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#### OPKO HEALTH, INC.

4400 Biscayne Blvd.

**Miami, FL 33137** 

#### NOTICE OF 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

#### **TO BE HELD JUNE 18, 2015**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting ) of OPKO Health, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company ), will be held at the Company s headquarters at 4400 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Florida, 33137, on Thursday, June 18, 2015, beginning at 10:00 a.m., local time, for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect as directors the ten nominees named in the attached proxy statement for a term of office expiring at the 2016 annual meeting of stockholders and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified; and
- 2. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof.

Holders of record of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, at the close of business on April 20, 2015, will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof.

Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, it is important that you vote your shares. Regardless of the number of shares you own, please promptly vote your shares by telephone or internet or, if you have received printed copies of the proxy materials, by marking, signing and dating the proxy card and returning it to the Company in the postage paid envelope provided. Should you attend, you may, if you wish, withdraw your proxy and vote your shares in person.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

Kate Inman

Secretary

Miami, Florida

May 7, 2015

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting to Be Held on June 18, 2015

The Proxy Statement and 2014 Annual Report are available at www.opko.com.

#### OPKO HEALTH, INC.

#### PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

#### TO BE HELD

#### **THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015**

This proxy statement is being made available to you by the Board of Directors (Board) of OPKO Health, Inc. (the Company or we, us or our) in connection with the solicitation of proxies to be voted at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company that will be held at the Company s headquarters at 4400 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Florida 33137, on Thursday, June 18, 2015, beginning at 10:00 a.m., local time, and all adjournments thereof (the Annual Meeting), for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect as directors the ten nominees named in this proxy statement for a term of office expiring at the 2016 annual meeting of stockholders and until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified; and
- 2. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof.

Our Board has fixed the close of business on April 20, 2015, as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or any adjournments thereof. As of that date, there were issued and outstanding 458,393,587 shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share. The holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each outstanding share on all matters submitted to our stockholders.

A nominee for director will be elected to the Board if the votes cast in favor of a nominee by the holders of shares of our common stock present or represented and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting at which a quorum is present exceed the votes cast against a nominee. Any other matter that may be submitted to a vote of our stockholders at the Annual Meeting will be approved if the number of shares of common stock voted for the proposal exceed the votes cast against the proposal, unless such matter is one for which a greater vote is required by law or our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation or our Amended and Restated Bylaws.

The presence, in person or by proxy, of holders of a majority of our outstanding common stock constitutes a quorum at the Annual Meeting. Shares of our stock represented by proxies that reflect abstentions will be counted for the purpose of determining the existence of a quorum at the Annual Meeting but will have no effect on the election of directors. Shares of stock represented by proxies that reflect broker non-votes (i.e., stock represented at the Annual Meeting by proxies held by brokers or nominees as to which (i) the brokers or nominees have not received instructions from the beneficial owners or persons entitled to vote and (ii) the broker or nominee does not have the discretionary voting power on a particular matter) will not be counted for the purpose of determining the existence of a quorum at the Annual Meeting and will have no effect on matters for which brokers or banks do not have discretionary authority. A broker does not have the discretion to vote on the election of directors. Thus, a broker non-vote will have no effect on the election of directors.

Any stockholder giving a proxy will have the right to revoke it at any time prior to the time it is voted. A proxy may be revoked by: (i) written notice to us at or prior to the Annual Meeting, attention: Secretary; (ii) execution of a subsequent proxy; (iii) attendance and voting in person at the Annual Meeting; or (iv) re-voting by telephone or internet (only your latest telephone or internet vote will be counted). Attendance at the Annual Meeting will not automatically revoke the proxy. All shares of our stock represented by effective proxies will be voted at the Annual

Meeting or at any adjournment thereof. Unless otherwise specified in the proxy, shares of our stock represented by proxies will be voted: (i) FOR the election of the Board s nominees for directors; and (ii) in the discretion of the proxy holders with respect to such other matters as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

The Company has mailed this proxy statement and our Annual Report to Stockholders for our fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 (fiscal 2014) to our record holders. If you hold shares of the Company by brokers or nominees, the Company has made these materials available to you on the internet or, upon your request, by delivery of printed versions of these materials. These materials were first sent or made available to stockholders on or around May 7, 2015.

Our executive offices are located at 4400 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Florida 33137.

## Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

The following table contains information regarding the beneficial ownership of our voting stock as of April 20, 2015, held by (i) each stockholder known by us to beneficially own more than 5% of the outstanding shares of any class of voting stock; (ii) our directors and nominees; (iii) our Named Executive Officers as defined in the paragraph preceding the Summary Compensation Table and our current executive officers; and (iv) all current directors and executive officers as a group. Except where noted, all holders listed below have sole voting power and investment power over the shares beneficially owned by them. Unless otherwise noted, the address of each person listed below is c/o OPKO Health, Inc., 4400 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, FL 33137.

