

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): August 2, 2021 (July 30, 2021)

**LUMOS PHARMA, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-35342**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**42-1491350**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**4200 Marathon Blvd., Suite 200**  
**Austin, TX 78756**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(512) 215-2630**

**Not applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock	LUMO	The Nasdaq Stock Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On July 30, 2021, the board of directors (the "Board") of Lumos Pharma, Inc. (the "Company") promoted John McKew, currently the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Scientific Officer of the Company, to serve as President of the Company, effective August 1, 2021. Dr. McKew will continue to serve as Chief Operating and Chief Scientific Officer of the Company. Richard J. Hawkins, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, President and Chair of the Board of Directors, will continue to serve as Chief Executive Officer and Chair of the Board of Directors following Dr. McKew's promotion.

Dr. McKew, 57, has served as our Chief Operating Officer since April 2020 and as Chief Scientific Officer since 2016. Prior to joining the Company, Dr. McKew was V.P. of research for aTyr Pharma from 2014 until 2016. From 2010 until 2014, Dr. McKew worked for the NIH, during which time he served as a branch chief at the National Human Genome Research Institute Home (the "NHGRI") from 2010 until 2013, and as the acting Scientific Director of the Division of Preclinical Innovation at the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences ("NCATS") from 2013 until 2014. Before joining the NIH, Dr. McKew held a director level position at Wyeth Research in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Dr. McKew is also currently an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Boston University School of Medicine. Dr. McKew received a B.S. degree in chemistry and biochemistry from State University of New York at Stony Brook, a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of California, Davis, and held post-doctoral research positions at the University of Geneva and Firmenich, SA.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Dr. McKew and any other persons pursuant to which Dr. McKew was selected as President, and there is no family relationship between Dr. McKew and any of the Company's directors or other executive officers. There are no transactions in which Dr. McKew has a material interest requiring disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

In connection with his appointment, the Board, upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee, approved an increase in Dr. McKew's compensation to an annual base salary of \$525,000 (increased from \$469,200), with an annual target bonus percentage of 50% of such annual base salary (increased from 45%), effective August 1, 2021. The Board also granted Dr. McKew 20,000 restricted stock units ("RSUs") under the Company's Amended and Restated 2009 Equity Incentive Plan, with a vesting commencement date of August 1, 2021. The RSUs vest annually over a four-year period, with 25% vesting on each of the first, second, third and fourth anniversaries of the vesting commencement date, subject to Dr. McKew's continued employment with the Company through such vesting dates.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure**

On August 2, 2021 the Company issued a press release announcing the appointment of Dr. McKew, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated in this Item 7.01 by reference.

The information in this Item 7.01 and Exhibit 99.1 shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. This information shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

*(d) Exhibits.*

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release, dated August 2, 2021, entitled " <a href="#">Lumos Pharma Announces Promotion of COO and Chief Scientific Officer, John McKew, PhD, to President</a> "

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: August 2, 2021

LUMOS PHARMA, INC.,  
a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Richard J. Hawkins  
Richard J. Hawkins  
Its: Chief Executive Officer



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## **Lumos Pharma Announces the Promotion of COO and Chief Scientific Officer, John McKew, PhD, to President**

AUSTIN, TX, August 2, 2021 - [Lumos Pharma, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ:LUMO), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on therapeutics for rare diseases, has announced that current Chief Operating Officer and Chief Scientific Officer, John McKew, PhD, was promoted to President of Lumos Pharma effective August 1, 2021 as part of the Company's planned succession.

"I am excited to announce the promotion of John to President as part of the Lumos Pharma succession planning undergone by the Company and our Board of Directors," commented Rick Hawkins, Chairman and CEO of Lumos Pharma. "I have worked with John for nearly ten years at both Lumos and, prior to that, in a collaboration during his tenure at the NIH. Our interactions over this period and John's contributions as COO and Chief Scientific Officer at Lumos Pharma support our decision to turn over more responsibility to him. John has proven to be an outstanding leader, and this promotion is a testament to that and to his unwavering commitment to the Company"

John McKew, PhD has nearly 30 years of experience developing novel therapeutics during which he successfully advanced multiple therapies through preclinical and into clinical development. At Lumos Pharma, Dr. McKew has served as Chief Operating Officer since April 2020 and as Chief Scientific Officer since he joined the company in 2016. In these positions, he has helped identify clinical and commercial opportunities for Lumos Pharma and has played a key role in the development and implementation of the Company's clinical and corporate strategy to support a successful path to commercialization and value creation.

