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DAY 1 - MONDAY 13 JANUARY - 13/01/2025

Biotech Showcase

An all-inclusive life science conference
January 13–15, 2025 | San Francisco, CA
January 21–22, 2025 | Virtual

Registration, Breakfast & Networking

07:00 - 08:00

Cell & Gene Therapy: Moving Beyond Discovery and Into the Patient

08:00 - 09:00

Biotech Showcase - Workshop 1 (Yosemite A)

Unlock the ultimate potential of cell and gene therapy to revolutionize patient care. Join us at the forefront of innovation, where cutting-edge research meets transformative treatments. Delve into groundbreaking advancements that are reshaping the future of medicine and offering hope to patients worldwide. Discover how our solutions can empower health systems and improve lives.

Participants

Panelist: Paul Bresge - CEO, Ray Therapeutics

Panelist: Daniel Oliver - CEO, Rejuvenate Bio

Panelist: Nabih Saklayen - CEO & Founder, Cellino Biotech

Panelist: Lexi Rovner - CEO, 64x Bio

Panelist: Ohad Karnieli - Founder & CEO, Adva Biotechnology

Moderator: David Ewing Duncan - Journalist, Author, Researcher

The Battle Against Cancer: The Armamentarium Keeps Expanding

08:00 - 09:00

Biotech Showcase - Workshop 2 (Yosemite C)

Innovations in oncology treatment options have grown in recent years, particularly in the array of available therapies. This engaging discussion will focus on emerging and evolving directions in the development of cutting-edge breakthroughs for difficult to treat cancers.

Participants

Panelist: William Ho - CEO, In8bio

Panelist: Elisabet de los Pinos - CEO & Founder, Aura Biosciences

Panelist: Mohit Trikha - Co-Founder & President, Kivu Biosciences

Panelist: Joshua Stopek - VP R&D, HistoSonics, Inc.

Panelist: Zhen Su - CEO, Marengo Therapeutics

Moderator: Joel Sandler - Associate Partner, Ipsos Advisory Healthcare

2025 Cell & Gene State of the Industry Briefing: Introduction and Industry Update

08:00 - 08:30

Additional Programs (Imperial Ballroom)

Participants

Speaker: Tim Hunt - CEO, Alliance for Regenerative Medicine

2025 Cell & Gene State of the Industry Briefing: Expediting the Development of Cell and Gene Therapy

08:30 - 09:00

Additional Programs (Imperial Ballroom)

Participants

Speaker: Peter Marks - Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

2025 Cell & Gene State of the Industry Briefing: Panel Discussion

09:00 - 10:00

Additional Programs (Imperial Ballroom)

Shaping the Future of Medicine Together: Perspectives from the Cutting Edge of Pharma and Biotech Innovation

10:30 - 10:50

Biotech Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

In this joint Fireside Chat, C-suite executives from the cutting edge of pharma and biotech share predictions, perspectives and learnings on the head and tailwinds shaping R&D innovation in the year ahead. How can pharma and biotech be the best partners to each other, especially in the emerging cell and gene therapy landscape? What do pharma companies seek in biotech partnerships? And what can biotechs expect to gain in return? Join us to find out.

Participants

Discussants: Lisa Deschamps - CEO, AviadoBio

Discussants: Tadaaki Taniguchi - CMO, Head, Medical Development, Astellas Pharma

Moderator: Mandy Jackson - Managing Editor, US Commercial News, Scrip

The "New" Policy Landscape: Now that the Election is Behind Us, Where Do We Go from Here?

12:00 - 13:30

Biotech Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

Join us for a discussion on the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), the decision to overturn Chevron deference, and other issues that are impacting the healthcare landscape. This panel of experts will explore how these pivotal changes could reshape regulatory environments, funding opportunities and innovation.

Participants

Panelist: Beth Neitzel - Partner, Foley Hoag

Panelist: Tony Lanzone - Global Head, Consulting, Syneos Health

Panelist: Grace Colón - CEO & Co-Founder, Inaya Therapeutics, BIO Executive Committee Member

Panelist: Ted Love - Chair, Board of Directors, Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO)

Panelist: Nouhad Hussein - SVP, Business Development & Corporate Strategy, Regeneron Pharmaceuticals

Panelist: Scott Whitaker - President & CEO, AdvaMed

Moderator: Tim Opler - Managing Director, Global Healthcare Group, Stifel

What is TechBio and What Impact Will It Have on Therapeutic Development?

14:30 - 15:30

TechBio Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

TechBio is where technology and biotechnology converge and is rapidly expanding our knowledge of complex biological processes. It is engineering and information driven, drawing upon clinical, genomic, and molecular data. It will enable the delivery of better diagnostics, new therapeutics and personalized therapies.

