

# IRIS PHARMA FACT SHEET

A GLOBAL SERVICE PROVIDER OF PRECLINICAL AND CLINICAL RESEARCH IN OPHTHALMOLOGY

## COMPANY OVERVIEW

Iris Pharma is a worldwide Contract Research Organization (CRO), dedicated to preclinical and clinical research in ophthalmology.

We take a global approach to the ophthalmology drug and device development process, and support clients ranging from small start-ups to large pharmaceutical companies in moving forward products that directly or indirectly affect eye health.

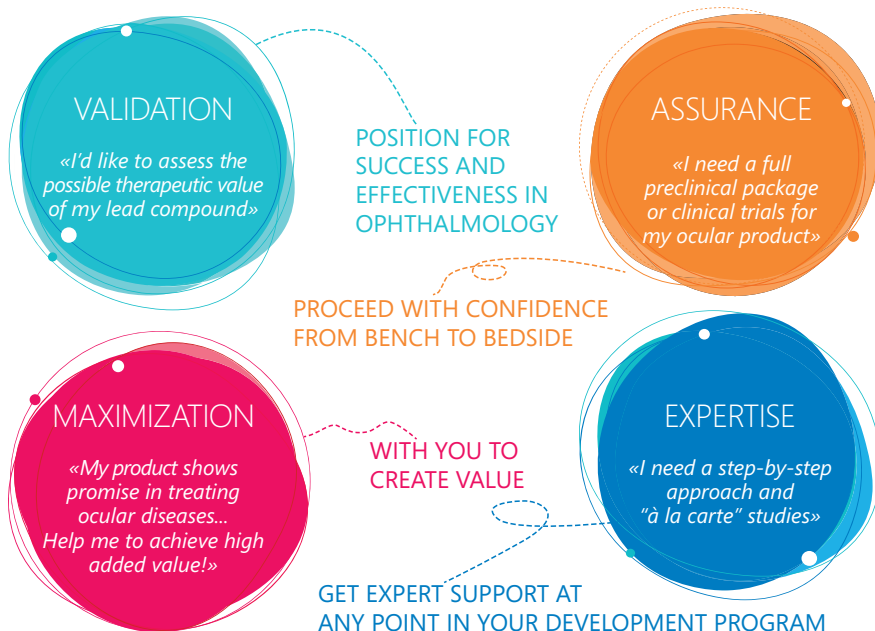
DRUG DISCOVERY		PRECLINICAL DEVELOPMENT		CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT			POST-MARKETING	
Therapeutic target identification	High speed screening Lead compound optimization	Early Testing	Preclinical Development	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Phase IV	Mktg Survey
Iris Pharma Services								

Since our founding in 1989, we have been based on the science of ophthalmology and have expanded our expertise in the field. Our unique, specialized knowledge ensures that our clients receive high-quality services delivered by well-informed and experienced staff who will guide their drugs or devices to market in the most efficient manner possible.

We are proud to have partnered with clients to bring more than 70 ocular drugs and medical devices to international market in the past 30 years.

## SOLUTIONS FOR ANY OCULAR CHALLENGES

Wherever our clients stand with their projects and wherever they want to go, Iris Pharma is able to guide them through the appropriate steps by bringing personalized advice and offering programs and study designs that perfectly suit their needs.

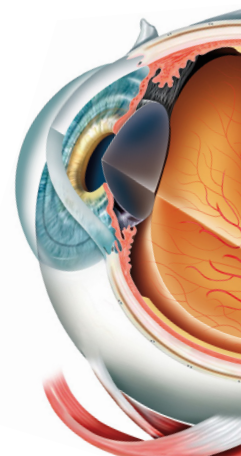


## KEY FACTS

**Founded:** 1989 by Pierre-Paul ELENA, PhD.  
**President:** Yann QUENTRIC, M.Sc.  
**State of ownership:** Private  
**Headquarters:** Nice, France  
**Employees:** 60+  
**2020 Turnover:** 7.8 M€  
**Clients:** 380+ international customers  
**FDA & EMA New Drug Approvals:** 70+

## THERAPEUTIC EXPERTISE

Age-Related Macular Degeneration  
 Diabetic Retinopathy  
 Neurodegeneration  
 Retinal Ischemia  
 Glaucoma  
 Dry Eye Syndrome  
 Corneal Wound Healing  
 Ocular Infection  
 Ocular Inflammation  
 Conjunctivitis  
 Ocular Allergy  
 Ocular Pain  
 Ocular Surgery  
 Orphan Diseases  
 Cataract  
 Etc.



