manufacturing, drug development, supply chain logistics, marketing, and engineering. Wes has lived and worked for many years in Europe and Asia in addition to his many posts in the USA.

His combination of deep operational experience and many diverse roles as a leader in many different cultures has provided Wes with a unique range of skills required to transform and grow companies. Wes holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and a Master in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance. He has two adult children and currently lives in North Carolina with his wife of 39 years.