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WELCOME TO THE 2024 UTAH LIFE SCIENCES SUMMIT



On behalf of BioUtah, we welcome you to the 2024 Utah Life Sciences Summit, now in its 15th year of bringing the industry together to network, learn, and exchange ideas. As we try to do every year, the content of this event is targeted to address relevant topics that inform, educate, and showcase the life sciences ecosystem in the State of Utah.

This year, you will notice a theme around women's health. Women's health is an exciting, emerging market that has long begged for attention. Our Lifetime Achievement Awardee, Dr. Dean Wallace, has spent his career addressing women's health needs. We also showcase numerous Utah companies that are joining the effort to address the needs of women's health. It is an important topic worthy of our focus at this Summit.

We are pleased to once again host a town hall meeting with the leadership of the FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health, including the new center director, Dr. Michelle Tarver. She will be joined by Dr. Jeff Shuren who has announced his retirement after 15 years leading the agency.

We will also be favored to hear from our Governor, Spencer Cox, who recently won re-election for another four-year term, as well as Dr. Brian Miller, a physician and think tank director who will address the role of innovation in shaping the future of FDA. No doubt, you will be impressed by the presentation of the University of Utah's President Taylor Randall, discussing how the university goes well beyond academics to grow life sciences in Utah. BioUtah is very proud of its partnership with the University of Utah as well as all institutions of higher learning in the state.

Interspersed between morning presentations, we will present the 2024 BioUtah Industry Awards to some very deserving industry leaders. Join us in honoring them!

Our four afternoon track sessions are designed to cover a broad range of topics, including regulatory and quality, women's health, AI, robotics, workforce, and legal and compliance challenges. If you find you want to be in two places at one time, don't fret. We will tape all sessions and make them available to attendees following the Summit.

We appreciate the generous support of all our sponsors who have made the Summit possible. A special thanks to the law firm of Mayer Brown who has stepped up for the third consecutive year as our Title Sponsor.

Please enjoy the Summit and look for our follow-up survey so you can provide feedback to help us make future Summits even better. Thanks for joining us.

Kelvyn Cullimore

Kelvyn Cullimore, Jr.
President & CEO, BioUtah

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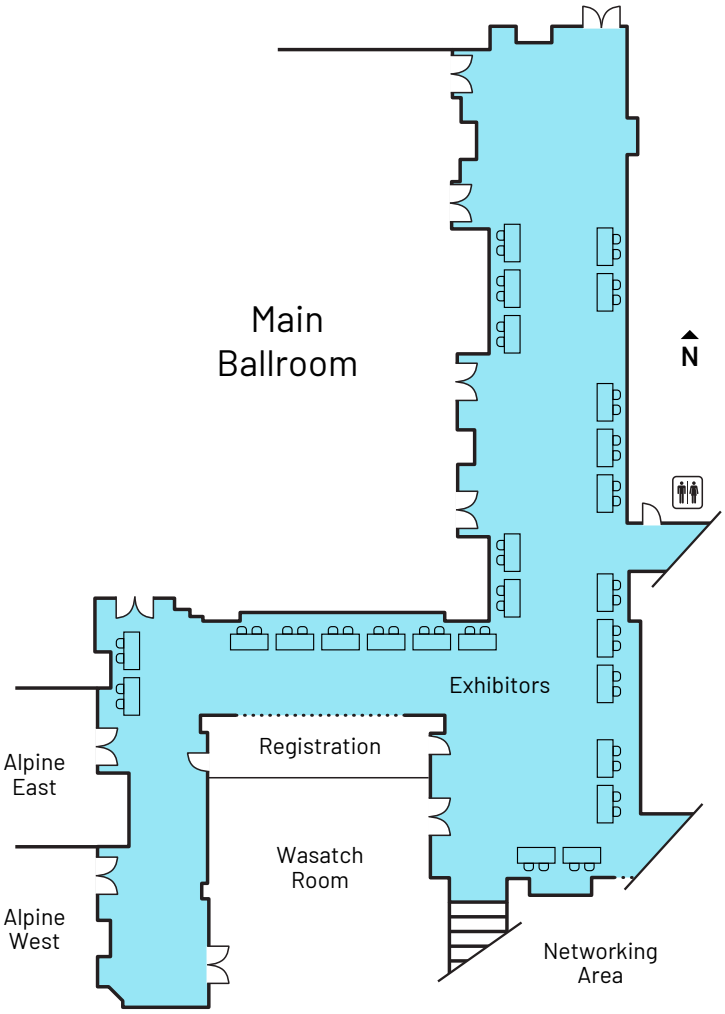

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PLENARY SESSION: BALLROOM

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7:30 AM	**Buffet Breakfast**	
8:30 AM	**Welcome Remarks**	**Spencer Cox,** Governor, State of Utah
8:40 AM	**Welcome**	**Kelvyn Cullimore**, President & CEO, BioUtah
8:50 AM	**Chairman's Report**	**Myles Greenberg**, MD, CEO, Alucent Biomedical
9:00 AM	**Friend of Industry Award**	**Vic Hockett,** Associate Commissioner, Talent Ready Utah, Utah System of Higher Education
9:05 AM	**FDA Virtual Town Hall**	**Jeff Shuren**, MD, JD, Center Director Emeritus, FDA; **Michelle Tarver**, MD, PhD, Director, CDRH
9:55 AM	**Executive of the Year Award**	**Bradford Brown,** Founder & Co-chairman, ATL Technology
10:00 AM	**An Innovation-Driven Future for the FDA**	**Brian Miller,** MD, Non-resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute; Assistant Professor of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
10:45 AM	**Entrepreneur of the Year Award**	**Jay Muse,** President & CEO, Piper Access
10:50 AM	**University of Utah: Partnering to Build Life Sciences In Utah**	**Taylor Randall**, PhD, President, University of Utah **Jim Hotaling**, MD, Assoc. VP of Research for Innovation & Translation, University of Utah **Mark Paul**, Executive Director, Center for Medical Innovation, University of Utah
11:35 AM	**Innovation Impact Award**	**Blackrock Neurotech**
11:40 AM	**The Emergence of Women's Health in the Life Sciences**	**Anula Jayasuriya,** MD, PhD, Co-founder & Managing Director, Kidron Capital Assets
12:10 PM	**Lifetime Achievement Award**	**Wm. Dean Wallace,** MD, PhD, President & CEO, Liger Medical Inc.
12:15 PM	**Networking Lunch**	
	Life Sciences Career Stories for Students	**Atim Enyenihi,** PhD, Strategic Industry Advisor, Salt Lake City Economic Development **Simerdeep Singh Gupta,** PhD, CEO, Anziva Pharmaceuticals

