

Julia Polk – Chief Strategy Officer – Decode Health

Julia Polk is the Chief Strategy Officer for Decode Health, a company building AI to recognize chronic disease risk early. Decode's platform identifies undetected, misdiagnosed and uncontrolled chronic disease risk in patient populations. The company has initially focused on autoimmune diseases such as multiple sclerosis, Crohn's and ulcerative colitis that are often treated with very expensive biologic drugs and that drive significant annual healthcare spend. Joining the founder at inception, she has led the efforts to build a scalable business based upon genomic blood test technology developed at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Raising equity capital, establishing revenue and business models, cultivating strategic partnerships and establishing long term relationships to support the growth of the business, Julia works with the CEO to take advantage of inherent skills in the team that align with evolving forces in the healthcare and life sciences markets.

Julia's career in finance spans over 25 years of building companies and mentoring early stage entrepreneurs. Julia has been a Wall Street investment banker, Venture Capitalist and Angel Investor. She has served as CFO for two early stage companies that were pioneering new industries (employer sponsored onsite child care and healthcare cost transparency) while launching new ventures: CorporateFamily Solutions (Bright Horizons) and Change Healthcare Corporation each of which ultimately delivered substantial shareholder value through IPO and strategic sale respectively.

Julia has served in a variety of senior strategic finance and interim management roles, and she's coordinated the raising of over \$40MM in venture, strategic and angel capital. Since June 2012, she has mentored and advised over 100 startup companies in healthcare services, life sciences and technology, consumer finance, consumer products, hardware/software technology and education technology.

Julia serves on several corporate and advisory boards, including IQuity Labs, Newsbreak Networks, LaunchTN (Executive Committee), and Givful.

A graduate of Vanderbilt University, Julia is a mother of two grown daughters and has lived in Nashville for over 30 years.