## CERTIFICATIONS & ACCREDITATIONS

- Statement of compliance with GLP and GCLP
- Adherence to all the trial-related requirements (ICH-GCP)
- Authorization No. D 06-065-9 for experiments on live animals
- French research tax credit accreditation (CIR)

## QUALITY

At Iris Pharma, quality is a state of mind. Our quality assurance program is designed to ensure compliance with GLP, ICH-GCP and GCLP requirements, guidelines (FDA, OECD, etc.) and local regulatory laws and to maintain Iris Pharma's standard of excellence in our work.



Benefit from the unique experience and background of an expert in ophthalmology

## PRECLINICAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

We manage the complete animal ophthalmic development of drugs and devices using state of the art apparatus (e.g. Spectralis® HRA+OCT, tomography, in vivo confocal microscopy, electroretinography, laser flare meter).

- Early testing (proof of concept and pilot studies)
- *In vivo* pharmacology studies and animal efficacy models
- GLP regulatory studies: ocular pharmacokinetics, safety and tolerability
- Applied research (set up and validation of new and existing models and methods)

All studies are performed in-house by our technicians who have been trained to perform microsurgery of the eye and experimental procedure.

## CLINICAL DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

We perform phase I to IV clinical trials and medical marketing surveys throughout Europe, North Africa, and North America. We provide our customers with the high-quality services necessary for evaluating new drugs and devices on patients, respecting regulatory authorities' requirements.

- Regulatory support
- Study monitoring
- Site management
- Project management
- Data management and biostatistics
- Medical writing
- Investigational medicinal product (IMP) management\*
- Pharmacovigilance\*
- Bioanalytical testing services
- Central laboratory services

\* Via our partners

## BIOANALYTICAL TESTING SERVICES

We develop, customize and validate assays of drug candidates and metabolites in a variety of ocular matrices to support preclinical, biopharmaceutical, and clinical pharmacology programs.

Analytical methodologies used include mass spectrometry, high-performance liquid chromatography coupled with different detectors, hematology analyzer, cell-based fluorescence assay (flow cytometry), immunoassays (Luminex, ELISA and EIA).

## PRECLINICAL FORMULATION

We offer adequate non-GMP formulation of ocular drugs to be tested in preclinical studies, depending on the chemical properties of the compounds and the dosage form desired. We can also evaluate and improve the solubility of the compounds, with or without preservatives.

## HISTOLOGY

We have been working for three decades on detailing and analyzing every structure of the eye, even going so far as to observe inflammatory cells in the vitreous body and aqueous humor.

## CELLULAR AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY ASSAYS

We work with our customers to identify and qualify predictive ocular biomarkers in many animal models - such as those involved in neovascularization. We also incorporate biomarkers quantification into clinical trials design such as HLA-DR (human leukocyte antigen) for ocular surface disease studies.

## STRATEGIC CONSULTING SERVICES

We supply the necessary understanding and experience to guide new ophthalmic products through the development process. As a partner we help to direct preclinical and clinical drug development, to anticipate and plan for any issues which may arise, to design and manage drug and device development programs, or to provide strategic study design.

## PARTNERING

- **Institut de la Vision** (a research center for eye diseases) to strengthen the bond between industry and academic research
- **Virscio** (a specialty preclinical CRO) to offer fully integrated "bench-to bedside" ophthalmology research services
- **Promedica International** (a US-based CRO) to provide clinical research services in North America
- **StreetLab** (an innovative company for people with disabilities) to integrate quality of life in the clinical assessment of new products for use by the visually impaired
- **Keen Eye Technologies** (an image analysis specialist for the life sciences) to improve ophthalmology studies with artificial intelligence

**3,000+**

preclinical ocular studies completed

**3,500**

intravitreal injections/year

**40+**

preclinical animal models of human eye diseases

**100%**

labs and animal husbandry dedicated to ophthalmology

**125**

clinical studies and surveys conducted

**43,000**

patients involved in clinical studies and surveys

**5,000**

sites opened in 36 countries

