



## Basaid Board of Directors (BoD)



**Mara Fornaro**  
**Basaid President**

Mara joined Basaid in 2014 and serves as Basaid president since 2017. Mara is Associate Director in the Musculoskeletal Diseases department at the Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research since 2005.

Mara studied Biological Sciences in Italy and holds a PhD in Pharmacology.



**Estelle Roth**  
**Basaid Vice-president**

Estelle is a Basaid member of the BoD since April 2017. Estelle is Novartis Global Head Engagement & Volunteering since 2014. She is also a member of the Corporate Affairs & Global Health Leadership team.

Estelle studied Political Economics in Germany and holds an MBA from Basel Business College, Switzerland.



**David Hughes**  
**Global Health Specialist**

David is a Basaid board member since 2020. David is the Head of Biopharmaceuticals Clinical Development at Sandoz.

David was the Global Program Head for Novartis' malaria programs for 3 years, and worked as a Government Medical Officer in Zimbabwe for 3 years. He has an MD (U of Toronto) and a Masters of Public Health (Johns Hopkins)



**Adolfo Prieto**  
**Finance – Cashier**

Adolfo is a Basaid member since 2007. Adolfo is Novartis Quality Assurance expert and joined Novartis since 2005.

Adolfo is an agronomist with studies in Chile.



**Daniela Gabriel**  
**Leader Africa group**

Daniela is a Basaid member since 2012 and active in the Africa group since 2015. Daniela is Associate Director in Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research in the Chemical Biology and Therapeutics Department.

Daniela studied Chemistry/Biochemistry in Germany and holds a PhD in Biochemistry.



**Tsevelmaa Sharkhuu**  
**Leader Far East group**

Tsevelmaa is a Basaid member since April 2019 and she is the Basaid Far East group leader since September 2019. Tsevelmaa is Clinical Trial Cost Expert within Global Development Operations in Novartis.

Tsevelmaa studied International economic relations, policy and diplomacy in Czech Republic.



**Ivan Patino**  
**Leader Latin-America group**

Ivan is a Basaid member since 2020 and member of the Board of Directors since 2021. He is a Commercial Excellence Specialist at Novartis leading the Omnichannel project.

Ivan studied Industrial Engineering in Colombia and currently he is based in Colombia



**Sasank Mohanty**  
**Leader Subcontinent India group**

Sasank joined Basaid since 1990 when Basaid was part of the then Sandoz. After 27 years with Novartis Sasank recently joined Takeda as Head of Global Customs and Trade Compliance Manager.

Sasank holds a PhD in Organic Chemistry from the university of Zurich, CH and Master in Business Administration from University of Rochester, USA.



**Zulma Vidal**  
**Communications Manager**

Zulma is a Basaid member since 2006 and part of the BoD since April 2017. Zulma is a Project manager and Communications specialist at Roche. Previously she worked at Novartis, Syngenta and various start-ups.

Zulma studied pedagogy and modern languages in Colombia and holds a MBA from the University of applied sciences Basel, Switzerland.