Name and Address of		Amount and Nature Beneficial	Percentage of
Beneficial Owner	<b>Class of Security</b>	Ownership	Class**
Frost Gamma Investments Trust	Common Stock	$174,719,059^{(1)}$	38.12%
The Frost Group, LLC	Common Stock	$20,091,062^{(2)}$	4.38%
Phillip Frost, M.D. CEO & Chairman of the Board	Common Stock	177,788,010 <sup>(3)</sup>	38.70%
Jane H. Hsiao, Ph.D., MBA Vice Chairman of the Board & Chief Technical Officer	Common Stock	31,043,614 <sup>(4)</sup>	6.77%
Steven D. Rubin Executive Vice President Administration and Director	Common Stock	6,625,142 <sup>(5)</sup>	1.44%
Adam Logal Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	Common Stock	571,496 <sup>(6)</sup>	*
Juan F. Rodriguez <sup>(7)</sup> Former Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	Common Stock	15,000 <sup>(8)</sup>	*
John A. Paganelli, Director	Common Stock	434,825 <sup>(9)</sup>	*
Robert Baron, Director	Common Stock	420,965 <sup>(9)</sup>	*
Thomas E. Beier, Director	Common Stock	270,227 <sup>(10)</sup>	*
Richard A. Lerner, M.D., Director	Common Stock	273,849(11)	*
Richard C. Pfenniger, Jr., Director	Common Stock	230,000 <sup>(12)</sup>	*
Alice Lin-Tsing Yu, M.D., Ph.D., Director	Common Stock	140,000(13)	*
Dmitry Kolosov, Director	Common Stock	105,000 <sup>(14)</sup>	*
All Executive Officers and Directors as a group (11 persons)	Common Stock	220,754,958	47.76%

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 1%

- \*\* Percentages of common stock based upon 458,393,587 shares of our common stock issued and outstanding at April 20, 2015.
- Includes 20,091,062 shares of common stock held by The Frost Group, LLC, of which Frost Gamma Investments Trust is a principal member. Frost Gamma Investments Trust disclaims beneficial ownership of the common stock held by The Frost Group, LLC, except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein. The Frost Gamma Investments Trust has sole voting power over 154,627,997 shares of the Company s common stock, shared voting power over 20,091,062 shares of the Company s common stock, sole dispositive power over 154,627,997 shares of the Company s common stock, and shared dispositive power over 20,091,062 shares of the Company s common stock.

- The Frost Group, LLC has sole voting power over 0 shares of the Company s common stock, shared voting power over 20,091,062 shares of the Company s common stock, sole dispositive power over 0 shares of the Company s common stock, and shared dispositive power over 20,091,062 shares of the Company s common stock.
- (3) Includes 154,627,997 shares of common stock held by Frost Gamma Investments Trust. It also includes options to purchase 1,056,574 shares of common stock exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2015 held by Dr. Frost. Dr. Frost is the trustee and Frost Gamma Limited Partnership is the sole and exclusive beneficiary of Frost Gamma Investments Trust. Dr. Frost is one of two limited partners of Frost Gamma Limited Partnership. The general partner of Frost Gamma Limited Partnership is Frost Gamma Inc. and the sole stockholder of Frost Gamma, Inc. is Frost-Nevada Corporation. Dr. Frost is also the sole stockholder of Frost-Nevada Corporation. The number of shares included above also includes 20,091,062 shares of common stock owned directly by The Frost Group, LLC. Frost Gamma Investments Trust is a principal member of The Frost Group, LLC. Dr. Frost and the Frost Gamma Investments Trust disclaim beneficial ownership of these shares of common stock, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein. Does not include 2,851,830 shares of Common Stock held by the Phillip and Patricia Frost Philanthropic Foundation, Inc., of which Dr. Frost is one of three directors. Phillip Frost, M.D. has sole voting power over 157,696,948 shares of the Company s common stock, shared voting power over 20,091,062 shares of the Company s common stock, and shared dispositive power over 20,091,062 shares of the Company s common stock.
- Includes options to purchase 200,000 shares of common stock exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2015. Also includes 1,000,000 shares of common stock held by each of The Chiin Hsiung Hsiao Family Trust A and The Chiin Hsiung Hsiao Family Trust B, for which Dr. Hsiao serves as the sole trustee of both, 4,472,581 shares of common stock held by Hsu Gamma Investment, L.P., for which Dr. Hsiao serves as General Partner. Dr. Hsiao is a member of the Frost Group, LLC, which holds 20,091,062 shares of common stock. Dr. Hsiao disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of common stock held by The Frost Group, LLC, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.
- (5) Includes options to purchase 1,185,735 shares of common stock exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2015. Mr. Rubin is a member of the Frost Group, LLC, which holds 20,091,062 shares of common stock. Mr. Rubin disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of common stock held by The Frost Group, LLC, except to the extent of any pecuniary interest therein.
- (6) Includes options to acquire 526,707 shares of common stock exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2015.
- (7) Mr. Rodriguez resigned from his position as Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer effective April 1, 2014.
- (8) Includes 15,000 shares of common stock exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2015.
- (9) Includes options to acquire 135,000 shares of common stock exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2015.

- (10) Includes options to acquire 140,000 shares of common stock exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2015. Also includes 130,227 shares of common stock held by the Thomas E. Beier Trust, for which Thomas Beier and Evelyn Beier are trustees.
- (11) Includes options to acquire 125,000 shares of common stock exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2015. Also includes 13,100 shares of common stock held by the Lerner Family Trust, for which Richard Lerner and Nicola Lerner are Trustees.
- <sup>(12)</sup> Includes options to acquire 80,000 shares of common stock exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2015.
- (13) Includes options to acquire 100,000 shares of common stock exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2015.
- (14) Includes options to acquire 105,000 shares of common stock exercisable within 60 days of April 20, 2015.

#### **PROPOSAL ONE:**

#### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Pursuant to the authority granted to our Board under Article III of our Amended and Restated Bylaws, the Board has fixed the number of directors constituting the entire Board at ten. All ten directors are to be elected at the Annual Meeting, each to hold office until the 2016 annual meeting of stockholders and until his successor is duly elected and qualified. Each stockholder of record on April 20, 2015 is entitled to cast one vote for each share of our common stock either in favor of or against the election of each nominee, or to abstain from voting on any or all nominees. Although management does not anticipate that any nominee will be unable or unwilling to serve as a director, in the event of such an occurrence, proxies may be voted in the discretion of the persons named in the proxy for a substitute designated by the Board, unless the Board decides to reduce the number of directors constituting the Board. Each nominee shall be elected if the votes cast in favor of a nominee by the holders of shares of our common stock present or represented and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting at which a quorum is present exceed the votes cast against a nominee.

## NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR

The following sets forth information provided by the nominees as of April 20, 2015. All of the nominees are currently serving as directors for the Company. All of the nominees have consented to serve if elected by our stockholders.

		Year First Elected/ Nominated	
Name of Nominee	Age	Director	Positions and Offices with the Company
Phillip Frost, M.D.	78	2007	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
Jane H. Hsiao, Ph.D., MBA	67	2007	Vice Chairman of the Board and Chief Technical Officer
Steven D. Rubin	54	2007	Director and Executive Vice President-Administration
Robert A. Baron	75	2003	Director
Thomas E. Beier	69	2008	Director
Dmitry Kolosov	35	2012	Director
Richard A. Lerner, M.D.	76	2007	Director
John A. Paganelli	80	2003	Director
Richard C. Pfenniger, Jr.	59	2008	Director
Alice Lin-Tsing Yu, M.D., Ph.D.	71	2009	Director

Phillip Frost, M.D. Dr. Frost has been the CEO and Chairman of the Company since March 2007. Dr. Frost served as a director of Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Limited, or Teva (NYSE:TEVA) from January 2006 until February 2015 and had previously served as Chairman of the Board of Teva from March 2010 until December 2014 and as Vice Chairman from January 2006 until March 2010. Dr. Frost had served as Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of IVAX Corporation from 1987 until its acquisition by Teva in January 2006. He was Chairman of the Department of Dermatology at Mt. Sinai Medical Center of Greater Miami, Miami Beach, Florida from 1972 to 1986. Dr. Frost was Chairman of the Board of Directors of Key Pharmaceuticals, Inc. from 1972 until the acquisition of Key Pharmaceuticals by Schering Plough Corporation in 1986. Dr. Frost was named Chairman of the Board of Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc. (NYSE MKT:LTS), an investment banking, asset management, and securities brokerage firm providing services through its principal operating subsidiary, Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc., in July 2006 and has been a director of Ladenburg Thalmann from 2001 until 2002 and again since 2004. He serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Miami, the Skolkovo Foundation Scientific Advisory Council in Russia, the Shanghai Institute for Advanced Immunochemical Studies in China, and The Florida Council

of 100 and as a Trustee of each of the Miami Jewish Home for the Aged and the Mount Sinai Medical Center. Dr. Frost is also a director of Castle Brands (NYSE MKT:ROX), a developer and marketer of premium brand spirits, Cocrystal Pharma, Inc. (OTCBB: COCP), formerly Biozone Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a publicly traded biotechnology company developing new treatments for viral diseases, and Sevion Therapeutics, Inc. (OTCBB:SVON), a clinical stage company which discovers and develops next-generation biologics for the treatment of cancer and immunological diseases. Dr. Frost previously served as a director for Continucare Corporation, TransEnterix, Inc., SafeStitch Medical Inc. prior to its merger with TransEnterix, Inc. and PROLOR Biotech, Inc. prior to its acquisition by the Company in August 2013, as Governor and Co-Vice-Chairman of the American Stock Exchange (now NYSE MKT), and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Scripps Research Institute until November 2012.

Dr. Frost has successfully founded several pharmaceutical companies and overseen the development and commercialization of a multitude of pharmaceutical products. This combined with his experience as a physician and chairman and/or chief executive officer of large pharmaceutical companies has given him insight into virtually every facet of the pharmaceutical business and drug development and commercialization process. He is a demonstrated leader with keen business understanding and is uniquely positioned to help guide our Company through its transition from a development stage company into a successful, multinational biopharmaceutical and diagnostics company.

Jane H. Hsiao, Ph.D., MBA. Dr. Hsiao has served as Vice-Chairman and Chief Technical Officer of the Company since May 2007 and as a director since February 2007. Dr. Hsiao served as the Vice Chairman-Technical Affairs of IVAX from 1995 to January 2006. Dr. Hsiao served as Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of IVAX Animal Health, IVAX s veterinary products subsidiary, from 1998 to 2006. Dr. Hsiao has served as Chairman of the Board of Non-Invasive Monitoring Systems, Inc. (OTCBB:NIMU), a medical device company, since October 2008 and was named Interim Chief Executive Officer of Non-Invasive Monitoring Systems, Inc. in February 2012. Dr. Hsiao is also a director of each of TransEnterix, Inc. (OTCBB:TRXC), a medical device company, Neovasc, Inc. (TSXV:NVC), a company developing and marketing medical specialty vascular devices, and Cocrystal Pharma, Inc. (OTCBB: COCP), formerly Biozone Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a publicly traded biotechnology company developing new treatments for viral diseases. Dr. Hsiao previously served as a director for Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc. (OTCBB:SRNE), a development stage biopharmaceutical company, PROLOR Biotech, Inc. prior to its acquisition by the Company in August 2013, and as Chairman of the Board of SafeSitch Medical, Inc. prior to its merger with TransEnterix, Inc.

Dr. Hsiao s background in pharmaceutical chemistry and strong technical expertise, as well as her senior management experience, allow her to play an integral role in overseeing our product development and regulatory affairs and in navigating the regulatory pathways for our products and product candidates. In addition, as a result of her role as director and/or chairman of other companies in the biotechnology and life sciences space, she also has a keen understanding and appreciation of the many regulatory and development issues confronting pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies.

