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# NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 2019

Still pumped up from SXSW? Keep your energy and ideas flowing with all the news, meetings, webinars, seminars, and networking events that you'll find in the April newsletter!

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Texas Medical Device Alliance, BioAustin & Austin Health Tech, **WE WELCOME VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER TEAM** (details page 12)

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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## TMDA QUARTERLY MEETING

### SMART MEDICAL DEVICES April 18, 2019

The Internet of Medical Things (IoMT) market is estimated to be \$158B by 2022 (Deloitte) but watches, fridges and phones aren't the only products to get smart. Connected medical devices generate, collect, analyze and transmit data. The data, along with the devices themselves, are creating the IoMT – a connected infrastructure of medical devices, software applications, and health systems and services. Learn how to get digital transformation right – whether through adapting existing business models, inventing new ones, or both at the next Texas Medical Device Meeting.

Thursday, April 18, 2019, from 2-4 PM at the Norris Conference Center, Austin TX.

Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/y3vdprth>

## LIFE SCIENCE INDUSTRY NEWS

### In Our Neck Of The Woods...

#### **FDA Regulatory Chief Scott Gottlieb Rocks Industry With Resignation**

The life-sciences industry was tipped out of balance when regulatory rock star of the FDA Scott Gottlieb announced his resignation in March. News outlets from every corner of the healthcare world covered the move, and it caused quite a flutter in the Twitterverse. While Gottlieb does have critics, news of his departure overwhelmingly brought out praise for his two years of service. His hardline stance on opioids and vaping are lauded by most. What will happen now to the regenerative medicine framework he brought to the FDA is a concern for many.

PharmaVoice has provided multiple articles and opinion pieces to present the depth and breadth of what his departure will mean for the industry.

#### **The FDA and the Loss of Gottlieb: What Does it Mean for Stem Cell Research?**

<https://www.pharmavoice.com/newsreleases/fda-loss-gottlieb-mean-stem-cell-research/>

#### **FDA Chief's Resignation: 10 Industry Leaders React**

<https://www.pharmavoice.com/newsreleases/fda-chiefs-resignation-10-industry-leaders-react/>

#### **Amazon, Berkshire Hathaway, JPMorgan Chase Health Care Venture Launches Website and Announces Its Name: Haven**

In January 2018, the three founding companies announced plans to create an independent organization, now called Haven, which is free from profit-making incentives and constraints. Haven's focus is the 1.2 million employees and families affiliated with Amazon, Berkshire Hathaway, and JPMorgan Chase across the United States, and over time it intends to share what it learns to help others. Dr. Gawande, MD, MPH assumed the helm as CEO in July 2018 and assembled a leadership team – including Jack Stoddard as COO, Serkan Kutan as CTO, Dana Safran as Head of Measurement, and others – to move the organization's work forward. "We want to change the way people experience health care so that it is simpler, better, and lower cost," explained Dr. Atul Gawande. "We'll start small, learn from the experience of patients, and continue to expand to meet their needs."

<https://tinyurl.com/yy3n8c8q>

### **CPRIT Awards \$18.4 Million Grant To UT Southwestern For Cancer Research**

The Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) has awarded the Simmons Cancer Center of UT Southwestern Medical Center more than \$18.4 million for cancer research and faculty recruitment. The state funding will advance scientific understanding of breast, lung, prostate, and other types of cancer. UT Southwestern will use \$8 million to recruit new faculty, while \$10 million will help UTSW researchers study cancer on the cellular, molecular, and genetic levels.

<https://tinyurl.com/y42xknt3>

### **UT Professor Emerita First Woman To Be Awarded Mathematics' Highest Prize**

Professor Emerita Karen Uhlenbeck has received the 2019 Abel Prize, one of the highest international awards in mathematics and modeled after the Nobel Prizes. She is the first woman to win the award. Professor Uhlenbeck's work has been described as some of the most important in 20th century mathematics, constituting revolutionary advances in geometry.

