



Texas Medical Device Alliance



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# NEWSLETTER

## June 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, 2-4pm

Oct 15, 2-4pm

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

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## LIFE SCIENCE INDUSTRY NEWS

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

#### **Texas Global Health Security Innovation Consortium**

The Texas Global Health Security Innovation Consortium (TEXGHS) is a consortium organized by The University of Texas at Austin that will coordinate efforts across academia, public sector, and private sector partners to support companies working towards pandemic preparedness and response. TEXGHS aims to spearhead Texas' efforts in developing new technologies and adapting existing technologies that address pandemic disease threats. One of the current goals of TEXGHS is to coordinate existing resources in the Austin innovation ecosystem. If you are working to improve global health security or if you would like to partner to help provide resources or services to companies in need, let us know by completing our survey! [Click here to complete the survey.](#)

#### **Changes to ISO 14971**

ISO 14971, the standard of medical device risk management, was recently updated. This is relevant to all medical device manufacturers as a summary to understand the scope and nature of the many updates.

#### **Texas Physicians Fortify NYC Frontlines**

Doctors and their teams, including some from UT Dell Medical School, fly to NYC to volunteer on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic assisting with thousands of patients.

#### **Vaping, Opioids, COVID-19 A Triple Whammy**

Studies have found that people that vape any substance and people with opioid use disorder are more likely to be high risk for COVID-19 complications due to lung damage and suppressed immune systems.

## LIFE SCIENCE INDUSTRY NEWS

### Across the Pond....

#### **EU MDR Delay: How to Plan Beyond the Coronavirus Pandemic**

April 17<sup>th</sup>, European Parliament voted to adopt the proposal to delay the date of application until May 26, 2021. This gives more flexibility for beginning clinical investigations and allows companies time to meet MDR regulations fully. Learn more about being proactive and strategic with these changes.

## INDUSTRY RESOURCES & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

#### **Temple Health & Bioscience District E-Learning**

Watch THBD's E-Learning series webinars that feature industry speakers as a resource for entrepreneurs, startups, researchers, and health professionals. [Access E-Learning Series Library here.](#)

#### **Texas Health Catalyst is accepting applications!**

We initiated a soft launch of the 2020 TXHC cycle that started in late February. We're running things a bit differently this year -- there is no application deadline, and not all of our program participants will be on identical timelines. Instead, we'll be continuously "open for business", ready to provide

translational support for research teams at all stages of project development, whenever our support can best be used.

We will continue to support as many teams as possible with our consulting and advising services. We plan to provide funding support for a maximum of 10 teams per year, however, so we encourage you to send in your 250-word application soon! Application: <https://tinyurl.com/ya42jahv>

### **[Austin Chamber of Commerce COVID-19 Resources](#)**

The Austin Chamber of Commerce page with resources for businesses that need assistance in developing staffing, continuity, and other plans in light of this situation. [Read more.](#)

### **[COVID-19 News Central](#)**

QMed MD+DI's ongoing coverage of resources, regulatory support, and solutions for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic [Read more.](#)

## **WOMEN IN LIFE SCIENCE & WOMEN'S HEALTH**

### **[Women-Run Countries Faring Better Against Coronavirus... Why?](#)**

Countries such as Taiwan, Iceland, and New Zealand have been applauded for effective strategies against COVID-19. This article discusses leadership style in female vs. male leaders globally.

### **[Inaccurate Cardiovascular Risk Assessments in Women](#)**

Primary prevention scores like the Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease risk score and Adult Treatment Panel III are not accurately predicting CVD with ischemia and no obstructive CAD.

### **[Yoga May Reduce Testosterone in Women with Polycystic Ovary Syndrome](#)**

Study has linked mindful yoga practice with lower testosterone levels in women with PCOS which can last several months and reduce anxiety and depression.

### **[Oncofertility Expert Named Mich. State U. Provost](#)**

Teresa Woodruff was named provost of Michigan State. She advocates for women in science and also coined the term oncofertility as an expert in ovarian biology and reproductive science.

## **SPOTLIGHT**

### **TMDA – Texas Medical Device Alliance**

Founded in 2009 in Austin by Jack Hart, TMDA was established to provide support and outreach opportunities for the medical device industry, entrepreneurs, academia, hospital systems and the overall med tech community in Texas.

TMDA hosts quarterly meetings featuring service-oriented presentations, networking opportunities and offers sponsorships. Each critical segment of the medical device community is represented, including entrepreneurial- minded medical physicians, biotech industry personnel, life sciences academicians, investors, medical device service providers, manufacturers, IP attorneys and others. Presentations cover a wide range of topics, including:

- Product Design
- Animal Trials
- CE Mark
- Commercialization
- Equipment
- Product Prototyping
- Clinical Trials
- Funding
- Reimbursement
- Manufacturing
- Quality Assurance
- FDA
- Regulations
- Marketing/PR
- Facilities
- Product Distribution

For more information on TMDA events, sponsorship, industry updates and participation, please visit

[TMDA Website](#)

[NEW TMDA YouTube Channel](#)

[NEW TMDA Twitter](#)

## 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!](#)**

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

Plan your 2020 conference calendar from east to west coast.