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WOMEN'S HEALTH TRACK

	LOCATION: BALLROOM	**HOST:** LIZ POWELL
1:15 PM	**Women's Health: A $1 Trillion Market Opportunity**	**Jenna Benefield,** Associate Partner, McKinsey & Company
2:00 PM	**Utah Companies Making a Difference in Women's Health**	**Tyler McCabe,** PhD, Co-founder & CEO, J3 Biosciences **Michael Paul,** PhD, CEO & President, MARABio **Stefan Niederauer,** PhD, VP Engineering, Freyya **Britt Shirley,** Neonatal Product Manager, Utah Medical Products **Rohit Gupta,** CEO, Metrodora Institute **Marie Mount,** Senior Director of Women's Health, Myriad Genetics **Angie Fox,** VP Clinical Operations, Sera Prognostics **Michael Daily,** Director of Global Marketing, Laborie **Tenley Koepnick,** VP, Global Clinical Affairs, Edwards Lifesciences
2:45 PM	**Break**	
3:00 PM	**Running a Women's Health Company**	**Liz Powell,** Founder & President, G2G Consulting (Moderator) **Angela Dotson,** CEO, Empress Medical **Anna Jeter,** Chief Regulatory Officer, AOA DX
3:45 PM	**Equity & Non-dilutive Funding for Women's Health Companies**	**Anula Jayasuriya,** MD, PhD, Co-founder, Kidron Capital Assets (Moderator) **Liz Powell,** Founder & President, G2G Consulting **Luke Larsen,** VP, MedVenture Health

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	LOCATION: ALPINE EAST	**HOST:** CHRIS PHILLIPS
1:15 PM	**Navigating the FDA's Medical Device Pre-submission Process: A Roadmap to Regulatory Success**	**Thor Rollins,** VP Global Segment Leader Medical Device, Nelson Labs **Jordan Elder,** Director of Regulatory Affairs, RCA **Anita Michael,** Executive Pharma Compliance Expert & Prinicpal Consultant, RCA
2:00 PM	**Staying Ahead of the Compliance Curve: Cybersecurity and Human Factor Challenges**	**Curtis Wichern,** Medical Device Consultant, Luova Solutions **Mark Lee**, PhD, Head of Research, Analytics & Business Development, Underwriters Laboratories
2:45 PM	**Break**	
3:00 PM	**Academic Programming for Regulatory and Quality Professionals**	**Tomasz Petelenz**, PhD, Associate Professor, Dept. of Biomedical Engineering, University of Utah **Darcy Carter**, DHSc, Dept. Chair Health Administrative Services and Associate Professor, Weber State University
3:20 PM	**Building a Career in Regulatory and Quality: Perspectives from Local Leaders**	**Chris Phillips,** VP of Regulatory Affairs & Quality, Epitel (Moderator) **John Knorpp,** Chief of Regulatory Affairs, Merit Medical **Ann Bracken**, Quality Compliance Specialist, Teva Pharmaceuticals **Jessica Smith**, VP Global Quality and Chief Regulatory Officer, Integra Life Sciences **Veronica Kingston,** Owner and Principal Consultant, OD Consulting
4:00 PM	**Ask an Expert: Quality Systems Q&A**	**Markus Gee,** Director, Life Sciences Division, Axeon

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	LOCATION: ALPINE WEST	**HOST:** KELVYN CULLIMORE
1:15 PM	**Workforce Solutions: Talent Ready Utah**	**Jimmy McDonough,** Assistant Commissioner Education Workforce Programs, Utah System of Higher Education (Moderator) **Vic Hockett,** Associate Commissioner, Talent Ready Utah, Utah System of Higher Education **Alison O'Mohany,** PhD, VP Pharmaceutical R&D, Seek Labs **Faith Chamas**, R&D Program Manager, Stryker Neurovascular **Andrew Hemmert**, PhD, SVP Molecular R&D, bioMérieux
2:00 PM	**AI: What it is and What it is not in the Life Sciences**	**Warren Pettine**, MD, CEO & Co-founder, MTN: Ass't. Professor, University of Utah (Moderator) **Steve Lund**, CRO, Cerbrec **Raymond Peterson**, PhD, CEO, DNA Analytics **Joshua Tamayo-Sarver,** MD, PhD, VP of Innovation at Vituity & Inflect Health
2:45 PM	**Break**	
3:00 PM	**The Evolution of Robotics in Life Sciences**	**Ashley Dalrymple**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Biomedical Engineering, Physical Medicine & Rehab University of Utah (Moderator) **Tommaso Lenzi,** PhD, Associate Professor, University of Utah **Jake Abbott**, PhD, Professor, University of Utah **Laura Hallock**, PhD, Assistant Professor, Mechanical Engineering, University of Utah **Josh Miller**, CEO, Biologic Input Output Systems
3:45 PM	**State Development Resources for the Life Sciences**	**Jefferson Moss**, Associate Commissioner of Innovation, Economic Development & Commercialization, Utah System of Higher Education; Executive Director of the Innovation District, The Point (Moderator) **Ben Hart**, Executive Director, Utah Inland Port Authority **Patrick Gilligan**, Senior Executive VP, Lincoln Property Co. **Michael Ambre**, Executive Director, The Point **Jerry Henley,** Assistant Commissioner & Managing Director, Utah System of Higher Education and Utah Innovation Fund

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	LOCATION: WASATCH ROOM	**HOST:** SCOTT YOUNG
1:15 PM	**But Everybody Else is Doing It! Tips for Navigating Healthcare Compliance Challenges**	**Dave Lewis,** Chief Compliance Officer, Merit Medical Systems, Inc. **Jenny McVey**, PhD, N.A. Compliance Officer, bioMérieux, Inc. **Kirstin Widding**, SVP of Commercial Development for Hip and Knee, restor3d, Inc. **Scott Young**, Partner, Mayer Brown
2:00 PM	**Intellectual Property Traps in Life Sciences Transactions**	**Vera Nackovic,** Partner, Mayer Brown **Spencer Glende,** Partner, Mayer Brown
2:45 PM	**Break**	
3:00 PM	**The SEC Actually Wants You to Raise Money — Here's How!**	**Sam Gardiner,** Partner, Mayer Brown **Jennifer Zepralka**, Partner, Mayer Brown
3:45 PM	**Roundtable Discussion: How to Read a VC Term Sheet**	**Ryan Morley**, Partner, SpringTide Ventures **Mark Bonham**, Partner, Mayer Brown



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SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS



JAKE ABBOTT, PHD
PROFESSOR,
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Jake J. Abbott is a professor of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Utah, where he leads the Magnetic & Medical Robotics Lab. He is also the director of the University of Utah Robotics Center. He received a PhD in Mechanical Engineering from Johns Hopkins University in 2005, working on the topics of haptics and teleoperation for medical robotics. He was a postdoctoral research associate in the Institute of Robotics and Intelligent Systems at ETH Zurich in Switzerland from 2006-2008, working on the topics of microrobotics and magnetic actuation. In 2008, he joined the faculty at the University of Utah.