Participants

Panelist: Alla Zamarayeva - Co-Founder & CEO, CellIFE

Panelist: Ajit Singh - Managing Director and General Partner, Artiman Ventures

Panelist: David "DSO" Suendermann-Oeft - Founder & CEO, Modality.AI, Inc.

Panelist: Jeff Luber - President & CEO, Clarity

Moderator: Daniella Kranjac - Founding General Partner, Avant Bio

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Dealmakers' Intentions 2025

15:30 - 16:30

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The Syneos Health Dealmakers' Intentions Study is a forward-looking measure of dealmaking activity in the pharmaceutical and biotech industries. Now in its 16th year, this survey provides a unique perspective on these trends by surveying business development professionals from pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies of all sizes to create forward-looking insights based on dealmakers' general expectations for activity in the coming year. This session will discuss the results of this year's Dealmakers' Intentions Study, providing a prospective view of the partnering and licensing landscape for the year ahead.

Participants

Moderator: Katya Magonova - Managing Director, Commercial Adviosry, Consulting, Syneos Health

The Pharma Perspective: As We Emerge From A Challenging Few Years, What Has Changed in the Deal Landscape?

16:30 - 17:30

Biotech Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

Hear from our panel of experts as they uncover the latest strategies and insights shaping the industry through discussion of effective approaches to forging successful partnerships and driving innovation in a competitive environment.

Participants

Panelist: Adam Pearson - Chief Strategy Officer, Astellas Pharma

Panelist: John McDonald - Coporate VP, Global Head, Business Development & M&A, Novo Nordisk

Panelist: David Jenkins - SVP, Head of Research & External Innovation, Ipsen

Panelist: Konstantina Katcheves - SVP, Innovative Medicines Global Business Development and Acquisitions, Teva Pharmaceuticals

Moderator: Michael Margolis - Senior Managing Director, Head, Healthcare Investment Banking, Oppenheimer & Co

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Beyond Borders: Unlocking Healthcare Opportunities in China

08:00 - 09:00

Biotech Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

The pathway to obtaining financing, research support, clinical trial opportunities, and distribution partners in China.

Participants

Panelist: Niki Gastinel - EMP, Commerce Engineering, Apple

Panelist: Wendy Hu - Founder, Bee Connected Group

Panelist: Michael Gisser - Co-Founder, VRD HealthTech

Panelist: Angela Zhao - Chairman, Huangpu River Capital

Moderator: Walter Greenleaf - Neuroscientist & Product Developer, Stanford University

Alzheimer's & Other Neurodegenerative Diseases: Advances in Diagnostic and Therapeutic Treatment Has Been Slow – But is There Light at the End of the Tunnel?

08:00 - 09:00

Biotech Showcase - Workshop 1 (Yosemite A)

Participants

Panelist: Maha Radhakrishnan - Executive Partner, Sofinnova Investments

Panelist: Abraham Ceesay - CEO, Rapport Therapeutics

Panelist: Christian Howell - CEO, Cognito

Panelist: Olga Danilchanka - Partner, MRL Ventures Fund, Merck

Moderator: Karen Harris - CFO & Head, Mission-Related Investing, The Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation (ADDF)

Enhancing Longevity: Delaying the Diseases That Age Us

08:00 - 09:00

Biotech Showcase - Workshop 2 (Yosemite C)

Living longer with longevity involves leveraging innovative treatments and lifestyle changes that target the biological processes of aging. Individuals can optimize their health and potentially extend their lifespan while improving their quality of life. The panel will explore the vital role of longevity in healthcare and examine how advancements in science are reshaping the approach to aging and wellness.

Participants

Panelist: Markus Gstöttner - CEO, clock.bio

Panelist: Hanadie Yousef - CEO, Juvena Therapeutics

Panelist: Michael Curtis - President & CEO, eGenesis

Panelist: Frederick Beddingfield III - CEO & Director, Rubedo Life Sciences

Moderator: Gordon Lithgow - Professor, The Buck Institute

The Asia Pacific Region: Collaboration Opportunities & Scientific Engagement – Let's Discuss How to Build Partnerships

09:00 - 10:00

Biotech Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

While China has been a significant driver of market growth, countries such as South Korea, Japan, Singapore, and Australia are also creating new opportunities for collaborations, mergers and acquisitions, and partnerships across various stages of development. This panel will explore the key trends shaping business development in the Asia Pacific region, with a focus on innovation and early-stage R&D partnerships.

Participants

Panelist: Su Zhang - Managing Director, CoDevCo

Panelist: Lihua Zheng - CEO, Z-Star Therapeutics

Panelist: Brad Walsh - CEO, GlyTherix

Panelist: Alessandro Falcone - Regional Head, JLABS Singapore, Johnson & Johnson

Moderator: Vivian Lee - Managing Director, Aqua Partners LLC

Investing In the TechBio Space: A Huge Impact on Therapeutic Development & A Shorter Time Frame to Revenue

10:00 - 11:00

TechBio Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

TechBio companies generate revenue by providing services that enable and enhance drug and diagnostic development. They are not hindered by the long approval process and potential failures of the drug development that biotech companies face.

