Kenneth C. Frazier
Chairman of the Board
Chief Executive Officer

Ken Frazier has served as the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Merck since 2011. Ken joined the company in 1992 and has held positions of increasing responsibility including General Counsel and President.

Under Ken’s leadership, Merck is delivering innovative lifesaving medicines and vaccines as well as long-term, sustainable value to its multiple stakeholders. Ken has substantially increased Merck’s investment in research, including early research, while refocusing the organization on the launch and growth of key products that provide benefit to society. He has also led the formation of philanthropic and other initiatives that build on Merck’s 125-year plus legacy.

Prior to joining Merck, Ken was a partner with the Philadelphia law firm of Drinker Biddle & Reath. Ken’s contributions, especially in the legal, business and humanitarian fields, have been widely recognized. He sits on the boards of PhRMA, Weill Cornell Medicine, Exxon Mobil Corporation, and Cornerstone Christian Academy in Philadelphia. He also is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, The Business Council, the Council of the American Law Institute, and the American Bar Association.

Ken received his JD from Harvard Law School and his BA from The Pennsylvania State University.



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