



Texas Medical Device Alliance



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NEWSLETTER

July 2020

Check out the news, meetings, conventions, & networking events in the life sciences and health technology community in this newsletter!

TMDA 2020 Meeting Dates

Jul 16, 2-3:30pm (Virtual)

Oct 15, 2-4pm (Norris Conference Center)

As always, if you have news, job postings, or other resources to share, please reach out to **Elisa Maldonado-Holmertz** (operations@texmda.org).

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LIFE SCIENCE INDUSTRY NEWS

In Our Neck Of The Woods....

Everlywell receives FDA authorization for at-home coronavirus testing kit in Austin

Austin-based Everlywell has received authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for its at-home testing kit for COVID-19. The agency confirmed earlier Saturday through its website that Everlywell had received the authorization for its kit, which allows for self-collection of samples at home.

<https://tinyurl.com/y9bbazen>

Babson Diagnostics Launches COVID-19 Serology Test for IgG Antibodies with 100% Specificity in Austin

Babson Diagnostics (Babson), a transformative diagnostic blood testing company, announced today it has launched its first COVID-19 serology test to detect IgG antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 in the bloodstream through a select network of retail and clinical partners in Austin, Texas. Clinical performance evaluation for Babson's IgG assay resulted in 93.2 percent sensitivity and 100.0 percent specificity.

<https://tinyurl.com/ycnpvk4d>

Bioscience industry study launched

A new study will examine how Temple can expand its footprint in the bioscience industry. Community leaders and local officials gathered at Temple College on Tuesday to hear about the Temple Health and Bioscience District's new study. The study, to be conducted by Newmark Knight Frank Consultants, will look at what can be done to attract more bioscience business relocations and how to maintain current businesses.

<https://tinyurl.com/yaqslyph>

Med Tech Marketing Leader Joins the Texas Medical Device Alliance Board of Directors

The Texas Medical Device Alliance (TMDA) has appointed Amy Shepherd as Director of Marketing and Public Relations to serve on their Board of Directors. Shepherd is the Founder and Chief Consultant of Artemis Communications, LLC, a marketing, communications and PR consultancy specializing in the life sciences industry and a longtime medical technology marketing and communications leader.

https://www.prweb.com/releases/med_tech_marketing_leader_joins_the_texas_medical_device_alliance_board_of_directors/prweb17213315.htm

COVID-19 vaccine tracker

Researchers worldwide are working around the clock to find a vaccine against SARS-CoV-2, the virus causing the COVID-19 pandemic. Experts estimate that a fast-tracked vaccine development process could speed a successful candidate to market in approximately 12-18 months – if the process goes smoothly from conception to market availability.

<https://www.raps.org/news-and-articles/news-articles/2020/3/covid-19-vaccine-tracker>

LIFE SCIENCE INDUSTRY NEWS

Across the Pond....

Medical Device QMS Changes: How to manage changes regarding EU MDR, IVDR & ISO 13485:2016

At this present time, there are numerous changes impacting the medical device industry happening, including a significant update to the industry's fundamental QMS standard ISO 13485 and two new sets of regulations in Europe.

<https://tinyurl.com/ycob94qa>

INDUSTRY RESOURCES & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Austin Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber has been kept busy with the start of the pandemic and the [reopening of the state](#). We just released a [PSA with a free digital playbook](#) for businesses earlier this week and June 24 was the [last day for our survey](#) for businesses so that the City and County can prioritize their COVID-19 related federal funding resources.

Kwee Lan Teo, Austin Chamber VP, Talent Development, works very closely with TWC and knows there is [special funding for skills training due to COVID-19](#) that is currently available for businesses.

Austin Technology Council (ATC)

ATC is the voice of Central Texas' diverse and thriving technology industries. The Austin technology sectors contribute \$21.5 billion annually to the regional economy and support more than one third of local jobs. By convening Austin's top technology executives, ATC is leading the effort to meet the future needs of the industry through increased access to technical talent, increased access to later-stage capital, the support of a thriving technology ecosystem, and connectivity across the industry and with key stakeholders in Texas and around the world.

280 companies, 1,600 executives, & 60,000+ employees make up the Austin Technology Council - the foremost community behind the growth, strength and force of Austin's technology and life sciences industries. <https://www.austintechnologycouncil.org/>

TCTX Thrive – Travis County Small Business Grants

Help is here for small businesses affected by the coronavirus pandemic. We know that many small businesses have had to go it on their own, and we're here to keep you strong with grants up to \$40,000 for qualifying businesses that are located in Travis County but outside the Austin city limits.

<https://bcloftexas.org/entrepreneurship/travis-county-thrive>

MassChallenge Texas in Austin Announces 2020 Cohort

MassChallenge, a global network of zero-equity startup accelerators, today announced the 58 early-stage startups invited to join the 2020 MassChallenge Texas in Austin program. These selected startups have been rigorously vetted by a community of more than 500 expert judges and represent the top 10% of applications from around the world.