MICHAEL AMBRE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
THE POINT

Michael Ambre is an accomplished and results-driven project leader with a distinguished career marked by expertise in State procurement, contract administration, various construction delivery methods, and exceptional team performance. Since 2023, Ambre has served on the Point of the Mountain Land Authority board as the division director for the Utah Division of Facilities Construction and Management (DFCM). Ambre worked in various capacities ranging from project manager to division director. During his 24-year tenure at DFCM, he oversaw construction of both the new, state-of-the-art Utah State Correctional Facility and demolition of the decades-old Utah State Prison. For the past two years, Ambre has been actively managing all site preparations at The Point for the construction of critical backbone infrastructure.



JENNA BENEFIELD
ASSOCIATE PARTNER,
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Jenna Benefield is an associate partner at McKinsey & Company and a leader in the life sciences practice, where she serves healthcare clients on growth and strategy related topics. Jenna is passionate about women's health, and is affiliated with the McKinsey Health Institute, where recent research in collaboration with the World Economic Forum, highlighted the $1 trillion opportunity to close the women's health gap.



MARK BONHAM
PARTNER, MAYER BROWN

Mark is a partner in the Salt Lake City office of Mayer Brown and a member of the emerging companies & venture capital, capital markets, and mergers & acquisitions practices. Mark is also part of the life sciences and technology industry groups. Mark focuses his practice on providing legal counsel to technology, life sciences, software and internet-based companies and the venture capital funds and strategic investors that finance these companies. Even while living and practicing in Silicon Valley, Mark became well-known in the Salt Lake City region beginning in the 1990s as a result of working with a variety of technology-driven businesses such as Novell, WordPerfect, MyFamily.com (predecessor to Ancestry), Sonic Innovations, and CardioPulmonics. He was involved in venture capital financings, M&A, and public offerings for these and other Utah-based companies.



ANN BRACKEN, MS, RAC-DRUGS, CMQ/OE

QUALITY COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST, TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS

Over 30 years, Ann has developed her knowledge of regulatory affairs, compliance, and quality by working as a QC chemist, an R&D method development/ validation scientist, and recently as a computer system validation/ data integrity administrator. Her last move was into the quality compliance department, as well as becoming an adjunct professor teaching regulatory affairs for drugs.



BRADFORD BROWN

FOUNDER & CO-CHAIRMAN, ATL TECHNOLOGY, LLC

Brad Brown has been a leader in the medical device space for over 20 years. He is a BYU degreed mechanical engineer and is gifted with a very curious mind - always looking for a better, more efficient way to accomplish complex tasks. He built ATL Technology from an interconnect start-up, producing connector and wire components, into an integrated designer and manufacturer of finished complex medical device products ready for onward distribution to ATL's OEM customers all around the world. ATL currently makes products for eight of the top 10 medical device companies in the world, manufacturing on three continents with revenues approaching $150 million. He accomplished this by executing a unique marketing strategy against much larger and better funded competitors. Brad is also an accomplished pilot, flying both fix wing aircraft, as well as helicopters.

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DARCY CARTER, DHSc
DEPARTMENT CHAIR,
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Dr. Darcy Carter is the Chair of the Department of Health Administrative Services and an Associate Professor at Weber State University. She oversees a department that houses 11 different programs from certificate to graduate, including a graduate certificate in regulatory affairs. In Fall of 2024, Dr. Carter started her 18th academic year teaching in the department. Her educational background began in Health Administration with an emphasis in health information management. She then earned an MHA, followed by a Doctorate Degree in Health Science with an emphasis in leadership and organizational behavior. Her current graduate level teaching includes courses in performance improvement and quality, healthcare delivery systems, finance and economics, and population health. She is a textbook and chapter author in the area of performance improvement and quality in healthcare.



FAITH CHAMAS, MBA
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Faith Chamas is a mechanical engineer with over 15 years of experience advancing innovation in the design, manufacturing and commercialization of healthcare technologies.





SPENCER COX
GOVERNOR OF UTAH

Gov. Spencer J. Cox is a husband, father, farmer, recovering attorney, and Utah's 18th governor. He served as the 2023-2024 chairman of the National Governors Association. Gov. Cox has a long track record of public service, serving as a city council member, mayor, county commissioner and state legislator before being appointed as Utah's lieutenant governor in 2013. He was sworn in as governor on Jan. 4, 2021. During his first term in office, Gov. Cox has cut $1.1 billion in taxes, implemented landmark changes in water law, water conservation and infrastructure planning, locked in record funding for education and teachers, enacted universal school choice, and secured funds for affordable housing. A long-time advocate for suicide prevention and mental health resources, he's become a national voice on protecting youth from the harms of social media.



KELVYN CULLIMORE
PRESIDENT & CEO,
BIOUTAH

Kelvyn H. Cullimore Jr. was named President and CEO of BioUtah, the state trade association for life science companies in Utah, in October 2018. Mr. Cullimore is a member of the board of the World Trade Center Utah and on the advisory board of the Center for Medical Innovation at the University of Utah. He also serves on the advisory boards for Utah Valley University College of Science and the College of Science, Engineering and Technology at Utah Tech University. From 1992 to 2018 Mr. Cullimore was the President and CEO of Dynatronics Corporation, a leading manufacturer of physical therapy devices and products with an international reach. Dynatronics is a publicly traded company originally founded by Mr. Cullimore and his father in 1979. In addition to his professional career, Mr. Cullimore was elected the first Mayor of Cottonwood Heights, UT in November 2004 and served in that capacity until January 2018. He graduated cum laude from BYU in 1980 with a degree in Financial and Estate Planning.

