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Michael M. Burke is a pharmaceutical executive with more than thirty years of experience developing specialty pharmaceutical therapies to address unmet medical needs. He holds an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management and began his career at Abbott Laboratories. He later held senior commercial and operating roles at Ovation Pharmaceuticals and Marathon Pharmaceuticals before founding and leading multiple pharmaceutical startups. His driving purpose is to reduce human suffering through the work he and his colleagues do to develop specialty pharmaceuticals.

Burke's connection to pediatric neurology began while he was at Abbott managing the CNS Disorders Business Unit in the Pharmaceutical Products Division where he met and collaborated with Dr. Roy Elterman and Dr. Don Shields. After he left Abbott to start Ovation Pharmaceuticals, the trio worked together with others in the epilepsy community and at Ovation to raise awareness at FDA regarding "orphaned" epilepsy assets. Later when the company pursued U.S. rights to vigabatrin for infantile spasms, he and colleagues at Ovation collaborated with Drs. Elterman and Shields to obtain FDA approval of vigabatrin and ultimately establish the Pediatric Epilepsy Research Foundation® (PERF®).