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Dr. Jean-Philippe "JP" Therrien

JP brings to the table over a quarter of a century's worth of experience in the domain of skin biology, with vast expertise in dermal product development. He has spent over 15 years creating both prescription and consumer health products, earning him national and international recognition as an innovative leader in dermal drug development. His extensive knowledge encompasses a wide range of subjects including molecular and cellular biology, skin biology, skin disease research, photobiology, skin aging, stem cell and cancer stem cell biology, virology, gene therapy, dermal drug delivery, drug toxicity detection, and drug activity assessment. JP's groundbreaking work is well-documented through publications in renowned journals, presentations, patents, and sales aids.

He has successfully set up skin biology labs and led teams to bolster dermal product development. Before joining Allergan Aesthetics/AbbVie, JP held the position of Vice President of Skin Biology and Dermal Delivery at several Contract Research Organizations and startups specializing in dermal product development. He also served as Director of Skin Biology with the Dermatology Therapeutic Area at GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), formerly Stiefel.

JP further enriched his knowledge and skills at the National Cancer Institute/National Institute of Health, where he spent six years at the Dermatology Branch as Post-Doctoral and Research Fellow, focusing on human skin gene therapy.

His educational journey saw him earning a B.S. in Biochemistry from University of Sherbrooke and a Ph.D. in Molecular & Cellular Biology/Photobiology from Laval University, both in Quebec, Canada. Aside from his impressive professional endeavors, he has also served as an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Food, Bioprocessing, and Nutrition Sciences at NC State University. JP contributed to the Society of Investigative Dermatology from 2016 to 2021 as a member of their Board of Directors.