June 2-4 | Virtual (FREE)

#### **The Greenlight Guru True Quality Virtual Summit**

A 3-day, 3-track online event to give an inside look at quality, regulatory, and product development best practices allowing medical devices companies to achieve True Quality. [Register for your free ticket here.](#)

June 11 | Virtual (FREE)

#### **How to Navigate the Virtual Space as a Creative Entrepreneur**

MassChallenge Texas presents a panel, Q&A, and entertainment discussing ways for creative businesses to stand out in an oversaturated market with creative experts. [Learn more & register](#)

June 8-11 | San Diego, CA (\$500-\$2400)

#### **BIO International Convention**

Join the world's largest, global biotech partnering event where 17,000 leaders from biotech & pharma will come together to network & discover cutting-edge innovations all week long. [Learn more & register](#)

June 14 – 18 | Virtual (\$250-\$2000)

#### **DIA 2020 Global Annual Meeting**

Join the largest global stage for life science professionals to connect and address healthcare problems. There will be 250+ educational sessions with 13 unique tracks of learning and engagement. [Learn more and register](#)

July 16, 2-4pm | Austin Norris Conference Center (possibly virtual)

**Texas Medical Device Alliance (TMDA)**

Design, Development & Design Transfer of a Medical Device

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/y9zs29tu>

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

### Seeking Opportunity

I am an audio engineer and special events coordinator for the Texas Senate seeking a career change. While working full time, I decided to go back to school and obtained my biology degree with a focus on the health profession. As an undergrad I did research on alpha-2-macroglobulin, mainly focusing on isolation and point-of-care. I am an excellent communicator and adaptable to working in a variety of experiences. I am a quick learner, most recently focusing my personal time studying data science programming and healthcare policy. I would like to leverage my wide skill set and government experience to switch to a more fulfilling career in biotech.

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### Career Opportunities

**Senior Regulatory Consultant**

Contact Alex Magoon;

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[Website](#)

[LinkedIn](#)

**Abbott**

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Multiple positions

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Contact Recruiter [dbere@alku.com](mailto:dbere@alku.com)

**Asuragen**

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**Babylon Health**

Multiple Positions

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**Luminex**

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**Molecular Templates**

Multiple positions

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**Syneos Health**

Multiple positions

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### **Molecular Templates**

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### **QA Consulting, Inc.**

Multiple positions

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Contact: Mallori Groh;

[mgroh@qaconsultinginc.com](mailto:mgroh@qaconsultinginc.com)

### **Skills Alliance**

Multiple positions

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Contact [sarah.fletcher@skillsalliance.com](mailto:sarah.fletcher@skillsalliance.com)

### **FDA Quality and Regulatory Consultants (FDAQRC)**

Stay up to date with job openings at FDA

Quality + Regulatory Consultants

[Join the FDAQRC CAREER NETWORK](#)

### **Life Sciences & Technology Black Diamond Networks**

Multiple positions

[View positions](#)

Contact Recruiter, Alex Magoon

[Amagoon@blackdiamondnet.com](mailto:Amagoon@blackdiamondnet.com)

### **Quantitative Radiology Solutions**

Medical Image Analysis Intern/Co-op

[View position](#)

### **Software Developers/Engineers – full-time and part-time, perm and temp at**

**Advanced Scanners**Contact Jeff at

[jeffl@advancedscanners.com](mailto:jeffl@advancedscanners.com)

### **Remote Regulatory Specialist**

Contact Alex Magoon, Life Sciences &

Technology Recruiter for Black Diamond

Networks at [amagoon@blackdiamondnet.com](mailto:amagoon@blackdiamondnet.com).

CAI is seeking a pharmaceutical PM, commissioning and qualification engineer, and automation project manager. See links attached to CAI's Careers Page.

Pharmaceutical Project Manager (Dallas, TX) [Read job description here.](#)

Commissioning & Qualification Engineer (Dallas, TX) [Read job description here.](#)

Automation Project Manager (Coppell, TX) [Read job description here.](#)

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:scott@bioaustin.com).

### **ATX Women in MedTech**

Looking for volunteers to support community outreach, event management, PR, sponsorship and more. Email [womeninmedtech@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:scott@bioaustin.com)

## **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 (CCI)**

<https://www.capitalcityinnovation.org/>

### **Health Technology Forum Meetup**

<https://www.meetup.com/HealthTechnologyForum-Austin/>

### **Health Wildcatters, Dallas**

[www.healthwildcatters.com](http://www.healthwildcatters.com)

### **Temple Health & Bioscience District (THBD)**

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

### **Texas Biomedical Research Institute, San Antonio**

<https://www.txbiomed.org/>

### **THBI - Texas Healthcare and Bioscience Institute**

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

### **Texas Health Catalyst**

<https://dellmed.utexas.edu/thc>

### **Texas Medical Device Alliance (TMDA)**

<https://texmda.org/>

### **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/>

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

<https://tinyurl.com/ybr7jjnm>

**Velocity Texas, San Antonio**

<https://velocitytx.org/>

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

<https://tinyurl.com/yb3bprrtm>

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

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

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**Warm regards,**

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