



# Molly Ryan

Head of Govt. Affairs & Advocacy, Otsuka America Pharma

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## Life In Brief

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**Birthplace:** Nyeri, Kenya

**Hometown:** Nyeri, Kenya

**Education:**

- BS Global Business & Public Policy, University of Maryland College Park

**Work History:**

- Head of Government Affairs and Advocacy, Otsuka America Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 2017-Present
- Senior Director, Government Affairs and Advocacy, Otsuka America Pharmaceutical Inc., 2016-2017
- Director, Government Affairs and Advocacy, Otsuka America Pharmaceutical Inc., 2013-2016
- Manager External Affairs, Baxter Healthcare, 2001-2012
- Assistant Program Executive, Kenya Broadcasting Corporation, 1996-1999

## Quick Summary

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**Experienced in public policy, government advocacy, and crisis communications; leverages prior experience in policy development to lead in government affairs and advocacy at Otsuka pharmaceutical company, previously worked in journalism as a morning anchor**

- Prior to working for Otsuka, Ryan worked for Baxter Healthcare where she established relations between the organization and the Congressional Tri-Caucus to address disparities in healthcare
- While working for the Kenya Broadcasting Corporation she was an anchor for the Morning Express, where she gained an audience of 3

million and became one of the leading broadcasters in the country

- Carried over her managerial skills from Baxter Healthcare into Otsuka, and worked from Director of Government Affairs all the way to the Head of Government Affairs
- Co-founded the Washington Heads of Office, an organization for senior executives of color to grow a professional community and diversify the leadership pipeline in government affairs

## Approach and Motivations

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**Works with the federal, state, and local levels of government to ensure health care access, and actively works to ensure that women get a chance to gain a foothold in the field**

- Prioritizes creating a space for the next generation of women leaders; sits on the Board of Women In International Trade , where she works to develop trade modules for girls in high school, and provides support to women in undergraduate/graduate international trade studies
- In her role as head of government affairs and advocacy, Ryan has prioritized strategies to increase disease awareness, access to health care, and access to treatment options for customers of Otsuka Pharmaceuticals
- Focused on innovation; was instrumental in creating payment policy to support digital therapeutics in a fast-growing market valued at \$533 billion dollars.

## Professional Affiliations

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- Co-founder, Washington Heads of Office
- Board of Directors, Public Affairs Council
- Board of Directors, Congressional Award Foundation



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