<https://masschallenge.org/announcement/masschallenge-texas-in-austin-announces-2020-cohort>

MedTech Innovator Announces Top 50 Medtech Startups Selected for Annual Showcase and Accelerator

2020 Cohort Features Industry's Best-in-Class Startups Seeking to Transform Health Care
MedTech Innovator, the premier nonprofit accelerator in the medical technology industry, today announced the 50 companies selected to participate in the organization's flagship four-month Showcase and Accelerator program, featuring the industry's most transformative device, diagnostic, and digital health technologies from around the globe. These up and coming startups will receive unparalleled visibility and access to leading manufacturers, providers, investors, and other industry stakeholders. As part of its Accelerator program, MedTech Innovator will award up to \$500,000 in cash and in-kind prizes during its final competition at The MedTech Conference, powered by AdvaMed.

<https://tinyurl.com/ydfsx4oc>

Medical Device Companies - Top 100 in 2020 (Free Chart)

<https://tinyurl.com/yaes4d9z>

WOMEN IN LIFE SCIENCE & WOMEN'S HEALTH

COVID-19 victim leaves legacy for Black girls in STEM

Lynika Strozier, who researched ancient plant DNA at the Field Museum in Chicago, died earlier this month at age 35 of COVID-19 complications. Strozier was raised by her grandmother due to her mother's drug addiction, overcame a severe learning disability, earned both a master's degree in biology from Loyola University and a master's in science education from University of Illinois at Chicago in 2018, mentored students and interns, and was known for her exuberance and persistence.

<https://tinyurl.com/ydex67m2>

Women In Bio (WIB)-National Webinar: "Growing Your Career and Personal Brand in Life Sciences and Biotech" (July 21)

Today's biotech market is extremely competitive and riddled with difficult career-growth obstacles. Some are within our control, others that are not. More than ever, networking and relationships dictate career success. Speakers [Stefan Werdegar](#) and [Grace Lanni](#) will cover several learning objectives from identifying the six keys to career development/transition success to learning how to become a thought leader and expand your market presence. [Learn more and register today.](#)

SPOTLIGHT

Zeteo Biomedical

Zeteo Biomedical (www.zeteobiomed.com) has rolled out a new generation of nasal and ophthalmic drug and biologic delivery devices over the past two months. Zeteo's ZEOx1 Orion™ and ZEOx2 Cygnus™ nasal delivery devices are targeted for systemic self-administration of small molecules and biologics such as vaccines. Zeteo also announced the introduction of the ZEOx1 AquilaMD™ ophthalmic delivery system for self-administration of therapeutics targeting ocular indications such as glaucoma, macular degeneration, dry eye, infections and inflammation. CEO Timothy Sullivan also announced Zeteo, in collaboration with the Iowa State University Nanovaccine Institute, was awarded a five-year NIH grant to develop a room temperature stable universal flu vaccine that can be nasally administered.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NOTE: All events are now posted on Capital City Innovation's calendar.

Capital City Innovation has compiled partner and community events relevant to innovation in health and life sciences. [Check out the calendar!](#)

Check out Austin Technology Council Calendar of Events

<https://tinyurl.com/ygzr6jv>

Check out Texas States Small Business Development Center Network Calendar of Events

<https://tinyurl.com/ybf68aom>

Check out Women in Business Virtual Calendar of Events

Women In Bio welcomes you to attend any of the fantastic virtual events our dedicated chapters are holding, even if you don't live near those chapters. We offer a variety of networking and learning opportunities that will engage, educate, and empower. [View the full list of virtual events.](#)

Check out Temple Health & BioScience District's (THBD's) E-Learning Series Webinars Library

<https://www.templebioscience.org/elearning/>

Check out NAMSA's Podcasts Calendar of Events

Join NAMSA for a first-of-its-type podcast series, "BiocompCHATibility," as each episode features leading industry experts and discussion on how to proactively address specific medical device evaluation scenarios and challenges. Experts will also share real world examples and experiences focused on solutions proven to be successful.

<https://namsa.com/resources/podcasts/biocompchatibility-podcast/>

Check out MedTech Innovator Live Weekly Webinar Series

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCza4pwHPN-GQYTbi6FuE4rw>

[Checkout 40+ Medical Device Conferences Happening in 2020](#)

Plan your 2020 conference calendar from east to west coast.

