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Dr. Karicheti has more than 10 years of hands on surgical experience in rodent and non-rodent models and more than 15 years of drug discovery research. Dr. Karicheti received his Ph.D in biomedical engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology in Bombay India.

Prior to joining Charles River, Dr. Karicheti was the Sr. Director of Research Operations at Urogenix, Inc. where he led the in vivo model development group for establishing chronic animal models. Dr. Karicheti worked in startup and midsize biotech/pharma companies. Dr. Karicheti has published numerous scientific articles focused on pharmacology and physiology of genitourinary function and holds US issued patents. He was also co-founder of Urogenix, Inc and Dignify Therapeutics.

Outside of Charles River, Dr. Karicheti enjoys tinkering with consumer electronics.