Steven D. Rubin. Mr. Rubin has served as Executive Vice President Administration since May 2007 and as a director of the Company since February 2007. Mr. Rubin served as the Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of IVAX from August 2001 until September 2006. Mr. Rubin currently serves on the board of directors of Tiger Media, Inc. (NYSE MKT:IDI), a multi-platform media company, Kidville, Inc. (OTCBB:KVIL), which operates large, upscale facilities, catering to newborns through five-year-old children and their families and offers a wide range of developmental classes for newborns to five-year-olds, Non-Invasive Monitoring Systems, Inc. (OTCBB:NIMU), a medical device company, Tiger X Medical, Inc. (OTCBB:CDOM), previously an early-stage orthopedic medical device company specializing in designing, developing and marketing reconstructive joint devices and spinal surgical devices, Cocrystal Pharma, Inc. (OTCBB: COCP), formerly Biozone Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a publicly traded biotechnology company developing new treatments for viral diseases, Sevion Therapeutics, Inc. (OTCBB:SVON), a clinical stage company which discovers and develops next-generation biologics for the treatment of cancer and immunological diseases, Castle Brands, Inc. (NYSE MKT:ROX), a developer and marketer of premium brand spirits, and Neovasc, Inc. (TSXV:NVC), a company developing and marketing medical specialty vascular devices. Mr. Rubin previously served as a director of Dreams, Inc. (NYSE MKT: DRJ), a vertically integrated sports licensing and products company, Safestitch Medical, Inc. prior to its merger with TransEnterix, Inc., and PROLOR Biotech, Inc., prior to its acquisition by the Company in August 2013.

Mr. Rubin brings extensive leadership, business, and legal experience, as well as tremendous knowledge of our business and the pharmaceutical industry generally, to the Board. He has advised pharmaceutical companies in several aspects of business, regulatory, transactional, and legal affairs for more than 24 years. His experience as a practicing lawyer, general counsel, and board member to multiple public companies, including several pharmaceutical and life sciences companies, has given him broad understanding and expertise, particularly relating to strategic planning and

acquisitions.

Robert A. Baron. Mr. Baron has served as a director of the Company since 2003. Mr. Baron is currently a director of Green States Energy, an independent power producer focused on developing, acquiring, owning, and operating clean energy generation facilities to provide clean, reliable electric service to local governments and utilities, as well as commercial and industrial clients and Union Springs Integrative Medicine, a healthcare company committed to providing a diversified portfolio of prescription quality, naturally derived healthcare products. Mr. Baron was President of Cash City, Inc., a payday advance and check cashing business, from 1999 to 2003. From 1997 to 1999, Mr. Baron was the President of East coast operations for CSS/TSC, Inc., a distributor of blank t-shirts, fleece and accessories and a subsidiary of Tultex, Inc. Mr. Baron previously served as a director of Andover Medical, Inc. and Hemobiotech, Inc.

Mr. Baron s history as an operating executive in a variety of industries combined with his experience as a director in other public companies, including other pharmaceutical and medical equipment manufacturers, allows him to bring strategic insight to the Board with respect to our business as well as emerging technologies and business models. Through these experiences, Mr. Baron has also developed an appreciation for audit and corporate governance related issues and, he uses these skills as a member of the Audit Committee and Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee of our Board.

**Thomas E. Beier.** Mr. Beier has served as a director of the Company since January 2008. Previously, he was Senior Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer of IVAX from October 1997 until August 2007, and from December 1996 until October 1997, he served as Vice President-Finance for IVAX. Before joining IVAX, Mr. Beier served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Intercontinental Bank.

As a result of Mr. Beier s long tenure as a chief financial officer, he brings with him a strong financial and operational background and provides valuable business leadership and management experience and insights into many aspects of our business. Mr. Beier also brings financial expertise to the Board.

**Dmitry Kolosov.** Mr. Kolosov has served as a director of the Company since June 2012. Mr. Kolosov, an attorney, presently serves as CEO of LLC Green-G Logistic, an innovative waste management company operating in Moscow, Russia. From 2010 through 2013, Mr. Kolosov served as the Vice President, Chief of Staff, and Member of the Management Board of the Skolkovo Foundation, a nonprofit organization in Russia charged by Russian President Dmitry Medvedev with creating a new science and technology city in the Moscow suburb of Skolkovo, which comprises a university, research institutions, centers of collective usage, business incubator, technology transfer and commercialization office, corporate offices and research and development centers, as well as residential space and social infrastructure. From 2002 until 2010 when he joined the Skolkovo Foundation, Mr. Kolosov served in various positions, including as Executive Secretary of the Board of Directors and Head of Shareholder Relations, and as Advisor to the Executive Chairman of the Board, of TNK-BP, a joint venture between BP plc and the Alfa-Access-Renova consortium, and among the ten largest private oil companies in the world, recently acquired by Russian state-controlled Rosneft. Mr. Kolosov currently serves on the Board of Directors of Ladenburg Thalmann Financial Services Inc. (NYSE MKT:LTS), an investment banking, asset management, and securities brokerage firm providing services through its principal operating subsidiary, Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. and Pharmsynthez OJSC (MICEX-LIFE), a Russian biopharmaceutical company that specializes in the development, manufacture and distribution of pharmaceuticals. Mr. Kolosov also serves as a director and CEO of InterX LLC, a privately owned drug design and research company.

Through his tenure with a large multi-national corporation and the Skolkovo Foundation, Mr. Kolosov has significant experience with international business and cross-border transactions, particularly in emerging markets, that will assist the Company as it expands internationally.

**Richard A. Lerner, M.D.** Dr. Lerner has served as a director of the Company since March 2007. Dr. Lerner served as President of The Scripps Research Institute, a private, non-profit biomedical research organization, from 1986 until

2011 and is currently serving as an institute professor. Dr. Lerner is a member of numerous scientific associations, including the National Academy of Science and the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences. Dr. Lerner serves as director of Sequenom, Inc. (Nasdaq:SQNM), a life sciences company and Teva (NYSE:TEVA). He is also a director for Intra-Cellular Therapies, a privately held biotechnology company. He previously served as a director of Kraft Foods, Inc.