Participants

Panelist: Celestine "Cee Cee" Schnugg - Managing Partner, Boom Capital Management

Panelist: Brent Vaughan - CEO, Stealth TechBio

Panelist: Navjeewan Khosla - Partner, Novo Holdings

Panelist: Chris Benko - CEO, Koneksa

Panelist: Jennifer Goldsack - CEO, Digital Medicine Society (DiMe), USA

Moderator: Michael Sarshad - Managing Director, Commercial Advisory, Syneos Health

Healthcare Access & Equity: Leading to Better Healthcare for All

12:00 - 13:30

Biotech Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

This panel will dive deep into the conversation of healthcare access and equity and explore what biopharma can do to support better access to healthcare.

Participants

Panelist: Chris Learn - SVP, Global Head, Cell and Gene Therapy Center of Excellence, Parexel International

Panelist: Philippe Lopes-Fernandes - EVP, CBO, Ipsen

Panelist: Peter Rubin - Executive Director, No Patient Left Behind

Panelist: Jeff Myers - Head, Payor Partnerships, CuraFi

Panelist: Cynthia Cheatham - Managing Director, Industry Programs and DEI Initiatives, Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO)

Moderator: Paul Hastings - CEO & President, Nkarta Therapeutics

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TechBio Sectors to Watch: Advances in Devices, Drug Discovery, Robotics & Digital Medicine - Where Machines Interface with Flesh & Blood

14:30 - 15:30

TechBio Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

Advances in technology are leading to a revolution in diagnostics, surgery, imaging, and therapeutics. Join KOLs for an update on the future – it is closer than you think.

Participants

Panelist: Craig Pierson - Founder, AiM Medical Robotics

Panelist: Beth Rogozinski - CEO, Oncoustics

Panelist: Maria Soloveychik - CEO, SyntheX

Panelist: Walter Greenleaf - Neuroscientist & Product Developer, Stanford University

Moderator: Adam Bluestein - Contributing Writer, Fast Company

Unlocking Your Product's Full Value: The Benefits of Early Commercial Development

15:30 - 15:50

Biotech Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

Early commercial development is crucial for life sciences companies aiming to secure funding, partnerships and maximizing the full potential of their products. By shaping a complete clinical and commercial value proposition, understanding customer needs, and creating market access tailwinds, companies can lay a strong foundation to create value for all stakeholders. This session will explore how early commercial development supports capital raises, enhances partnership prospects, and ensures a successful path towards improving patient outcomes.

Participants

Discussants: Faruk Abdullah - President, Professional Services & CBO, EVERSANA

Discussants: Sharon Cunningham - CEO, Shorla Oncology

Singapore: Launchpad for Life Science Innovation in Asia Pacific

16:00 - 17:00

Biotech Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

Participants

Moderator: Sharon Chan - Vice President, JLABS Asia Pacific, Johnson & Johnson

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Breakfast & Networking

07:00 - 08:00

Metabolic Disorders & GLP-1s: Reducing Comorbidities

08:00 - 09:00

Biotech Showcase - Workshop 1 (Yosemite A)

The future of GLP-1s holds promise for advancing treatments in obesity and metabolic disorders, with ongoing research exploring their effects. Emerging data suggest these therapies could significantly reduce cardiovascular risk, and diabetes, positioning them as key players in patient care, by transforming therapeutic approaches, enhancing long-term outcomes and quality of life for patients. However, as we evaluate the overall impact of GLP-1 therapies, we also need to address adverse effects, economic challenges and sustainable treatment options in the future. Join us as the panelists share their thoughts and predictions.

Participants

Panelist: Ashley Zehnder - Co-Founder & CEO, Fauna Bio

Panelist: Minji Kim - Independent Board of Director, SK Biopharmaceuticals

Panelist: Sari Kaganoff - Chief Commercial Officer, Rock Health

Panelist: Cameron Pye - Co-Founder & CEO, Unnatural Products

Moderator: Seema Kumar - CEO, Cure

The Need for Novel Responses to Disease Threat(s) in a Fast-Changing World: A Q&A with Government, NGO and Industry Participants

08:00 - 09:00

Biotech Showcase - Workshop 2 (Yosemite C)

Participants

Panelist: Phillip Chan - CEO & President, CytoSorbents Corporation

Panelist: Emma Wheatley - Executive Director Access & Business Development, CEPI

Panelist: Niels Riedemann - CEO & Founder, InflaRx

Panelist: Jeffrey Stein - President, CEO & Director, Cidara

Moderator: Steve Brozak - Managing Partner & President, WBB Securities LLC

mRNA Therapeutics: The Fourth Pillar of Therapeutic Innovation

08:00 - 09:00

Additional Programs (Imperial Ballroom)

The Alliance for mRNA Medicines (AMM) will provide a brief overview of the sector and introduce six companies developing novel mRNA-based therapeutics and manufacturing platforms that are transforming medicine.

