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Sharon Louis is Vice President, Research and Development at STEMCELL Technologies. Sharon has over 20 years of experience in the development and commercialization of research tools for the stem cell field at STEMCELL. She has a background in molecular and developmental biology, focusing on hematopoietic and neural stem cell biology. She has been integral in the development and launch of the NeuroCult™ product line at STEMCELL Technologies, which includes specialized media products, culture assays and supporting reagents for mammalian neural stem cells. She is a co-inventor on six patents, related to culture assays to differentiate between neural stem cells and committed neural progenitors and patent applications covering ectoderm and endoderm differentiation from human pluripotent stem cells. She was a Principal Investigator in PluriMes consortium (a European Commission’s Framework 7 HEALTH research program). Reporting to the President & Chief Executive Officer, Allen Eaves, she manages and oversees R&D Operations and R&D Teams in the STEMCELL labs in Vancouver and Cambridge, UK. Most recently, Sharon was accepted into the adMare Academy Executive Institute program which focuses on executive management for the Canadian life sciences innovation sector.