As a result of Dr. Lerner s long tenure as president of a major biomedical research organization, he provides valuable business, scientific, leadership, and management expertise that helps drive strategic direction and expansion at OPKO. His experience and training as a physician and a scientist enables him to bring valuable advice to the Board, including a critical perspective on drug discovery and development and providing a fundamental understanding of the potential pathways contributing to disease.

John A. Paganelli. Mr. Paganelli has served as a director of the Company since December 2003. Mr. Paganelli served as the Company s Interim Chief Executive Officer and secretary from June 29, 2005 through March 27, 2007, and Chairman of our Board from December 2003 through March 27, 2007. Mr. Paganelli served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Transamerica Life Insurance Company of New York from 1992 to 1997. Since 1987, Mr. Paganelli has been a partner in RFG Associates, a financial planning organization. Mr. Paganelli is also the Managing Partner of Pharos Systems Partners, LLC, an investment company, and he is Chairman of the Board of Pharos Systems International, a software company. He was Vice President and Executive Vice President of PEG Capital Management, an investment advisory organization, from 1987 until 2000. From 1980 to January 2003, Mr. Paganelli was an officer and director-stockholder of Mike Barnard Chevrolet, Inc., an automobile dealership. Mr. Paganelli also serves as a director of Western New York Energy, LLC and is on the Board of Trustees of Paul Smith s College.

With his significant experience in investment management and operations, Mr. Paganelli is able to add valuable expertise and insight to our Board on a wide range of operational and financial issues. As one of the longest tenured members of our Board, he also has substantial knowledge and familiarity regarding our historical operations.

Richard C. Pfenniger, Jr. Mr. Pfenniger has served as a director of the Company since January 2008. Mr. Pfenniger served as Interim CEO of Vein Clinics of America, Inc. from May 2014 to February 2015 and as Interim CEO of IntegraMed America, Inc., a privately held company that operates highly specialized outpatient centers, from January 2013 to June 2013. He served as Chief Executive Officer and President for Continucare Corporation (NYSE:CNU), a provider of primary care physician and practice management services, from October 2003 until October 2011, and served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Continucare Corporation from September 2002 until October 2011. Previously, Mr. Pfenniger served as the Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chairman of Whitman Education Group, Inc. from 1997 through June 2003. Prior to joining Whitman, he served as the Chief Operating Officer of IVAX from 1994 to 1997, and, from 1989 to 1994, he served as the Senior Vice President-Legal Affairs and General Counsel of IVAX Corporation. Mr. Pfenniger currently serves as a director of GP Strategies Corporation (NYSE:GPX), a corporate education and training company, TransEnterix, Inc. (OTCBB:TRXC), a medical device company, Wright Investors Services Holdings, Inc. (OTCBB:WISH), an investment management and financial advisory firm, and IntegraMed America. He previously served as a director of Safestitch Medical, Inc. prior to its merger with TransEnterix, Inc.

As a result of Mr. Pfenniger s multi-faceted experience as chief executive officer, chief operating officer and general counsel, he is able to provide valuable business, leadership, and management advice to the Board in many critical areas. In addition, Mr. Pfenniger s knowledge of the pharmaceutical and healthcare business has given him insights on many aspects of our business and the markets in which we operate. Mr. Pfenniger also brings financial expertise to the Board, including through his service as Chairman of our Audit Committee.

Alice Lin-Tsing Yu, M.D., Ph.D. Dr. Yu was appointed to the Company s Board in April 2009. Since mid-2013, Dr. Yu has served as Distinguished Chair Professor and Co-Director of The Institute of Stem Cell & Translational Cancer Research at Chang Gung Memorial Hospital. From 2003 to May, 2013, Dr. Yu served as Distinguished Research Fellow and Associate Director at the Genomics Research Center, Academia Sinica, in Taiwan. She has also served as a Professor of Pediatrics for the University of California in San Diego since 1994. Previously, she was the Chief of Pediatric Hematology Oncology at the University of California in San Diego. Dr. Yu has also served in several government-appointed positions and is a member of numerous scientific committees and associations.

Dr. Yu is an accomplished physician, professor, and researcher who brings a unique perspective to our Board on a variety of healthcare related issues. As a pioneer in immunotherapy of neuroblastoma, Dr. Yu is instrumental in developing a monoclonal anti-GD2 (Dinutuximab) from IND thru early phase studies and phase III trial, facilitating its FDA approval on March 10, 2015. The insight and experience gained from her distinguished record of achievement at several highly respected academic medical institutions, as well as her experience as a practicing physician, will be

valuable to our efforts to develop and commercialize our pipeline of diagnostic and therapeutic products.

# OUR BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR THE ELECTION OF ALL NOMINEES NAMED ABOVE.

#### **Identification of Executive Officers**

Set forth below is the name and age as of April 20, 2015 of each of our current executive officers, together with certain biographical information for each of them (other than Phillip Frost, Jane H. Hsiao, and Steven Rubin, for whom age, title and biographical information is included above under Nominees for Election of Directors ):

# Name of Executive OfficerAgePosition and Offices with the CompanyAdam Logal37Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**Adam Logal.** Mr. Logal has served as OPKO s Sr. Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since April 2014 and as OPKO s Vice President of Finance, Chief Accounting Officer and Treasurer since March 2007. From 2002 to 2007, Mr. Logal served in senior management of Nabi Biopharmaceuticals, a publicly traded, biopharmaceutical company engaged in the development and commercialization of proprietary products. Mr. Logal held various positions of increasing responsibility at Nabi Biopharmaceuticals, last serving as Senior Director of Accounting and Reporting.