July 16, 2-3:30pm | Virtual via Zoom

Texas Medical Device Alliance (TMDA)

Design, Development & Design Transfer of a Medical Device

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/yqzs29tu>

July 28, 12-1pm | Virtual via Zoom

Temple Health & Bioscience District (THBD)

Upping Your WELLNESS Game: Building Your Defense to Take on Any Offensive Attack

Register: bit.ly/THBD72820

August 12-14 | Bastrop, TX

Texas Life Science CEO Summit

Hyatt Regency Lost Pines Resort

Eventbrite link [here](#) or <https://tinyurl.com/t5nxbqw>

Dec 1 – 3 | Philadelphia, PA

MD&M East 2020 | Medical Expo

Discover new technologies from 550+ companies, attend educational sessions and connect with peers.

[Learn more and register](#)

CAREER CORNER

New Opportunities at OrigenBio

Product Marketing Manager

Clean Room Supervisor X 2 (one for morning shift and one for evening shift)

Manufacturing Engineer II

IT Engineer

Apply directly through website www.OriGen.com under the COMPANY tab.

Career Opportunities

Abbott

[View positions](#)

Aeglea Biotherapeutics

[View positions](#)

ALKU

[View positions](#)

Babylon Health

[View positions](#)

Black Diamond Network

[Website](#)

Commissioning Agents (CAI)

<https://cagents.com/careers>

FDA Quality & Regulatory Consultants

[Join the FDAQRC CAREER NETWORK](#)

Luminex

[View positions](#)

Molecular Templates

[View positions](#)

QA Consulting, Inc.

[View positions](#)

Quantitative Radiology Solutions

[View position](#)

Skills Alliance

[View positions](#)

Syneos Health

[View positions](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Vitality Volunteers

Our mission is to help connect volunteers to organizations to improve the health of the community and increase awareness of diseases. We want to help the health and wellness-related organizations in our communities to promote their cause. Doing so will allow these organizations to make more of an impact and ensure that their message is heard. [Sign up for opportunities to volunteer virtually!](#)

Austin Chamber: Opportunity Austin Survey

The Chamber is partnering with local school districts to connect your business with regional opportunities to make sure our school curriculum teaches the right skills, includes industry-based certifications that pay a good wage, and helps our working-age populations earn while they learn. Please complete this three-minute survey so that the Chamber may connect your company with the right opportunities and recognize your company as a **TALENT AMBASSADOR**. For questions, please email Kwee Lan Teo, VP of Talent/Workforce at kteo@austinchamber.com. [Complete Survey Here](#)

BioAustin/TMDA/AHT/CCI/TX Health Catalyst/Capital Factory/ Health Tech Austin

We are mapping the Austin's landscape in healthcare/life sciences/biotech/MedTech. Anyone interested in volunteering to collect/compile this information as a team? If you are, please contact Scott Collins at scott@bioaustin.com.

ATX Women in MedTech

Looking for volunteers to support community outreach, event management, PR, sponsorship and more. Email womeninmedtech@gmail.com for details.

BioAustin

We are seeking volunteers to maintain our website. If interested, please reach out to Scott Collins at scott@bioaustin.com

TEXAS LIFE SCIENCE ORGANIZATIONS

ATX Women in MedTech
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<https://www.meetup.com/HealthTechnologyForum-Austin/>

Austin Health Tech Meetup
<https://www.meetup.com/Austin-Health-Tech/>

Health Wildcatters, Dallas
www.healthwildcatters.com
Temple Health & Bioscience District (THBD)

Austin Technology Incubator (ATI)
<https://ati.utexas.edu>

<http://www.templebioscience.com/>

BioAustin LinkedIn Group
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6535301/profile>

Texas Biomedical Research Institute, San Antonio
<https://www.txbiomed.org/>

BioHouston
<http://biohouston.org/>

Texas Biotech, Pharmaceutical & Life Sciences Companies
<https://biopharmguy.com/links/state-tx-all-geo.php>

BioMed San Antonio
<http://www.biomedsa.org>

Texas Health Catalyst
<https://dellmed.utexas.edu/thc>

BioNorth
<https://bionorthtx.org/>

Capital City Innovation (CCI)
<https://www.capitalcityinnovation.org/>

Texas Medical Device Alliance (TMDA)
<https://texmda.org/>
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6952028>

Health Technology Forum Meetup

THBI - Texas Healthcare and Bioscience
Institute

<https://www.thbi.com/>

The Health Cell, San Antonio

<http://thehealthcell.org>

TMCX/TMCX+, Houston

<http://www.tmc.edu/innovation/innovation-programs/tmcx-plus/>

List: Top biomedical companies in the
Austin area (2019)

<https://tinyurl.com/ybr7jjnm>

List: Leading medical device companies in
the Austin area (2018)

<https://tinyurl.com/yb3bprrtm>

Velocity Texas, San Antonio

<https://velocitytx.org/>

Women in Bio-Texas (WIB-TX, Austin &
Houston)

<https://www.womeninbio.org/page/t>

THANKS TO OUR TMDA SPONSORS!



Warm regards,

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on behalf of BioAustin, Texas Medical Device Alliance (TMDA), and Austin Health Technology (AHT)