



Julian Poovan

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Julian Poovan has been Commercial Execution Head South Africa, since June 1, 2018.

Before joining Novartis, Julian held multiple leadership roles at MSD Southern Africa, in Commercial Operations and Business Development, working across multiple country markets across Africa.

He also filled many commercial roles across different therapeutic areas at Pfizer South Africa, having played a pivotal role in launching their Clone Business Unit, Pharmacia, in 2007. Prior to joining the industry, he worked at MediKredit, understanding the Managed HealthCare landscape.

Julian received his Business Management degree from The University of South Africa (UNISA). Prior to that, he studied towards a Pharmacy degree at Rhodes University in Grahamstown, then transitioned to biological sciences, majoring in Physiology, Microbiology and Biochemistry through UNISA.