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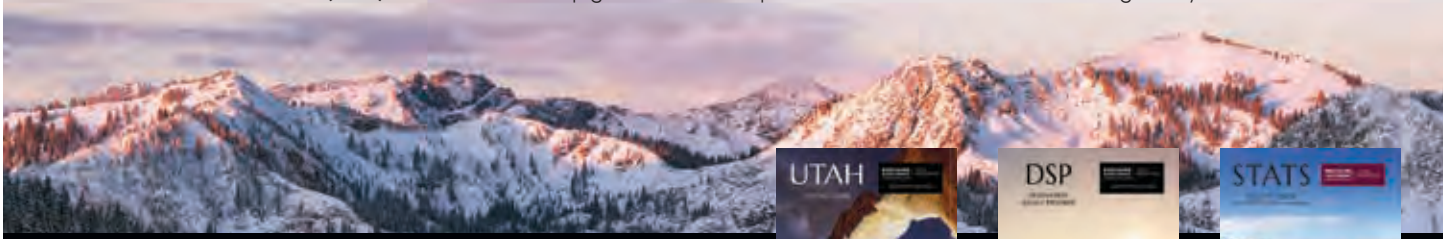

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MICHAEL DAILY, MBA
DIRECTOR OF GLOBAL MARKETING, LABORIE MEDICAL TECHNOLOGIES CORP.

With 15 years of marketing experience in the healthcare sector, Michael Daily has established himself as a prominent leader in the medical device industry. Over the past 11 years, he has honed his expertise through pivotal roles at Merit Medical and Laborie Medical Technologies. In 2019, Michael transitioned from the interventional cardiology space to focus on women's health, joining Laborie to lead marketing initiatives in this vital area. His current role as director of global Marketing for the Laborie OB division encompasses a broad range of responsibilities, including the strategic promotion of products that support the continuum of care during antenatal, intrapartum, postpartum, neonatal, and gynecological surgical procedures. Michael's deep understanding of healthcare marketing, coupled with his commitment to improving patient outcomes, positions him as an influential advocate for innovative medical solutions that empower healthcare professionals and enhance patient care.



ANGELA DOTSON
CEO, EMPRESS MEDICAL

Angela is the president and founder of BlakeBrooke Ventures, LLC and CEO of Empress Medical. Empress is a US-based start-up company revolutionizing the treatment of uterine fibroids and fertility preservation. Additionally, she serves as the VP of business development for PorTal and AMG, companies dedicated to improving women's health through novel innovation. She holds board seats and advisory positions for multiple med-tech start-up companies. She has helped deliver successful exits while in various roles with companies such as AGA Medical, Vascular Insights and Venclose. Angela is considered a trailblazer and advocate for women's health. She was honored to receive the 2023 "Outstanding Leadership Award" from Health 2.0 for her impact in the healthcare field.



ASHLEY DALRYMPLE, PHD
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Ashley is an assistant professor with the Departments of Biomedical Engineering and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Utah. She is from Canada and received her training in Alberta, Australia, and Pittsburgh.





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Jordan has 15 years of experience navigating regulatory pathways and identifying optimal regulatory strategies for pharmaceutical and medical device companies. As director of regulatory affairs for Regulatory Compliance Associates (RCA), he is responsible for providing clients with general direction, tactical objectives, and functional plans for their regulatory needs. Jordan is a meticulous regulatory professional with a comprehensive background in medical device regulations and a demonstrated history of successful product submissions, including FDA 510(k), EU Class IIa and IIb, Health Canada III, COFEPRIS Class III, and CFDA Class III submissions. His certifications include RCA-US, Six Sigma Black Belt, and Certified Lead Auditor per ISO 13485:2016.



ATIM ENYENIHI, PHD
STRATEGIC INDUSTRY ADVISOR: TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION, SALT LAKE CITY DEPT. OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Atim Enyenihi leads the Tech Lake City initiative aiming to establish Salt Lake City as a premier hub for technology and innovation. Her career spans nearly two decades across biotechnology, in-vitro diagnostics, and pharmaceuticals. Having held roles such as Principal Scientist at Amgen and Senior Scientist at Recursion, Dr. Enyenihi has contributed to the identification and development of both small and large molecule therapeutics. She has developed diagnostic assays and onboarded a newborn screening test for Utah. She earned her PhD in chemistry from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Karolinska Institute in Sweden.



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ANGIE FOX, CGC
VP OF CLINICAL OPERATIONS,
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Angie Fox has over 25 years of experience in clinical research in academia and industry, including over 12 years in the medical diagnostics industry. Angie joined Sera in November 2011 as the director of clinical operations and served as associate vice president of clinical operations from 2017 to 2022. Angie has been responsible for developing and overseeing the clinical operations team and clinical quality management for several large and small multicenter-sponsored studies, as well as overseeing investigator-initiated projects with Sera. Before joining Sera, Angie was an associate director in clinical development and medical affairs at Pfizer in rare disease, and a genetic counselor and research coordinator in biochemical genetics and inherited metabolic disease focusing on lysosomal storage disorders at the University of Washington.



ROB FRANKLIN, PHD
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT,
BRAIN COMPUTER INTERFACES,
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Rob earned his PhD from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where he developed electrodes for in-vivo neurotransmitter sensing. Following his PhD studies, Rob began his work at Blackrock Neurotech where he has directed a team of engineers in the design and development of implantable, wireless neural interface electronics and novel silicon electrodes for recording and stimulation in the brain. His deep technical understanding and solution-oriented engineering approach have put him at the core of Blackrock's clinical translation activities.



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Sam is a partner in the Salt Lake City office of Mayer Brown and a member of the Emerging Companies & Venture Capital, Mergers & Acquisitions, and Capital Markets practices, as well as a member of the Life Sciences and Technology industry groups. For over 24 years, Sam has been a trusted advisor to his clients in a full range of transactional matters. His M&A experience includes counseling buyers or sellers in financial or strategic transactions involving private or public companies in a wide variety of industries. Sam also advises companies and investors in early-stage, venture capital and other private equity financings, debt financings, registered public equity financings, PIPEs, recapitalizations, restructurings, and strategic partnering transactions.



MARKUS GEE, MS
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Markus adds his 30 years of in-depth medical device product realization, quality systems development and deployment, worldwide regulatory expertise skills and experiences to the Axeon team. Markus assists many growing companies attain and retain their QMS certification and compliance goals. This includes 21 CFR 820, ISO 13485:2016, ISO 9001:2015, MDSAP country specific requirements, and MDR 2017/745 compliance & CE Marking certifications.