Read the full story at <https://tinyurl.com/y6fezthe>

### **Tom Luby Named New Director Of The TMC Innovation Institute**

Tom Luby, the former lead of the Johnson & Johnson Innovation life science incubator (JLABS @ TMC), will be the next leader of the Texas Medical Center (TMC) Innovation Institute. He replaces Erik Halvorsen who stepped down a few months ago. The announcement comes as TMC Innovation eyes a period of growth and prepares to build the TMC research campus. William McKeon, president and chief executive of the Texas Medical Center, said Luby's hiring could be its most important of the next several years. <https://tinyurl.com/yyx8l6ol>

## **Across The Pond...**

### **MHRA Spells Out Post-Brexit Regulation Of Medical Devices Under No-Deal Scenario**

In February, the UK regulatory authority for medical products issued updated guidance on what the medical device industry needs to know about the future device regulation under the increasingly likely scenario of Britain leaving the EU without a deal on continuing resolutions. From requiring a new role as a UK Responsible Person and additional importing and distributing obligations to a slew of new registration and classification requirements, the UK's Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) fleshed out guidance on the no-deal scenario. The MHRA guidance document is intended to apply to products that will be placed on the market after March 29, 2019.

<https://tinyurl.com/y54ylhzh>

### **MHRA Guidance and Publications On A Possible No Deal Scenario**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/mhra-guidance-and-publications-on-a-possible-no-deal-scenario>

### **EMA Tells Pharma Companies To Continue To Prep For UK's Withdrawal**

With an extension in place that will push the UK's withdrawal from the EU back to either April or May, the European Medicines Agency (EMA) told pharmaceutical companies on Monday to continue their preparations for Brexit. Under the European Council decision from last Friday, if the withdrawal agreement between the UK and the EU is approved by the UK House of Commons by 29 March 2019, the extension will be until 22 May 2019. But if the withdrawal agreement is not approved by 29 March 2019, the extension will be until 12 April 2019.

<https://tinyurl.com/yxon2qzk>

## INDUSTRY RESOURCES & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### **Capital City Innovation: 2018 Annual Review For Austin's Innovation District**

CCI has been busy collecting stories and assembling their first annual review for Austin's Innovation District, which is now available for download. In the 2018 Annual Review you will find the following:

- The collaborative vision of Austin's Innovation District
- Twelve stories showcasing the individuals and organizations that are seeding Austin's innovation ecosystem
- A timeline overview of Austin's Innovation District and CCI
- Stories from Waller Creek, Impact Hub, Merck, and more.

See how Austin's Innovation District is beginning to form by connecting innovators, investing in innovation, building capacity, and creating place for Austin's health innovation ecosystem.

Get the review at <https://tinyurl.com/y5gv5qr3>

### **SmartLab Digital: How To Move From One Dimensional Data Management To An Efficient Lab Landscape**

Drug development productivity continues to fall, yet the pressure is rising on teams to find new insights at a faster pace. This is a difficult task when the data needed to drive discovery is siloed and one-dimensional. In this interview, April Pisek and Unjolie Bhanot, Solution Consultants from IDBS, share the challenges impacting drug development and discovery, how to map out the laboratory landscape, and what to consider when transitioning to an automated system. <https://tinyurl.com/y4wrrkap>

### **Greenlight Guru: UX For Medical Devices: Designing For The Evolving Environment Of Technology, Safety, Regulation And Recalls**

Free Live Webinar, April 4, 1:00 PM ET / 10:00 AM PT

Did you know that more than a third of medical device incident reports involve user error? And that more than half of the recalls due to design problems can be traced to the design of the user interface? Intuitive, well-designed medical device user interfaces are essential to life safety. Poor device usability can cause harm and lead to device recalls. Fortunately, UX design can mitigate human error while reducing both recalls and product development costs.

This Webinar Will Cover: The role of poor design in medical errors; The priority of safety in design for medical devices; The benefits of UX design for medical device software; Relevant international standards and FDA regulations; Software design as a cause of device recalls; The emergence of software as a medical device (SaMD). Register at <https://tinyurl.com/y4ht848b>

### **Greenlight Guru: Why Document Control Matters To Medical Device Companies**

Nearly 20% of employees spend their time seeking internal information while at work, according to a report published by McKinsey Global Institute. Now think about that number in terms of productivity lost, money wasted, and risk amplified, all in the pursuit of information within your quality system.

