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## **Acurian Announces Appointment of Roger Smith as Senior Vice President and General Manager**

**HORSHAM, Pa., January 29, 2015** — Acurian Inc., a leading, full-service provider of global [patient enrollment and retention solutions](#) and a subsidiary of [PPD](#), announced today that Roger Smith, formerly senior vice president of Acurian operations, has been appointed to lead the company as senior vice president and general manager. Smith has been a member of Acurian's senior management team for 13 years, holding successive positions of increasing responsibility over that time.

"We are pleased that Roger's appointment will ensure a smooth transition for Acurian," said William Sharbaugh, PPD's chief operating officer. "Roger has engineered the company's core patient enrollment capabilities and intimately understands the operating principles under which Acurian has experienced tremendous growth. He is uniquely qualified to continue Acurian's success, and we are delighted that he has accepted the challenge of upholding and enhancing Acurian's leadership position."

Smith's appointment comes as Acurian's previous executive vice president and general manager, Rick Malcolm, has retired. Malcolm joined Acurian as CEO in 2005 and led the company's transformation into the recognized global leader of patient enrollment solutions, culminating with the acquisition of Acurian by PPD in August 2013.

"Since being acquired, Acurian has continued to grow and innovate," Sharbaugh said. "Acurian delivered a record number of results-based projects and randomized patients in 2014, a reflection of the business's underlying health. We are grateful for Rick's leadership and are happy that his decision to retire and spend more time with his family comes at a time when Acurian is well-positioned for continued growth."

Prior to joining Acurian in 2001, Smith's previous experience included senior vice president, chief information officer for Kozmo.com; vice president, Internet strategy and development at Petopia.com (PETCO); and vice president, programming at Sony Online Inc. He earned a bachelor of science degree from Boston University.

**About Acurian**

Acurian, a subsidiary of PPD, is a leading full-service provider of [clinical trial patient enrollment and retention](#) solutions for the life sciences industry. The company increases the enrollment performance of investigator sites worldwide by identifying, contacting, prescreening and referring people who live in the local community but are unknown to a research site. As a result, trial sponsors complete enrollment without incurring the unexpected expense of adding sites or time.

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