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Patrick Gilligan serves as the senior executive vice president for Lincoln Property Company's Pacific Northwest and Mountain West regions and is responsible for all business operations throughout Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Utah. This includes the implementation of all service lines and oversight for all acquisition, development, and redevelopment activities. He has 20 years of experience in real estate investment and development and has been a part of Lincoln since 2006, completing over $5 billion in transactions. Since entering the Pacific Northwest and Mountain West markets in 2014, he has grown Lincoln's portfolio to over 10 million sq. ft. of office, industrial, retail, life sciences, and multi-family assets under management, including such notable life sciences and tech HQ projects as 222 Fifth Avenue, Cascadian, and Terminal 1 in Washington State. Prior to running the Pacific Northwest and Mountain West regions, Patrick served as a vice president in Lincoln's San Francisco office for nearly a decade.



SPENCER GLENDE
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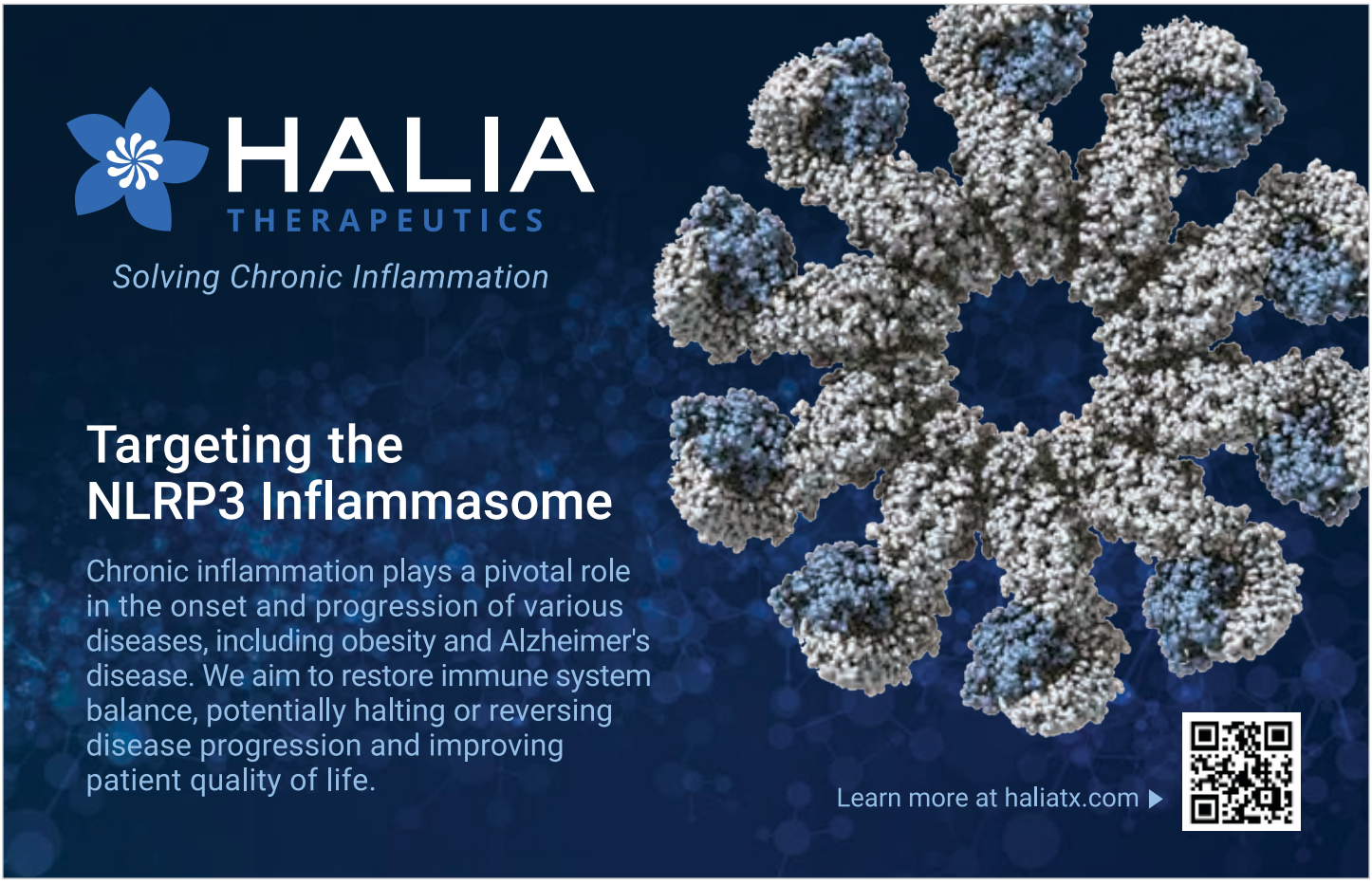



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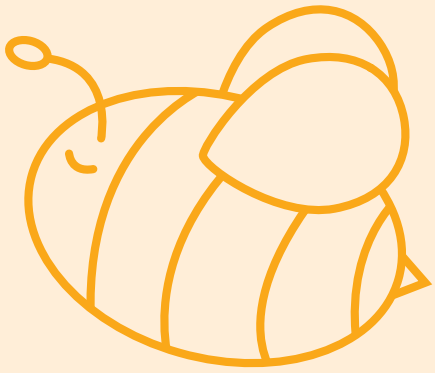

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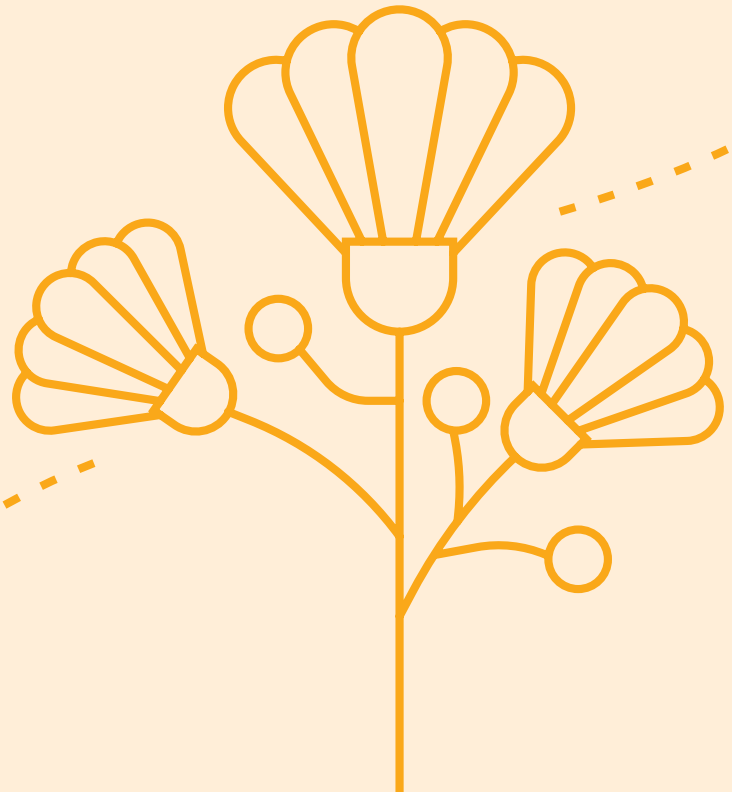



