

Bobby N. Rao Global Chief Information Security Officer Fresenius Medical Care

Bobby Narasimham Rao is a highly regarded technology executive with 20+ years of experience leading cybersecurity programs at some of the top healthcare, pharmaceutical, and biotechnology companies. Bobby's diverse background places him in a unique class of leaders who have operated cyber security programs across the healthcare value chain, including life sciences, biotechnology, pharmaceuticals, healthcare providers, and payer organizations.

Bobby is the Global Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) of Fresenius Medical Care (NYSE: FMS), a €19.4 billion company and the world's leading provider of products and services for patients with renal diseases. Headquartered in Germany, Fresenius Medical Care has 128,000+ employees worldwide and cares for approximately patients in a global network of more than 4,000 dialysis clinics. In his current role, he leads global functions for information security, information technology risk, compliance, privacy assurance, manufacturing security, IoT, and product security oversight.

Prior to joining Fresenius Medical Care, he served as AstraZeneca's global head of cybersecurity (CISO), leading the company's global cybersecurity program. During his tenure, he significantly expanded the scope of the information security program. He also participated in Operation Warp Speed—the federal effort to accelerate multiple COVID-19 vaccine candidates—and developed the company's relationship with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) within the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Bobby has extensive experience in cybersecurity leadership roles within the life science industry. He has held positions at multiple firms, including Biogen, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Merck KGaA, and Millipore, in addition to AstraZeneca. Bobby started his career working on various technologies in the mid-1990s and developed his skills in complex network and security technology by attending Cisco's networking academy in 1999. He holds a bachelor's degree in computer science and information technology and a master's degree in information security and business information systems from Boston University.

As the Chief Information Security Officer (CISO), he is deeply committed to collaborating with leaders from various industries. His goal is to establish inclusion and diversity as the foundation of the cybersecurity community. He strongly believes that creating diverse teams is essential to effectively counter threats that come with an increasingly global economy and complex threats.

Bobby brings an in-depth understanding of the mission-critical strategic, reputational, compliance, and regulatory role cybersecurity plays in technology, digital transformation, and the protection of physical, customer, and data assets in regulated and quickly evolving technology landscapes.