

Mary Raber Johnson, PhD, RAC, Recognized By Influential Women, Serves As Owner & Principal Consultant Of StratPhD LLC

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Plain City, Ohio — Mary Raber Johnson, PhD, RAC, is the Owner and Principal Consultant of StratPhD LLC, a specialized medical and scientific communications consultancy serving the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries. With decades of experience spanning medical writing, regulatory affairs, and strategic consulting, Mary has built a reputation for transforming complex scientific and clinical information into clear, compelling, and actionable communication that supports global healthcare innovation.



Through StratPhD LLC, Mary provides a comprehensive suite of services including medical writing, medical editing, strategic consulting, and advertising and promotion (AdPromo) regulatory affairs. The firm's tailored solutions combine scientific expertise, clinical insight, regulatory precision, and strategic thinking to support pharmaceutical and biotech organizations across all stages of development and commercialization. Her work spans multiple therapeutic areas, including oncology, neurology and neuroscience, nephrology, hematology, and infectious disease.

Mary's career reflects a deep commitment to both scientific excellence and communication clarity. Since 2009, she has supported pharmaceutical and biotech clients in developing publications, medical affairs strategies, promotional medical education content, advisory board materials, competitive intelligence, and regulatory writing. Her early career began at a pharmaceutical advertising agency in Columbus, Ohio, where she gained broad experience in

medical communications and strategic storytelling—foundational experience that ultimately led her to establish her own consultancy.

In addition to her consulting work, Mary has made meaningful contributions to academic and clinical education. As an Assistant Professor at The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy, she developed and taught graduate-level courses in clinical research, translational pharmacology, and regulatory affairs. Her teaching emphasized real-world application, helping students translate complex scientific principles into practical understanding. Beyond academia, she has remained actively engaged in professional service, including volunteering as a sexual assault advocate and reviewing manuscripts for peer-reviewed clinical research journals.

Mary's academic foundation is both rigorous and multidisciplinary. She earned her Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Chemistry from Johns Hopkins University, where her research focused on infectious disease. Before that, she completed her Pharmacy training (BS), where she first developed a strong interest in research and scientific communication. Her early academic journey ultimately shaped her lifelong mission: to make complex science accessible, accurate, and engaging for diverse audiences.

Her path to science and leadership began in a small Amish country town, where early exposure to learning and storytelling sparked her intellectual curiosity. Initially aspiring to become a physician, Mary was influenced by both inspiring and challenging educators who redirected her toward science. This ultimately led her into pharmacy, and later to Johns Hopkins University for advanced study in chemistry. Throughout this journey, she discovered a passion not only for scientific discovery, but also for translating data and research into meaningful narratives that can inform and improve healthcare outcomes.

Mary attributes her success to the influential people who have shaped her personal and professional journey. She credits her mother, a highly creative and expressive thinker, with fostering her ability to think beyond traditional scientific frameworks. Through storytelling—both in her childhood and now with her grandchildren—her mother instilled a creative lens that continues to influence Mary's approach to communication and problem-solving.

She also credits her father as a major influence. Raised Amish and having left the community without completing formal education, he taught himself architecture and drafting and built a successful business from the ground up. His willingness to take risks and pursue self-directed learning inspired Mary to pursue her own academic and professional ambitions with confidence, resilience, and determination.

Mary also emphasizes the importance of her immediate family in shaping her success. Her children further motivate her, inspiring her to confront challenges and pursue growth opportunities so she can model authenticity, courage, and confidence in their lives.

One of the most formative pieces of career advice Mary received came from Laura Rush, her

early manager in medical writing/strategy. During a period of personal difficulty, Laura reminded her that “no project is more important than personal well-being,” encouraging her to prioritize family and self-care when needed. This perspective reshaped Mary’s understanding of professional success, reinforcing the importance of balance between personal life and career responsibilities.

Laura also served as a powerful example of leadership, demonstrating how to maintain confidence, authority, and presence in professional environments regardless of hierarchy or pressure. This mentorship helped Mary internalize a key principle that continues to guide her today: self-worth is not defined solely by accomplishments, but also by balance, well-being, and authenticity. It is a philosophy she now extends to the women and professionals she mentors and collaborates with.

Mary encourages young women entering scientific and healthcare-related fields to recognize their value and advocate for themselves. She notes that early-career professionals often underestimate their contributions and hesitate to speak up or request what they need. Drawing from her own experience—including moments of self-doubt—she emphasizes that confidence is built through action, even when discomfort is present.

She encourages embracing challenges, asking questions, and stepping into unfamiliar situations as essential components of growth. According to Mary, every individual brings a unique combination of skills, insight, and perspective that adds value to their profession. Recognizing and owning that uniqueness is critical to long-term success and fulfillment.

In her field, Mary identifies rapid technological advancement—particularly in artificial intelligence and digital innovation—as both a challenge and an opportunity. While keeping pace with evolving tools and methodologies can be demanding, she views these changes as catalysts for growth that expand professional capability and deepen scientific understanding. Engaging with new technologies has allowed her to enhance her expertise and remain at the forefront of healthcare communication.

She also recognizes work-life integration as an ongoing challenge, particularly in an era of constant connectivity and information flow. As professional and personal boundaries continue to blur, she emphasizes the importance of intentional balance and self-awareness. At the same time, she sees opportunity in leveraging her expertise to positively influence healthcare outcomes and patient experiences through clearer, more effective communication.

Mary’s professional values are centered on helping individuals and organizations achieve balance, growth, and authenticity. She is particularly passionate about supporting professionals in building careers aligned with their strengths while maintaining mental and emotional well-being. She believes that every professional role is ultimately human-centered, requiring empathy, understanding, and respect for individual circumstances.

She prioritizes authenticity and inclusivity in her leadership approach, fostering environments where individuals feel valued for who they are and what they contribute. Rather than enforcing rigid expectations, she focuses on helping others define success on their own terms. She acknowledges that authentic living can be challenging but maintains that it is essential for long-term satisfaction and professional fulfillment.

Today, Mary Raber Johnson leads StratPhD LLC full-time, continuing to build a practice grounded in scientific rigor, strategic insight, and meaningful communication. Driven by curiosity and a passion for lifelong learning, she remains committed to transforming complex science into clear, actionable knowledge that supports better decision-making across the pharmaceutical and biotech industries.

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