

Finding Aid to The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Dr. Tony Coles

Overview of the Collection

Repository:	The HistoryMakers®1900 S. Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60616 info@thehistorymakers.com www.thehistorymakers.com
Creator:	Coles, Tony, 1960-
Title:	The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Tony Coles,
Dates:	May 3, 2017
Bulk Dates:	2017
Physical Description:	9 uncompressed MOV digital video files (4:43:05).
Abstract:	Pharmaceutical executive Dr. Tony Coles (1960 -) was president and CEO of Onyx Pharmaceuticals and co-founded Yumanity Therapeutics and served as its president and CEO. Coles was interviewed by The HistoryMakers® on May 3, 2017, in Boston, Massachusetts. This collection is comprised of the original video footage of the interview.
Identification:	A2017_097
Language:	The interview and records are in English.

Biographical Note by The HistoryMakers®

Pharmaceutical executive Dr. Tony Coles was born on May 17, 1960 in Roanoke, Virginia to Neavelle Anthony Coles and Leona Rogers Coles. Coles graduated from DuVal High School in Lanham, Maryland and received his B.S. degree from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, his M.S. degree in public health from Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and his M.D. degree from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

Coles was a research fellow at Harvard Medical School, and then worked as a physician at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, where he completed his cardiology and internal medicine training. Coles resigned from practicing medicine and in 1992, he was hired at Merck & Co., where he became vice president of the hypertension and heart failure business group and oversaw the marketing of the ACE inhibitor drugs to cardiologists. Two years later, he joined Bristol-Myers Pharmaceuticals, taking a more global role in introducing cardiovascular products, including the blockbuster anti-clotting agent clopidogrel (Plavix). Coles was then hired by Vertex Pharmaceutical in 2002, as the company's senior vice president of commercial operations-pharmaceutical products. He then became president and chief executive officer of Onyx Pharmaceuticals. In 2014, Coles co-founded and served as the president and chief executive officer of Yumanity Therapeutics, a biotech startup company.

In addition to his professional career, Coles was active in multiple community and national organizations, including as a member of the board of trustees at Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins Medicine, NPS Pharmaceuticals, Inc., the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture, the board of trustees for the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, and the Council of Foreign Relations. Coles also served as a director of Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, Campus Crest Communities, Inc., the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Foundation, McKesson Corporation, and Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. President Barack Obama also named him to the Precision Medicine Initiative in 2015. He also served as chairman of the board of directors of CRISPR Therapeutics AG since October 2015 and served on its Compensation Nomination and

Corporate Governance Committee.

Coles and his wife, Robyn, have three sons.

Tony Coles was interviewed by *The HistoryMakers* on May 3, 2017.

Scope and Content

This life oral history interview with Dr. Tony Coles was conducted by Julieanna L. Richardson on May 3, 2017, in Boston, Massachusetts, and was recorded on 9 uncompressed MOV digital video files. Pharmaceutical executive Dr. Tony Coles (1960 -) was president and CEO of Onyx Pharmaceuticals and co-founded Yumanity Therapeutics and served as its president and CEO.

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Related Material

Information about the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview, as well as correspondence with the interview subject is stored electronically both on The HistoryMakers® server and in two databases maintained by The HistoryMakers®, though this information is not included in this finding aid.

Controlled Access Terms

This interview collection is indexed under the following controlled access subject terms.

Persons:

Coles, Tony, 1960-

Richardson, Julieanna L. (Interviewer)

Hickey, Matthew (Videographer)

Subjects:

African Americans--Interviews

Coles, Tony, 1960- --Interviews

Organizations:

HistoryMakers® (Video oral history collection)

The HistoryMakers® African American Video Oral History Collection

Occupations:

Pharmaceutical Executive

HistoryMakers® Category:

BusinessMakers

Administrative Information

Custodial History

Interview footage was recorded by The HistoryMakers®. All rights to the interview have been transferred to The HistoryMakers® by the interview subject through a signed interview release form. Signed interview release forms have been deposited with Jenner & Block, LLP, Chicago.

Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

This interview collection was processed and encoded on 5/30/2023 by The HistoryMakers® staff. The finding aid was created adhering to the following standards: DACS, AACR2, and the Oral History Cataloging Manual (Matters 1995).

Other Finding Aid

A Microsoft Access contact database and a FileMaker Pro tracking database, both maintained by The HistoryMakers®, keep track of the administrative functions involved in scheduling, researching, and producing the interview.

Detailed Description of the Collection

Series I: Original Interview Footage

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Tony Coles, Section A2017_097_001_001, TRT: 1:30:28 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Tony Coles, Section A2017_097_001_002, TRT: 2:31:07 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Tony Coles, Section A2017_097_001_003, TRT: 3:30:54 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Tony Coles, Section A2017_097_001_004, TRT: 4:37:02 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Tony Coles, Section A2017_097_001_005, TRT: 5:28:23 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Tony Coles, Section A2017_097_001_006, TRT: 6:32:28 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Tony Coles, Section A2017_097_001_007, TRT: 7:26:54 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Tony Coles, Section A2017_097_001_008, TRT: 8:28:13 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Tony Coles, Section A2017_097_001_009, TRT: 9:37:36 ?

Video Oral History Interview with Dr. Tony Coles, Section
A2017_097_Coles_Tony_06_MED_001, TRT: 0:03:39 ?

In honor of BusinessMakers: Breakout Leaders July, we salute CEO of Cerevel
Therapeutics, Dr. Tony Coles, who speaks about his transition from a medical
career to being a groundbreaking pharmaceutical entrepreneur.