Financing Future Innovations: Raising the Money Needed to Get to the Next Inflection Point

10:00 - 11:00

Seed Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

Looking towards 2025, seed companies should prepare for an uptick in venture capital activity. This session will discuss increased investment activity, capitalizing on secondary markets and IPOs and exploring non-dilutive funding sources, including grants, and strategic partnerships.

Participants

Panelist: Tari Suprpto - Director, Search and Evaluation (West), Novo Nordisk

Panelist: Christina Jenkins - General Partner / Co-Founder, Convergent Ventures

Panelist: Ben Kromnick - Head, Healthcare and Life Sciences, Mercury

Panelist: Susan Monarez - Deputy Director, ARPA-H

Moderator: Ed Saltzman - Senior Strategic Advisor, Lumanity

Financing the Biotech Sector: After a Difficult Few Years, Is There Finally a Reason for Optimism?

12:00 - 13:30

Biotech Showcase (Imperial Ballroom)

Participants

Panelist: James Healy - Managing Partner, Sofinnova Investments

Panelist: Andrew Lam - Managing Director, Head, Biotech Private Equity, Ally Bridge Group

Panelist: Carolyn Ng - Partner & Managing Director, TPG Life Sciences Innovation

Panelist: Chirag Surti - Executive Director, Morgan Stanley

Moderator: Kimberly Ha - CEO & Founder, KKH Advisors

AI, ML, & LLM: Revolutionizing Therapeutic Development

14:30 - 15:30

Biotech Showcase Open Sessions (Imperial Ballroom)

Large language models (LLMs) and artificial intelligence (AI) are transforming the pharmaceutical industry by streamlining processes across the entire drug development lifecycle. These technologies enable researchers to generate hypotheses, extract insights from vast datasets, detect patterns, and simplify literature searches through natural language interactions. Beyond drug discovery, AI has the potential to revolutionize various aspects of therapeutic development, including research, clinical trials, regulatory filings, and manufacturing.

This session is open to the public.

Take advantage of this opportunity to explore the program and experience what Biotech Showcase has to offer. [RSVP is required to secure your spot!](#)

Participants

Moderator: Maria Luisa Pineda - Co-Founder & CEO, Envisagenics

Panelist: Andrei Georgescu - CEO & Co-Founder, Vivodyne

Panelist: Wyatt McDonnell - CEO & Founding Scientist, Infinimmune

Panelist: Khai Minh Pham - Founder & CEO, ThinkingNodeLife.ai

Panelist: Kfir Schreiber - Co-Founder & CEO, DeepCure

Panelist: Hannah Wastyk - Co-Founder & CEO, Interface Biosciences

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Women's Health: Innovation Impacting the Different Health Needs of Half the Population

15:30 - 16:30

Biotech Showcase Open Sessions (Imperial Ballroom)

Women's health is often simplified to include only sexual and reproductive health but there are many health conditions that disproportionately affect women, such as heart disease and autoimmune disease. This panel will shed some light on the causes of the women's health gap and how it might be narrowed to bring in a new era of investment for the health of women.

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Participants

Panelist: Jessica Federer - Investor & Board Member, Angelini Ventures

Panelist: Grace Colón - CEO & Co-Founder, Inaya Therapeutics, BIO Executive Committee Member

Panelist: Chris Benecchi - COO, Sage Therapeutics

Panelist: Alice Zheng - Partner, Foreground Capital

Panelist: Andrea Pfeifer - CEO, AC Immune SA

Moderator: Lori Ellis - Head of Insights, BioSpace

Media Round-Up: Heard Around the Hilton

16:30 - 17:15

Biotech Showcase Open Sessions (Imperial Ballroom)

The traditional closing discussion at Biotech Showcase where journalists are invited to discuss what was "heard around the square" and Biotech Showcase during the most important week in the biotech calendar.

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Participants

Panelist: Alex Philippidis - Senior Business Editor, GEN

Panelist: Adam Bluestein - Contributing Writer, Fast Company

Panelist: Allison DeAngelis - Reporter, Biotech Startups & Venture Capital, STAT News

Panelist: Ron Leuty - Senior Reporter, San Francisco Business Times

Panelist: Kyle LaHucik - Senior Reporter, Endpoints News

Moderator: Virginia Amann - Founder, ENTENTE Network

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