Don't let your company become this statistic by reverting back to manual paper-based systems that are notorious for causing all of the above. Take control of your documentation processes through an automated system that streamlines efficiency, not stagnates it. Find out how in this Greenlight Guru article: <https://tinyurl.com/y3sb4dou>

### **Leadership in Healthcare Privacy and Security Risk Management Professional Certificate Program.**

This innovative, new program is designed to rapidly prepare leaders for non-technical roles in healthcare cybersecurity and privacy, and the inaugural class will be taught in-person at McCombs using an executive-style format. Starting May 8. <https://tinyurl.com/y5hnw37q>

## WOMEN IN SCIENCE & WOMEN'S HEALTH

### House Passes Bill Aimed At Closing The Pay Gap

The proposed Paycheck Fairness Act, which was passed by the House in a 242-187 vote, would require equal pay for men and women with comparable duties, ban employers from asking about past compensation until after a salary offer has been made, strengthen protection for workers who ask about pay, improve pay data collection and enforcement, and establish a grant program for helping women and girls learn to negotiate pay. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce and The Heritage Foundation oppose the bill, and a Philadelphia law banning salary questions is being challenged in court.

Full article at <https://tinyurl.com/y224u65w>

### Differences Between Male, Female Brain Are All Nurture

Neuroscientist Gina Rippon, author of "The Gendered Brain," says she set out to identify neurological differences between the male and the female brain and found none. The brain is malleable, and sex-based differences are due to experiences, Rippon says, and notes that notions of a male or female brain are harmful when used to reinforce sex-based societal norms.

Read the full story at the Guardian <https://tinyurl.com/yytjamxg>

### Startups With Women Deliver More Than Twice The ROI Of Those Without

Startups with women board members deliver a return on investment more than twice that of those with just men on the board, finds a study of 350 companies by accelerator MassChallenge and Boston Consulting Group. The study also found that men-only companies raised an average of \$2.1 million in venture capital, whereas women-funded companies raised an average of just \$935,000.

<https://tinyurl.com/y2qw99dm>

### Female Founders Finally Gain Funding Traction

Historically, female-founded startups have received very little venture capital, but that may be changing. In 2017, women-founded startups accounted for 21% of first financings in the category, up from 7% in 2005, and research reveals the importance of that figure with these businesses managing to win subsequent funding at a rate comparable to that for men.

<https://tinyurl.com/y4lherr3>

## ASSOCIATION SPOTLIGHT

### AWIS Austin

The **Association for Women in Science (AWIS)** is the largest national women's organization in science. AWIS was founded in 1971 at the annual meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB). With grant support and members' dedicated time and effort, AWIS has successfully built a strong and powerful network to influence advocacy and undertake mentoring activities to reach the largest possible number of young women. Presently, AWIS has 80 member groups globally and over 100,000 STEM professionals worldwide. It is the mission of AWIS to inspire bold leadership, research, and solutions that advance women in STEM, spark innovation, promote organizational success, and drive systemic change.

AWIS Austin was established in 2014 as a local chapter and works to promote AWIS initiatives at the global level as well as locally throughout the community. AWIS Austin's mission is to develop and strengthen the community of women pursuing careers in the STEM fields.

AWIS Austin is led by Dr. Margo Lee, who became President of AWIS Austin in March 2014, and Sophie Sanchez, President of the new AWIS Austin UT student group. Their goals at AWIS Austin are to (1) increase the exposure of UT students to different career opportunities in STEM by connecting them to professionals in industry, (2) bring to light issues important to women in STEM, (3) provide networking opportunities among women in STEM fields at UT, and (4) promote the participation of future generations of women in STEM.

AWIS Austin would like to support Austin women by providing them with continuing education through monthly lecture series and special seminars, opportunities to find a mentor or become a mentor, and connecting them with other national and international women's networks for career and personal development

The AWIS Austin at UT group have launched a series for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows called "Candid Conversations", in which we host a faculty member or STEM professional for a casual, candid conversation about a topic of their choice. AWIS Austin and the UT student group are always happy to host women who are excited about what they do, and we will be looking for mentors in the future.