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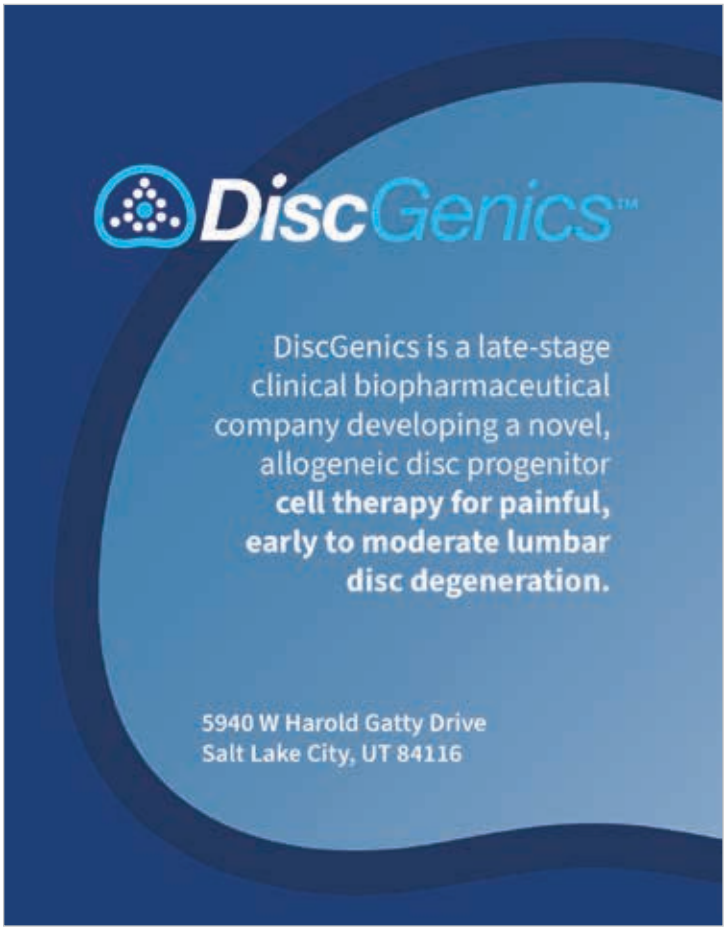

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The Nomi Health Difference



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How do we do it?

- We eliminate waste whenever and wherever possible.
- Through our analytics, we equip decision-makers with the insights they need to drive better outcomes.
- We deploy tailored health solutions that address the needs and opportunities surfaced in our analytics.

Why do we do it?

- Healthcare is overly complex and littered with waste, driving up the cost of care, and leaving most unable to afford the care they need.
- We believe employers, their members, and providers of care should not have to bear the cost of this waste.

So we're removing it!

Who do we serve?

- We partner with self-funded employers, like-minded brokers, and local providers who are ready to push back against the status quo.
- Our partners believe that healthcare can and should be affordable for all.

Our Solutions

Analytics
Our market- leading benefits analytics platform offers actionable insights to manage and measure benefits strategies.

Direct Network
We secure direct provider contracts with below-market rates that reduce employer costs by up to 30%.

Pharmacy Management
Employers can save up to 25% on annual pharmacy management spending through our in- house Rx benefit administration.

Financial Services
Our claims and billing platform streamlines how health services are paid for and reduces administrative costs.

By the Numbers

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Lives Impacted

300+ Million
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3,000+
Customers Nationwide

$100 Billion
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Alison is a seasoned biotech professional with over 25 years of experience in the life sciences, leading teams in both academic and industry organizations. As VP of Pharmaceuticals at Seek Labs, Alison is leveraging her expertise in immunology and phenotypic R&D to deliver innovative, personalized therapies to combat infectious diseases and cancer. A fierce advocate for diversity in STEM, Alison is active in BioHive's Women in Tech and Science (WITS) chapter and is a member of the Talent Ready Utah Board. She also serves as VP of the Inflammation Research Association and on the Scientific Advisory Committee for Breakthrough Cancer Research.





MARK PAUL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH CENTER FOR MEDICAL INNOVATION

Mark Paul is the executive director of the Center for Medical Innovation and advisor for life sciences incubators for the Technology License Office at University of Utah Health. He also currently serves on the executive committee of the Utah Innovation Fund, BioUtah executive committee and other advisory boards. Prior to this role, Mark served 16 years as the global president of the neurovascular division at Stryker. Stryker Neurovascular is a pioneer and world market leader in the development of technologies for the treatment of hemorrhagic and ischemic stroke. During his tenure, the NV division delivered exceptional global growth as the fastest growing division over 12 years, achieving $1.3 billion in annual revenue. Mark had full P&L responsibilities for all operational functions and commercial teams in 65+ countries. Mark is a 32-year veteran of the medical device industry.



MICHAEL PAUL, PHD
PRESIDENT & CEO, MARABIO

Dr. Michael Paul is currently CEO of MARAbio. Prior to MARAbio, Michael co-founded Lineagen, Inc. and served as its president, CEO, and director since its inception in 2006 through to its strategic acquisition in 2020. During 14 years with Lineagen, Michael built the company from two people to over 125, grew annual revenue from $0 to over $20 million on a top-line run rate basis, and raised over $60 million in venture capital and venture debt financings. Michael has been recognized as one of Utah's leading venture entrepreneurs, appointed to the Steering Committee for the Utah Technology Industry Commission by then-Governor Michael O. Leavitt, was vice chairman for the Utah Technology Council, and was a finalist for E&Y's 2018 "Entrepreneur of the Year" in Healthcare. MountainWest Capital Network honored Lineagen as one of the "Utah 100 Winners," which recognized the state's fastest growing companies, ranking Lineagen at #35.