Prior to Lumos Pharma, Dr. McKew served as Vice President of Research at aTyr Pharma where he led a research team discovering and advancing protein-based therapeutics for rare diseases. He has also served as Acting Scientific Director for the National Center for Advancing Translational Science (NCATS) intramural group, a part of the National Institute of Health (NIH). At NCATS, his lab's work on rare diseases and public/private partnerships led to the collaborative advancement of several therapeutic candidates currently being commercialized by pharmaceutical companies. Prior to his position at the NIH, Dr. McKew held a Director level position at Wyeth Research, after beginning his career at Genetics Institute, Inc., before the two companies merged.

Beyond his work with Lumos Pharma, Dr. McKew is currently an Adjunct Professor at the Boston University School of Medicine and has previously served as the Chair Elect, Chair, and Immediate Past Chair of the American Chemical Society's Northeastern section. Dr. McKew also serves on multiple translational review panels at the NIH and other funding agencies. He has over 70 peer-reviewed publications and granted patents. Dr. McKew graduated from State University of New York at Stony Brook with B.S. degrees in Chemistry and Biochemistry. He completed his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry at University of California, Davis and held post-doctoral research positions at the University of Geneva and Firmenich, SA.

“I am honored to accept the position of President of Lumos Pharma,” John McKew stated, “and look forward to continuing my work with Rick and the entire team to advance our current LUM-201 program for children with growth hormone deficiency and execute on our clinical and corporate goals.”

### **About Lumos Pharma**

Lumos Pharma, Inc. is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of therapeutics for rare diseases. Lumos Pharma was founded and is led by a management team with longstanding experience in rare disease drug development and received early funding from leading healthcare investors, including Deerfield Management, a fund managed by Blackstone Life Sciences, Roche Venture Fund, New Enterprise Associates (NEA), Santé Ventures, and UCB. Lumos Pharma’s lead therapeutic candidate is LUM-201, an oral growth hormone stimulating small molecule, currently being evaluated in a Phase 2 clinical trial, the OraGrowthH210 Trial, and a PK/PD trial, the OraGrowthH212 Trial, for the treatment of Pediatric Growth Hormone Deficiency (PGHD). If approved by the FDA, LUM-201 would provide an orally administered alternative to daily injections that current PGHD patients endure for many years of treatment. LUM-201 has received Orphan Drug Designation in both the US and EU. For more information, please visit <https://lumos-pharma.com/>.

### **Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

*This press release contains forward-looking statements of Lumos Pharma, Inc. (the “Company”) that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. All such statements contained in this press release are forward-looking statements within the meaning of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The words “forecast,” “projected,” “guidance,” “upcoming,” “will,” “would,” “plan,” “intend,” “anticipate,” “approximate,” “expect,” “potential,” “imminent,” or the negative of these terms or other similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. These forward-looking statements include, among others, anticipated market reception to our treatment regimen for PGHD and other indications, plans related to initiation and execution of clinical trials, and any other statements other than statements of historical fact. Actual results or events could differ materially from the plans, intentions and expectations disclosed in the forward-looking statements that the Company makes due to a number of important factors, including the effects of pandemics or other widespread health problems, the outcome of our future interactions with regulatory authorities, the ability to obtain the necessary patient enrollment for our product candidate in a timely manner, the ability to successfully develop our product candidate and other risks that could cause actual results to differ materially from those matters expressed in or implied by such forward-looking statements as discussed in “Risk Factors” and elsewhere in Lumos Pharma’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020 and other reports filed with the SEC. The forward-looking statements in this press release represent the Company’s views as of the date of this press release. The Company anticipates that subsequent events and developments will cause their views to change. However, while it may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, the Company specifically disclaims any obligation to do so. You should, therefore, not rely on these forward-looking statements as representing the Company’s views as of any date subsequent to the date of this press release.*

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