#### **Identification of Certain Other Officers**

Set forth below is the name of certain other officers important to our organization and biographical information for each of them:

**David Okrongly, PhD.** Dr. Okrongly joined OPKO Health in July 2013 as President of the Diagnostics Division. Dr. Okrongly was with Bayer Diagnostics and Siemens Healthcare from 1997 to 2009, where he was the leader of the global R&D organization, launching industry-leading platforms in immunoassay, hematology, clinical chemistry and molecular diagnostics and after the Siemens acquisition of Bayer Diagnostics in 2006, he was appointed Senior Vice President in charge of the Molecular Diagnostics Business Unit until 2009. Immediately prior to joining OPKO, Dr. Okrongly was COO at Exosome Diagnostics from 2011 to 2013 and President and CEO of Quanterix Corporation from 2009 to 2011. He has a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Columbia University and a Bachelors of Science degree with Honors in Chemistry from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Charles W. Bishop, PhD. Dr. Bishop has served as CEO of the OPKO Renal Division since the acquisition of Cytochroma Inc. in March, 2013. Dr. Bishop had served as President & CEO of Cytochroma since June 2006. Dr. Bishop co-founded Proventiv Therapeutics, LLC in September 2005 where he served as President. Proventiv and its lead drug, CTAP101 Capsules (Rayaldee ), were acquired by Cytochroma in June 2006. During the period of September 1987 to June 2005, Dr. Bishop held various senior management positions at Bone Care International, Inc. (NASDAQ:BCII), a public specialty pharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing vitamin D hormone therapies. Dr. Bishop s positions with Bone Care included President, CEO, Director, Executive Vice President of Research and Development, and Chief Scientific Officer. Bone Care was acquired for \$720 million by Genzyme Corporation in July 2005. Prior to joining Bone Care, Dr. Bishop held various management positions in the Health Care Division of the Procter & Gamble Company. Dr. Bishop completed a four-year National Institutes of Health Postdoctoral Fellowship in vitamin D Biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and received his PhD degree in Nutritional Biochemistry from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, after earning an undergraduate degree in Chemistry from the University of Virginia.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ). Prior to the transfer to the NYSE in September 2011, OPKO s stock was listed for trading on the NYSE Amex. In August 2013, our common stock also began trading on the Tel-Aviv Stock Exchange. Pursuant to the Company s Amended and Restated Bylaws and the Delaware General Corporation Law, our business and affairs are managed under the direction of our Board. Directors

are kept informed of the Company s business through discussions with management, including our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and other senior officers, by reviewing materials provided to them and by participating in meetings of the Board and its committees.

The Company has adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to all employees, officers, and directors of the Company. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is available on our website: www.opko.com under Investor Relations. If the Company makes any substantive amendments to, or grants a waiver (including an implicit waiver) from, a provision of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, and that relates to any element of the code of ethics definition enumerated in Item 406(b) of Regulation S-K, promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), we will disclose such amendment or waiver on our website.

The Company has also adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines which include certain director qualifications and responsibilities, responsibilities of key board committees, and director compensation. The Corporate Governance Guidelines are available on our website, www.opko.com, under Investor Relations.

#### **Director Independence**

In evaluating the independence of each of our directors and director nominees, the Board considers transactions and relationships between each director or nominee, or any member of his or her immediate family and the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates. The Board also examined transactions and relationships between directors and director nominees or their known affiliates and members of the Company s senior management and their known affiliates. The purpose of this review is to determine whether any such relationships or transactions are inconsistent with a determination that the director is independent under applicable laws and regulations and NYSE listing standards. In 2014, the Board affirmatively determined that a majority of our current directors, including Messrs. Robert A. Baron, Dmitry Kolosov, John A. Paganelli, Richard C. Pfenniger, Jr., and Drs. Richard A. Lerner and Alice Lin-Tsing Yu, are independent directors within the meaning of the listing standards of the NYSE and applicable law. In making the independence determinations, the Board considered a number of factors and relationships, including without limitation (i) Dr. Frost s service on the Board of Directors for Continucare Corporation until October 2011, an entity for which Mr. Pfenniger served as Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and President until October 2011; (ii) Dr. Frost s membership on the Board of Trustees for the Scripps Research Institute (TSRI), a 501(c)(3) entity for which Dr. Lerner served as President until December 2011; (iii) Dmitry Kolosov s stock option awards for exceptional Board service on November 4, 2013 (valued at \$87,250) and March 18, 2015 (valued at \$58,400); (iv) Dr. Lerner s stock option award for service as Chairman of the Company s Scientific Advisory Board on June 9, 2011 valued at \$57,250; (v) the Company s investment in Zebra Biologics, Inc. (Zebra), an entity for which Dr. Lerner is the founder and currently serves as a director and scientific advisor; and (vi) Dr. Yu s prior service as a Distinguished Research Fellow and Associate Director at the Genomics Research Center, Academia Sinica, a Taiwanese entity from which the Company licenses technology. As required by the NYSE, the Company s independent directors meet at least annually in executive session without the presence of its non-independent directors or management.

#### **Board Leadership Structure**

The Company is led by Dr. Frost, who has served as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board since March 2007. Six of our directors satisfy NYSE independence requirements. Our Board also includes two management directors other than Dr. Frost. The Company does not have a member of our Board who is formally identified as the lead independent director. However, independent directors head each of our Board s three standing committees the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee, and the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, and each of the committees is comprised solely of independent directors.

Although the Board does not have a formal policy on whether the roles of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board should be separated, we believe that our current Board leadership structure is suitable for us. The Chief Executive Officer is the individual selected by the Board to manage our Company on a day to day basis, and his direct involvement in our business operations makes him best positioned to lead productive Board strategic planning sessions and determine the time allocated to each agenda item in discussions of our Company s short- and long-term

objectives.