TOMASZ PETELENZ, PHD
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR (LECTURER), UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Dr. Tomasz Petelenz earned his MS in Solid State Physics/ Microelectronics from the Silesian University of Technology and a PhD in Biomedical Engineering from the University of Utah. His biomedical engineering interests focused on medical/drug delivery devices, bioinstrumentation, prosthetics, and regulatory affairs. Tomasz held senior management roles in the biomedical industry and co-founded an iontophoretic drug delivery company, Iomed, Inc. He has over 40 papers and is an inventor on 31 patents. As an associate professor (lecturer) in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at the University of Utah, he teaches medical device design courses and has developed Certificates in Regulatory Affairs.



RAYMOND PETERSON, PHD
CEO, DNA ANALYTICS

Raymond brings 20 years of biotechnology experience, at the forefront of genetic research and technologies, to develop algorithms and genetic assays that benefit human health. An innovative professional, he provides initiative and strategic direction to early-stage ventures with his unique experience in finance, business development, operations and analysis leading to market innovation, discovery, and increased capitalization.



WARREN PETTINE, MD
CEO & CO-FOUNDER, MTN
& ASSISTANT PROFESSOR,
UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Dr. Warren Pettine is an assistant professor at the University of Utah and the co-founder and CEO of MTN, a pioneering medical AI company. At MTN, he's leading the charge in developing cutting-edge AI to expand healthcare access and empower providers. Dr. Pettine's work is the trifecta of healthcare innovation: enhancing provider capabilities, expanding access, and revolutionizing patient care.



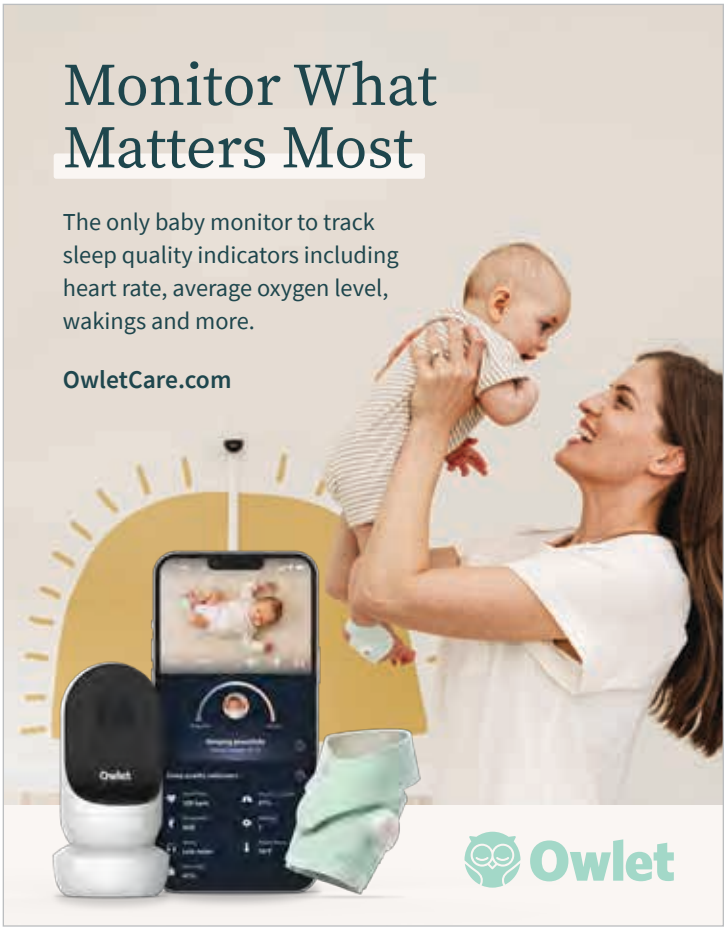
CHRIS PHILLIPS
VP, REGULATORY AFFAIRS
& QUALITY, EPITEL

Chris Phillips is an experienced leader in medical device regulatory affairs, clinical affairs and quality assurance. Chris has helped bring innovative medical devices to market in the USA, Europe, Canada, Australia, Brazil, and other global markets. He has also built and maintained ISO 13485- and 21 CFR 820-compliant quality management systems. Chris has played key roles in designing, developing, and launching novel software-based medical devices, digital health software, implantable medical devices and disposable medical devices. Chris completed a Master of Science degree in Health Sciences from George Washington University focused on regulatory affairs.



LIZ POWELL, ESQ., MPH
FOUNDER & PRESIDENT,
G2G CONSULTING

G2G Consulting creates and implements policy, funding and advocacy strategies for clients—securing $513 million in funding since 2007. Liz served as legislative director in Congress where she staffed the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues, Armed Services Committee and Small Business Committee. She also worked as a policy analyst for UK Parliament's Health Committee and worked on congressional and presidential campaigns. She co-founded the Women's Digital Health Network and the Women's Health PAC and serves on the NIH Office of Research on Women's Health-Gates Foundation Innovation Equity Forum Steering Committee. She earned her MPH from Harvard, her JD from George Washington University, and BA from Colgate.





TAYLOR RANDALL
PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

Taylor Randall is the 17th president of the University of Utah, the state's flagship institution of higher education. He joined the U in 1998 as a professor of accounting and led the nationally ranked David Eccles School of Business for 12 years prior to his appointment as the president in 2021. The first alum in 50 years to hold this position, President Randall has infectious energy and passion for his alma mater. He has set a bold goal for the University of Utah to become a top-10 public university with unsurpassed societal impact. He believes the U can revolutionize the student experience, change lives through research, and impact all 3.4 million Utahns.



BRITT SHIRLEY
NEONATAL PRODUCT MANAGER, UTAH MEDICAL PRODUCTS, INC.

Britt Shirley is a neonatal clinical specialist with over 20 years of experience managing a neonatal product line, studying the use of devices and their technology and applications, and discussing all aspects of their use in the field with various relevant medical personnel. She has extensive knowledge in the diagnosis and management of neonatal conditions, knowledge of medical alternatives and treatment standards. Ms. Shirley has a BS in biomedical engineering from the University of Utah with an emphasis in clinical tissue engineering as well as an MBA from Stanford Graduate School of Business and Brigham Young University.



THOR ROLLINS, RM (NRCM)
VP, GLOBAL SEGMENT LEADER - MEDICAL DEVICE, NELSON LABS

Thor Rollins is a certified microbiologist and specializes in the selection and conduct of in-vitro and in-vivo biocompatibility tests. He actively speaks on biocompatibility-related topics through Nelson Labs' external seminars, webinars, and tradeshows. He presented on biocompatibility at the American College of Toxicology annual meeting in 2013 and has published many articles on biocompatibility topics. He is a participating member on all Association for Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI) TC 194 and 10993 ISO committees and plays an active role along with the FDA and regulatory committees developing standards, discussing biocompatibility methods, and voting on changes to those standards. As one of a select group of experts in the industry, Thor's participation on the committees offers him insight on industry changes.



