



George Burke, President and CEO of Sharp US announces retirement

George Burke, President and CEO of Sharp US has decided to retire at the end of our current financial year, in September 2015. George has worked for fourteen years at Sharp and has led our US commercial packaging group since its inception into UDG six years ago. Prior to Sharp, George worked for twenty seven years with B. Braun Medical so all told has given over forty years to the healthcare industry. This is some achievement and a testimony to George's strong work ethic and enduring leadership skills. George will stay on for another year post September 2015 in the role of Chairman Sharp Corporation and so will be staying involved with the Company on a limited basis.

On a personal note, we are all very sorry to see George leave Sharp and UDG but understand and respect his decision to spend more time with his family, especially his new grandchildren. In the years since joining UDG, George and his team of over 1000 associates have doubled the size of the company and finished our recent financial year 2014 (ended Sept 30th) with record high revenues, once again up over 10% from last year. The future of Sharp looks great, and under George's stewardship we have all the wheels set in motion to continue that growth over the next several years with investment in people, capacity and serialization technology.

Please join us in wishing George every success and to sincerely thank him for his significant contribution.