## **Board Role in Risk Oversight**

The Board s role in the risk oversight process includes receiving regular reports from members of senior management on areas of material risk to the Company, including operational, financial, legal and regulatory, and strategic and reputational risks. In connection with its reviews of the operations of the Company s business units and corporate functions, the Board considers and addresses the primary risks associated with those units and functions. Our full Board regularly engages in discussions of the most significant risks that the Company is facing and how these risks are being managed.

In addition, each of the Board s Committees, and particularly the Audit Committee, plays a role in overseeing risk management issues that fall within each Committee s areas of responsibility as described below under the heading Standing Committees of the Board of Directors. Senior management reports on at least a quarterly basis to the Audit Committee on the most significant risks facing the Company from a financial reporting perspective and highlights any new risks that may have arisen since the Audit Committee last met. The Audit Committee also meets regularly in executive sessions with the Company s independent registered public accounting firm and reports any findings or issues to the full Board. In performing its functions, the Audit Committee and each standing committee of the Board has full access to management, as well as the ability to engage advisors. The Board receives regular reports from each of its standing committees regarding each committee s particularized areas of focus.

## Meetings and Committees of the Board of Directors

Our Board met eight times during fiscal 2014. In fiscal 2014, all incumbent directors attended 75% or more of the Board meetings and meetings of the committees on which they served, with the exception of Dr. Yu.

Although we encourage each member of our Board to attend our annual meetings of stockholders, we do not have a formal policy requiring the members of our Board to attend. Nine members of our Board attended the annual meeting of stockholders during fiscal 2014.

## **Executive Sessions; Presiding Director**

Our non-management directors meet separately from the Board from time to time as needed. Our independent directors meet in executive session from time to time as needed, but not less than annually. Our non-management or independent directors, as applicable, may choose a presiding director by majority vote for each session. The presiding director is responsible for, among other things, presiding at the executive session for which he or she is chosen to serve and apprising the Chairman of the issues considered at such meetings.

#### **Standing Committees of the Board of Directors**

Our Board maintains several standing committees, including a Compensation Committee, a Nominating and Governance Committee, and a separately designated standing Audit Committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder. These committees and their functions are described below. Our Board may also establish various other committees to assist it in its responsibilities. Our Board has adopted a written charter for each of its standing committees. The full text of each charter is available on our website at http://www.opko.com.

The following table shows the current members (indicated by an X or Chair ) of each of our standing Board committees:

	Audit	Compensation	Corporate Governance and Nominating
Phillip Frost, M.D.		•	Ü
Jane H. Hsiao, Ph.D., MBA			
Robert A. Baron	X	X	Chair
Thomas E. Beier			
Dmitry Kolosov			

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Richard A. Lerner, M.D.		Chair	X
John A. Paganelli	X	X	
Richard C. Pfenniger, Jr.	Chair		
Steven D. Rubin			
Alice Lin-Tsing Yu, M.D., Ph.D.			

#### **Audit Committee**

Our Audit Committee oversees our corporate accounting and financial reporting process. Our Audit Committee met seven times during fiscal 2014. The responsibilities of our Audit Committee are set forth in a written charter adopted by our Board of Directors and reviewed and reassessed from time to time by the Audit Committee. Among other things, our Audit Committee:

appoints, compensates, retains, and oversees the work of our independent registered public accounting firm;

approves the retention of our independent registered public accounting firm to perform any proposed permissible non-audit services;

reviews our systems of internal controls established for finance, accounting, legal compliance, and ethics;

reviews our accounting and financial reporting processes;

provides for effective communication between our Board of Directors, our senior and financial management, and our independent auditors;

discusses with management and our independent auditors the results of our annual audit and the review of our quarterly financial statements;

reviews the audits of our financial statements;

implements a pre-approval policy for certain audit and non-audit services performed by our registered independent public accounting firm;

reviews risks relating to financial statements, auditing and financial reporting process, key credit risks, liquidity risks and market risks;

discusses policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management and reports to our Board of Directors;

establishes procedures for receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal controls, or auditing matters; and

reviews and approves any related party transactions that we are involved in.

Our Audit Committee is composed of Messrs. Pfenniger (Chairman), Baron, and Paganelli. Our Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Pfenniger, who is independent (as independence for audit committee members is defined in NYSE listing standards and applicable SEC rules), is an audit committee financial expert as defined in Item 407(d)(5)(ii) of Regulation S-K.

#### **Compensation Committee**

Our Compensation Committee reviews and approves, on behalf of the Board, (i) annual salaries, bonuses, and other compensation for our executive officers, and (ii) employee benefit plans for our employees and executive officers. Our Compensation Committee recommends to the Board for approval, (i) compensation for the Company s directors, and (ii) incentive compensation plans, equity plans and deferred compensation plans. Our Compensation Committee also oversees our compensation policies and practices. Our Compensation Committee met seven times during fiscal 2014. Our Compensation Committee may from time to time establish a subcommittee to perform any action required to be performed by a committee of non-employee directors pursuant to Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act and outside directors pursuant to Rule 162(m) under the Internal Revenue Code (the Code ).

Our Compensation Committee also performs the following functions related to executive compensation:

reviews and approves the annual salary, bonus, stock options, and other benefits, direct and indirect, of our executive officers, including our Chief Executive Officer;

reviews and recommends new executive compensation programs; reviews the operation and efficacy of our executive compensation programs;

establishes and periodically reviews policies in the area of senior management perquisites;

reviews and approves material changes in our employee benefit plans; and

administers our equity compensation and employee stock purchase plans.

