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Elaine is an Associate Director in Regulatory Affairs at La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company. She is cross-trained as a scientist and a regulatory affairs professional with 11 years of pharmaceutical industry experience. She started out as a lab rat focused on x-ray crystallography, completing her PhD at Rice University and her postdoc at Los Alamos National Laboratory. She made the jump from academia to industry, first as a DMPK scientist before transitioning to regulatory affairs. Elaine firmly believes one's degree and research focus need not define one's career path, and is looking forward to discussing some of the options available to individuals with a degree in science.