

Ed Giron is currently an R&D Operations Manager at AbbVie Inc., a global biopharmaceutical company headquartered in North Chicago, Ill., which formed through a company split from Abbott Laboratories in 2013. Ed received his M.S. in Bioengineering from the University of Illinois at Chicago and conducted orthopedic research in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at Rush-Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center for 5+ years where he published his research work and presented findings at national scientific symposia. He later launched an IT consulting career performing system development & database design for 7+ years before joining Abbott's IT department as Sr. System Analyst in 2001. He transitioned in 2004 into his current role to lead an R&D support/service organization. At Abbott/AbbVie, Ed has been instrumental in leading the strategic direction of the Lake County based R&D operations, and promoting globalization of best-practices through standardization of systems and business processes. He has leveraged his scientific, technical and analytical skills to promote operational efficiencies, drive cost savings and promote innovation in support of the daily operating needs of a large-scale, broad-based, global Fortune 500 biopharmaceutical company.

On the personal side, Ed was born, raised and has been a life-long resident of the Chicagoland area. He has been an Orland Park resident since 1998, and he and his wife of nearly 29 years have raised their 4 boys in Orland Park. Their children were all educated through District 135 Orland Park public schools, graduates of Carl Sandburg High School, and all 4 boys have either graduated or are currently enrolled in Illinois Universities. Between 1999 and 2011, Ed was actively involved in the community as a volunteer youth basketball/soccer coach through the I-80 YMCA, OYA, Orland Park Soccer Club and Chicago Fire Juniors South programs. From 2009 to date, he has been a U.S. Soccer Federation certified referee and regularly officiates soccer matches in the Orland Park area. After nearly 20 years of living in Orland Park, Ed is interested in pursuing opportunities that allow him to continue being involved in the community he calls home.