The Compensation Committee relies heavily on the recommendations of our Chief Executive Officer concerning compensation actions for our other executive officers and may engage compensation consultants if the Compensation Committee deems it appropriate. In deciding upon the appropriate level of compensation for our executive officers, the Compensation Committee also reviews our compensation programs relative to our strategic objectives and market practice and other changing business and market conditions. To date, neither the Compensation Committee nor management has engaged a compensation consultant in determining or recommending the amount or form of director or officer compensation.

Our Compensation Committee is composed of Dr. Lerner (Chairman) and Messrs. Baron, and Paganelli. We believe that the composition and functioning of our Compensation Committee complies with all applicable requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the NYSE, and the SEC s rules and regulations, including those regarding the independence of our Compensation Committee members.

#### **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

The members of our Compensation Committee are Dr. Lerner and Messrs. Baron and Paganelli. None of these individuals was at any time during fiscal year 2014 an officer or employee of ours and, other than Mr. Paganelli, none have served as a former officer of ours. Mr. Paganelli served as the Company s Interim Chief Executive Officer and Secretary from June 29, 2005 through March 27, 2007, and as Chairman of the Board from December 2003 through March 27, 2007.

#### **Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee**

Our Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee s responsibilities include the selection of potential candidates for our Board, making recommendations to our Board concerning the structure and membership of the other Board committees, and considering director candidates recommended by others, including our Chief Executive Officer, other Board members, third parties, and stockholders. Our Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee is composed of Mr. Baron (Chairman) and Dr. Lerner. Our Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee met one time during fiscal 2014 and took action by written consent on one occasion. We believe that the composition of our Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee complies with applicable requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the NYSE, and the SEC s rules and regulations, including those regarding the independence of our Corporate

Governance and Nominating Committee members.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee identifies director nominees through a combination of referrals, including by existing members of the Board, management, third parties, stockholders, and direct solicitations, where warranted. Once a candidate has been identified, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee reviews the individual s experience and background, and may discuss the proposed nominee with the source of the recommendation. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee usually believes it to be appropriate for committee members to interview the proposed nominee before making a final determination whether to recommend the individual as a nominee to the entire Board to stand for election to the Board. The Committee does not plan to evaluate candidates identified by the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee differently from those recommended by a stockholder or otherwise.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee recommended to the Board that it nominate each of the incumbent directors for election at the 2015 Annual Meeting.

#### **Director Selection Criteria**

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Board regarding the appropriate qualifications, skills, and experience expected of individual members and of the Board as a whole with the objective of having a Board with sound judgment and diverse backgrounds and experience to represent stockholder interests.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee believes that nominees for election to the Board should possess sufficient business or financial experience and a willingness to devote the time and effort necessary to discharge the responsibilities of a director. This experience can include, but is not limited to, service on other boards of directors or active involvement with other boards of directors, experience in the industries in which the Company conducts its business, audit and financial expertise, clinical experience, operational experience, or a scientific or medical background. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee does not believe that nominees for election to the Board should be selected through mechanical application of specified criteria. Rather, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee believes that the qualifications and strengths of individuals should be considered in their totality with a view to nominating persons for election to the Board whose backgrounds, integrity, and personal characteristics indicate that they will make a positive contribution to the Board.

While we do not have a formal diversity policy with respect to Board composition, the Board believes it is important for the Board to have diversity of knowledge base, professional experience and skills, and the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee takes these qualities into account when considering director nominees for recommendation to the Board.

#### **Stockholder Nominations**

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee does not have a written policy with regard to consideration of director candidates recommended by stockholders. Nevertheless, it is the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee s policy to consider director candidates recommended by stockholders. Stockholders who wish to recommend candidates for election to the Board must do so in writing. The recommendation should be sent to the Secretary of the Company, OPKO Health, Inc., 4400 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami, Florida 33137, who will forward the recommendation to the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee. The recommendation must set forth (i) the name and address as they appear on the Company s books of the stockholder making the recommendation, the telephone number of such stockholder, and the name, address and telephone number of any beneficial owner, and the class and number of shares of capital stock of the Company owned of record by such stockholder and beneficially owned by such beneficial owner, (ii) the name of the candidate and all information relating to the candidate that is required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for election of directors under the SEC s proxy rules, (iii) a description of all relationships between the candidate and the recommending stockholder and any agreements or understandings between the recommending stockholder and the candidate regarding the nomination, and (iv) a description of all relationships between the candidate and any of the Company s competitors, customers, suppliers, labor unions (if any) and any other persons with special interests regarding the Company. The recommendation must be accompanied by the candidate s written consent to being named in the Company s proxy statement as a nominee for election to the Board and to serving as a director, if elected, and by a representation from the stockholder and beneficial owner, if any, that such stockholder and beneficial owner intend to appear in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting and intend to continue to hold the reported shares through the date of the Company s next annual meeting of stockholders. Stockholders must also comply with all requirements of the Company s Amended and Restated Bylaws with respect to nomination of persons for election to the Board.

#### Communications with the Board

All interested parties may initiate in writing any communication with our Board, the presiding member of the non-management directors, or any individual director by sending the correspondence to OPKO Health, Inc., 4400 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Florida 33137, Attention: Secretary. This centralized process assists our Board in reviewing and responding to communications in an appropriate manner. If an interested party would like the letter to be forwarded directly to one of the Chairmen of the three standing committees of the Board, he or she should so indicate. If no specific direction is indicated, the Secretary s office will review the letter and forward it to the appropriate Board member(s).

# **Employee Communications with the Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee has established procedures for the receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, and the confidential, anonymous submission by employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting and auditing matters. These procedures are described in our OPKO Health, Inc. Policy for Reporting Questionable Accounting and Auditing Practices and Policy Prohibiting Retaliation Against Reporting Employees.

## **Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions**

Frost Gamma Investments Trust (the Gamma Trust ), a trust cont