Please connect with us at [awisaustin.org](http://awisaustin.org)  
Facebook and LinkedIn: [AWIS Austin Affiliate Group](#)  
Follow us on Twitter and Instagram! Our username is [@AWISatUT](#)  
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Sophie Sanchez at [smsanchez@utexas.edu](mailto:smsanchez@utexas.edu)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### APRIL EVENTS

APRIL 2, San Antonio, TX

#### **Answering The Call: A Civilian Product Is Redesigned For And With The Military**

Hear the story of a successful collaboration between local industry and the Department of Defense in the development of a product that meets high-priority military medical needs. This is one of only a few examples to-date in the emerging area of military-civilian collaboration for device and therapy development. The panelists will share their first-hand experiences and discuss why they believe there is opportunity for many more, especially in San Antonio. The event will be of interest to inventors, investors, entrepreneurs, healthcare and bioscience professionals and interested San Antonians in all industries. Networking, luncheon and program sponsored by The Health Cell, San Antonio. Open to all, \$35; \$30 for members and employees of sponsors. Tuesday, April 2, 2019, 11:45 am to 1:00 pm  
Magnolia Halle, 10319 Huebner Road, San Antonio, TX.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/yya5jxdy>

APRIL 2, Fort Worth, TX

#### **BionorthTX April Coffee Meetup (Free Event)**

Join bionorthTX on the first Tuesday of every other month for coffee and networking in Fort Worth hosted by community partner TECH Fort Worth and presented by VWR.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/y34sy3aw>

APRIL 5, Austin, TX

**C. Frank Webber Lectureship**

Texas Academy of Family Physicians' 2019. Join primary care physicians from across the state to learn, network, and explore the latest in techniques, products, and services.

<http://www.tafp.org/marketing/cfw>

APRIL 10, Houston, TX

**MassChallenge Texas in Houston 2019 Launch**

MassChallenge Texas in Houston is launching to provide startups from H-town and around the world access to the MassChallenge global network through a 6-week bootcamp. This year, we will work with up to 25 high impact, high potential companies, who will have FREE office space at GreenStreet, focused mentor opportunities, intense curriculum bootcamps, and more. Attend our launch event on April 10, 2019 to celebrate this new program, the launch of applications for startups, and get a sneak peek of what MassChallenge Texas in Houston has in store to help startups make impact. Wednesday, April 10, 6 PM to 8 PM, Four Seasons, Houston, TX.

Register on Eventbrite <https://tinyurl.com/y6oa2qzr>

APRIL 11, Austin, TX

**Health Tech Austin: HealthTech Data and Security Summit**

In a TED Talk-like and Fireside chat setting, thought leaders will share their forward-looking insights on pressing issues shaping the future of Data and Security in Health Care. Join Marcus Carey, the founder and CEO of Threatcare, a venture-backed cybersecurity and software services company based in Austin, Texas, and Brett Hurt, the CEO and Co-founder of data.world, which is building the most meaningful, collaborative, and abundant data resource in the world. Thursday, April 11, 7.45 AM to 11.45 AM at the Capital Factory, Austin, TX.

More information at <https://tinyurl.com/y67g54bw>

APRIL 11, Austin, TX

**AWIS @ UT Austin: Women in Industry Panel (Free Event)**

Join AWIS as we partner with StudentLife for a networking event featuring UT alumni in science and industry. Thursday April 11th, 2:00pm-3:30pm in the Gregory Gym Games Room, UT Austin Campus.

APRIL 11, Austin, TX

**AWIS @ UT Austin: From Academia To Founding A Biotech Start-Up (Free Event)**

Join us for food and then to hear about how Dr. Janis Weeks from the University of Oregon Institute for Neuroscience founded a biotech start-up. Thursday April 11th, 6:15pm-7:45pm in the Avaya Auditorium, UT Austin campus.

APRIL 11, Waco, TX

**Baylor University Science & Health Career Fair (Free Event)**

On Thursday, April 11th from 3:00-6:00pm, Baylor University's Career & Professional Development Center is hosting a Science & Health Career Fair. The event will be held in the Baylor Sciences Building atrium, and they are seeking companies looking to hire undergraduate science students for full-time entry level, research, and internship opportunities. All employers must register online through Handshake at the following link: Spring 2019 Science & Health Career Fair.

The **registration deadline is April 4th at 5:00pm CT**. Contact Desiree Foley, Employer Relations Specialist, at [CPDEmployerRelations@baylor.edu](mailto:CPDEmployerRelations@baylor.edu) to learn more information about this event and get instructions on how to create a Handshake account for registration.

APRIL 18, Austin, TX (Free Event)

**Texas Medical Device Alliance (TMDA): Smart Medical Devices**

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APRIL 18, Austin, TX

**Baylor University Career Trek**

A Career Trek is where the Career & Professional Development Center takes a select group of students on a day-long trip to visit companies in Texas and learn about their career opportunities. A typical visit is 1.5-2 hours and includes a tour of the facility, a presentation about job/internship opportunities, and Q&A time with employees.

If you are a biotech/life science company in Austin who is willing to host a group of 20 students, please contact Desiree Foley, Employer Relations Specialist at [CPDEmployerRelations@baylor.edu](mailto:CPDEmployerRelations@baylor.edu) to find out how to sign up.

APRIL 18, San Antonio, TX

**The San Antonio Medical Foundation Annual Education Luncheon**

Healthcare: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow Luncheon featuring Dr. Vivek Murthy, former US Surgeon General.

Ticket purchase at: <https://www.samedfoundation.org/>

APRIL 24, Austin, TX

**The International Space Station Is An Unique Biomedical Innovation Platform**

Join BioAustin, Austin Community College (ACC) and the ISS National Lab for a collaborative discussion about past, present, and future research and technology programs aboard the space station with a focus on how the International Space Station U.S. National Laboratory provides unique opportunities for future biomedical advancement. The International Space Station U.S. National Laboratory is your gateway to this powerful research environment. Wednesday, April 24, at ACC Highland Campus, Bldg 4000, first floor (6101 Highland Campus Drive, Austin TX 78752).

To learn more about the benefits of research onboard the ISS National Lab, please visit: [www.spacestationresearch.com](http://www.spacestationresearch.com)

For registration and last minute information, find BioAustin on LinkedIn or look for this event on Eventbrite

APRIL 24, Washington, D.C.

**AWIS 2019 Innovation & Inclusion Annual Summit and Awards Dinner**

The Association for Women in Science (AWIS) will present an innovative lineup of industry and academic leaders. Over 250 of the most influential leaders in science and technology will attend to further conversation, connect powerful ideas, recognize our awardees' accomplishments, and celebrate women in STEM. Ticket purchase here: <https://www.innovation-summit.org/>

## MAY - JUNE EVENTS

MAY 3, Temple, TX

### **Annual MedTech Symposium & Pitch Competition**

Join us this year for the Temple Health and Bioscience District's Annual MedTech Conference & Pitch Competition "Growing to Success: Startup and Beyond" on Friday, May 3, 2019 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Temple, TX. Building on last year's conference, this year's programming will focus on the next stages of developing and commercializing your business.

In its second year, THBD invites entrepreneurs and startups to compete in the pitch competition for early-stage startups in biotechnology and health-related industries. THBD will select ten applicants to present and compete for the chance to win up to \$10,000 in funding. All applications must be submitted by Monday, April 8 by 5:00 p.m. for consideration in the 2019 pitch competition. Judges will select the top ten applications to present at the conference.

Each year, THBD hosts this free conference as a resource for those seeking startup assistance and networking opportunities. In addition to programming, our conference offers multiple opportunities to network with key industry contacts.

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/y2logx4e>

MAY 16-17, Austin, TX

### **The Healthcare Transformation Summit**

Healthcare is transforming at a rapidly-accelerating rate. Shifting healthcare policy, an intensified focus on population health, health information technology, an increased incentive to increase scale and market share, and a growing call to engage patients in their care are creating challenges that require collaboration and innovation by all.

In this unique two-day event, Modern Healthcare will bring together senior executives from hospitals and health systems, suppliers, payers, and venture capitalists along with other entities within the care continuum. These executives will discuss how the healthcare industry is changing, and how leaders can drive and implement transformation within their own organizations.

Attendees will gain insight into the strategies used by healthcare business leaders, innovators and influencers to reduce costs, improve outcomes, and create new growth and revenue opportunities

Discounts available by using **discount code Austin19**

<https://www.transformation-summit.modernhealthcare.com/>

JUNE 17-18, Las Vegas, NV

### **Medical Device R&D Summit**

The Medical Device R&D Summit is the premium forum bringing together medical device R&D executives with leading solution providers. The Summit is a great place for focused discussion on cutting-edge technology, strategy and implementation of solutions to forward-thinking medical device companies interested in staying ahead of the market.

The one-on-one business meetings provide access to senior R&D executives within the largest medical device corporations across the United States. A thorough selection process ensures a qualified audience, which grants unparalleled business and networking opportunities in a luxurious and stimulating environment.

For the full program contact: [minac@marcusevanscy.com](mailto:minac@marcusevanscy.com)

<https://events.marcusevans-events.com/meddevice-19/>

## CAREER CORNER

### Abbott

- Clinical Research Scientist
  - Program Manager, Heart Failure
  - Multiple Positions
- <https://www.jobs.abbott/us/en/search-results?keywords=austin>

### Aeglea Biotherapeutics

- Process Engineer/Sr. Process Engineer
  - Sr. Clinical Project Manager
  - Multiple positions
- <http://www.aegleabio.com/biotechnology-careers/#career-opportunities>

### ALKU - Texas

- Pharmaceutical QA Specialist
  - Epic ASAP Analyst
  - Epic Grand central Prelude Analyst
- Contact Logan Blake, Regulatory & Scientific Recruiter at [lblake@alku.com](mailto:lblake@alku.com)

### Arsenal Products

- Director of Engineering
  - Mechanical Engineer Machine Design
  - Multiple positions
- <https://arsenal-products.careerplug.com/account>

### FDA Quality and Regulatory Consultants (FDAQRC)

FDA Quality and Regulatory Consultants LLC offers specialized Quality and Regulatory Consulting for Pharmaceutical, Medical Device and Biotech companies. Due to our Food and Drug Administration experiences, we provide customized, value-added solutions, processes and enhanced quality standards to optimize business.

Full listing of FDAQRC open positions at <https://fdaqrc.com/careers/>

- **GCP Auditor with GMP/PV Skills**

If you enjoy auditing and specialize in Good Clinical Practice (GCP) with additional Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP), Good Pharmacovigilance Practice (PV) or Computerized Systems Validation (CSV) auditing experience, we want to speak to you! If you are looking to leverage your skills in a fun, remote environment while working for a small company with a strong commitment to customer service, please read the attached job description and send your CV to [janet@fdaqrc.com](mailto:janet@fdaqrc.com). Full job description at <https://tinyurl.com/yyebsnem>

- **Clinical Quality Assurance Project Manager**

Qualified candidates will have a strong background in Good Clinical Practice (GCP) auditing with recent experience managing a team of GxP quality professionals and will be committed to doing

### Asuragen

- Senior Scientist: Research, Bioinformatics
  - Production Scientist
  - Multiple Positions
- <https://asuragen.com/careers/>

### Luminex (TX)

- Associate Scientist
  - Tech Support Specialist – Flow Cytometry
  - Multiple Positions
- <https://www.luminexcorp.com/about-luminex/careers/open-positions/>

### Molecular Templates (Austin, TX)

- Manager, Cell Biology
  - Regulatory Affairs Specialist
  - Multiple positions
- <http://mtem.com/careers/>

### Syneos Health

- Clinical Project Leader
  - Senior CRA
  - Multiple positions
- <https://www.syneoshealth.com/careers>

what it takes to be successful. Only candidates with GCP and CQA experience will be considered for this home-based position. US-based candidates only please. Interested candidates should send a CV to Janet Lee, at [janet@fdaqrc.com](mailto:janet@fdaqrc.com). Please place the words "CQA Project Manager" in the subject line. Full job description at <https://tinyurl.com/y4jcv8kj>

### **Paratus Diagnostics**

Paratus Diagnostics is always looking for exceptional talent to join our growing team. Conveniently located in San Marcos, we are right in the middle of the rapidly growing Austin to San Antonio technology corridor. With about 5,000 square feet of laboratory and office space, we research, develop, manufacture, and test the Paratus *PreparedNow*® System right in the heart of Texas.

Full listing of Paratus open positions <http://paratusdiagnostics.com/careers>

- **Senior Scientist, Immunoassay Development, San Marcos, Texas**
- **Director of Manufacturing, San Marcos, Texas**
- **Biomedical Engineer, San Marcos, Texas**
- **Multiple Positions**

Interested candidates should apply directly to Paratus CEO Dr. John C. Carrano at [jcarrano@paratusdiagnostics.com](mailto:jcarrano@paratusdiagnostics.com)

### **Skills Alliance, Market Access and Contracting Professional**

Skills Alliance, a global life sciences recruitment agency specializing in placements across the Pharma, Biotech and Medical Device Industries has a great opportunity for a Market Access and Contracting professional specializing in US managed markets. This position will be with a prominent Market Access consultancy in NY, and will be reporting to the Head of US Market Access. You must have at least a Bachelors' degree, Market Access/Managed Markets experience, consulting experience, at least 5 years of payer and reimbursement formulated strategy experience, and previous project management experience. Send inquiries and resume to [sarah.fletcher@skillsalliance.com](mailto:sarah.fletcher@skillsalliance.com)

### **Well-Qualified Interns From Austin Community College Biotechnology Program Looking For Positions!**

Contact Dr. Linnea Fletcher, Department Chair ([linneaf@austincc.edu](mailto:linneaf@austincc.edu) or call 512 -223-5912), or Steven Spurlock ([sspullock@austincc.edu](mailto:sspullock@austincc.edu) or call 512 223-5915), Administrative Assistant for more information. For more information about the program visit Austin Community College Biotechnology Program at <http://sites.austincc.edu/biotech/>

### **Stephanie Cohen: Bioengineer**

I am looking for an entry-level engineering role. I have a bachelor's degree in Engineering Physics (specialized in Bioengineering) and Physics. My experience with medical devices includes systems engineering, quality assurance, and inspection/repair. I have optics and optical design experience. I also have experience with quality assurance and testing of software, both manual and automated, some programming experience with Python, C++, and javascript/Groovy. I'm bilingual in English and Spanish. I am seeking employment in Austin and the surrounding area, and I'm also willing to relocate and open to remote work as well.

Contact me at [stephanie.cohenu@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.cohenu@gmail.com). LinkedIn: [www.linkedin.com/stephanie-cohen](http://www.linkedin.com/stephanie-cohen)

## TEXAS LIFE SCIENCE ORGANIZATIONS

**ATX Women in MedTech**  
[womeninmedtech@gmail.com](mailto:womeninmedtech@gmail.com)

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

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

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

**BioHouston**  
<http://biohouston.org/>

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

**BioNorth**  
<https://bionorthtx.org/>

**Capital City Innovation**  
<https://www.capitalcityinnovation.org/>

**Health Technology Forum Meetup**  
<https://www.meetup.com/HealthTechnologyForum-Austin/>

**Health Wildcatters, Dallas**  
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**Texas Medical Device Alliance (TMDA) LinkedIn Group**  
<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/6952028>

**The Health Cell, San Antonio**  
<http://thehealthcell.org>

**TMCX/TMCX+, Houston**  
<http://www.tmc.edu/innovation/innovation-programs/tmcx-plus/>

**Top Austin-Area Medical Device Companies**  
<https://tinyurl.com/ya9v2s5u>

**Velocity Texas, San Antonio**  
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