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JEFF SHUREN, MD, JD

CENTER DIRECTOR EMERITUS, CENTER FOR DEVICES AND RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH, FDA

Jeff Shuren recently announced his retirement and stepped down as the director of the Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. The center is responsible for assuring the safety, effectiveness, and quality of medical devices; assuring the safety of radiation-emitting products (such as cell phones and microwave ovens); and fostering device innovation. "Our center experts and programs help get safe and effective technologies to patients and healthcare professionals on a daily basis and continue to assure devices are safe and effective once on the market," says Dr. Shuren. "Rapid technological advances enable us to approve innovations that make a difference in people's lives. I could not be more proud of my fellow colleagues at CDRH, the family we have built, and what we have accomplished together on behalf of the American public."





JESSICA SMITH, PHD

CORPORATE VICE PRESIDENT, GLOBAL QUALITY & CHIEF REGULATORY OFFICER, INTEGRA LIFESCIENCES

Jessica is the corporate vice president, global quality and chief regulatory officer at Integra LifeSciences (Princeton, NJ), a ~$1.5 billion revenue multinational company and global provider of neurosurgical solutions, regenerative technologies, and surgical instrumentation. Prior to joining Integra, Jessica led regulatory organizations for Hillrom, Becton Dickinson and CR Bard. Jessica also serves on the University of Utah Board of Governors, Engineering Alumni Association Board, and Engineering National Advisory Council, and has been an invited speaker at various MedTech forums. Jessica holds a BSc in Civil Engineering, and a Masters of Engineering and PhD in Bioengineering, all from the University of Utah.



JOSHUA TAMAYO-SARVER, MD, PHD

VICE PRESIDENT OF INNOVATION, INFLECT HEALTH & VITUITY

Dr. Joshua Tamayo-Sarver, MD, PhD, FACEP, FAMIA, is vice president of innovation at Inflect Health and Vituity. He develops and deploys healthcare technology solutions, blending expertise as a clinician, engineer, statistician, and healthcare executive. His work includes the first AI sepsis tool with FDA breakthrough designation. Dr. Tamayo-Sarver oversees Inflect's venture studio and advisory services for AI-driven healthcare solutions. A practicing emergency physician, he holds five U.S. patents and has contributed to over 20 peer-reviewed publications. His research focuses on healthcare decision-making and race/ethnicity. Dr. Tamayo-Sarver is board certified in Emergency Medicine and Clinical Informatics.



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MICHELLE TARVER, MD, PHD
DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR DEVICES & RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH, FDA

Dr. Michelle Tarver is a visionary public health executive, board-certified in ophthalmology with a doctorate in epidemiology, who serves as the director of the Center for Devices and Radiological Health. She has spent more than 15 years as a medical device regulator, driving strategic initiatives, conducting clinical research, and changing organizational culture. Dr. Tarver has held various leadership positions while at FDA, including the deputy director of the Office of Strategic Partnerships and Technology Innovation and the program director of patient science and engagement. Over the course of her career, she has conducted laboratory-based and epidemiological studies, clinical trials, and surveys to capture patient preferences, as well as developed registries and patient-reported outcome measures. Dr. Tarver has extensive policy experience in crafting regulations, guidances, and conducting premarket and postmarket reviews. She most recently served as the deputy center director for transformation, steering the development, implementation, and direction of CDRH's transformative projects and strategic initiatives.



WM. DEAN WALLACE
PRESIDENT/CEO, LIGER MEDICAL INC

Dr. Wallace has been a serial entrepreneur. He began his work as VP of R&D, medical director and then president & CEO of Utah Medical. Utah Medical went public under his leadership. He then founded Clinical Innovations, another women and fetal health company. Clinical Innovations was acquired by Laborie Medical Products. Dr. Wallace's latest venture is Liger Medical, a company focused on providing cutting edge solutions for cervical cancer. Dr. Wallace completed his MD, PhD program and pathology residency at the University of Utah school of medicine.



CURTIS WICHERN
MEDICAL DEVICE CONSULTANT, LUOVA SOLUTIONS, LLC

Curtis has worked as a software developer since the mid-90s and in medical devices since 2007. He worked for large medical device companies and was the co-founder for a successful medical device startup here in Utah. Since 2019, he has worked as an independent consultant helping companies define and streamline their quality management systems, create design control documentation, and define and implement their software and cybersecurity life-cycle processes to be compliant with international standards and FDA guidance.



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KIRSTIN WIDDING
SENIOR VP OF COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR HIP & KNEE, RESTOR3D

Kirstin is a seasoned medical technology leader and marketing executive with over 25 years of experience in orthopedics. She has dedicated her career to developing and launching medical device solutions to enhance the lives of surgeons and patients. Her technical foundation in biomedical engineering, combined with a deep understanding of customer needs, has enabled her to lead cross-functional teams in product portfolio management, upstream and downstream marketing, and business development. Her experience spans from high-level strategy to tactical execution. She has worked with companies such as Smith and Nephew, Enovis and Exactech in hip, shoulder, and knee arthroplasty, as well as enabling technologies. Currently, as senior vice president of Commercial Development for Hip and Knee at restor3d, she is responsible for ensuring business unit health and growth through product pipeline prioritization, business/technology acquisitions and customer conversions.





SCOTT YOUNG
PARTNER, MAYER BROWN

Scott leads Mayer Brown's Salt Lake City corporate practice and has over 25 years of experience representing clients in a variety of commercial and technology-related transactions, other corporate matters including technology and patent licensing, product distribution, purchase and supply agreements, collaboration agreements, healthcare compliance, and other technology and commercial transactions. Scott works with clients in a variety of industries, including medical device, life sciences, health tech, SaaS, and other technology-based industries.



JENNIFER ZEPRALKA
PARTNER, MAYER BROWN

Jennifer offers clients years of experience advising public companies on their obligations under the federal securities laws and on related corporate governance requirements. She also works with growth companies as they seek to raise capital under the federal securities laws and become public companies. Jennifer is the former Chief of the Office of Small Business Policy in the US Securities and Exchange Commission's Division of Corporation Finance and has also held other roles within the division over her years with the Commission.

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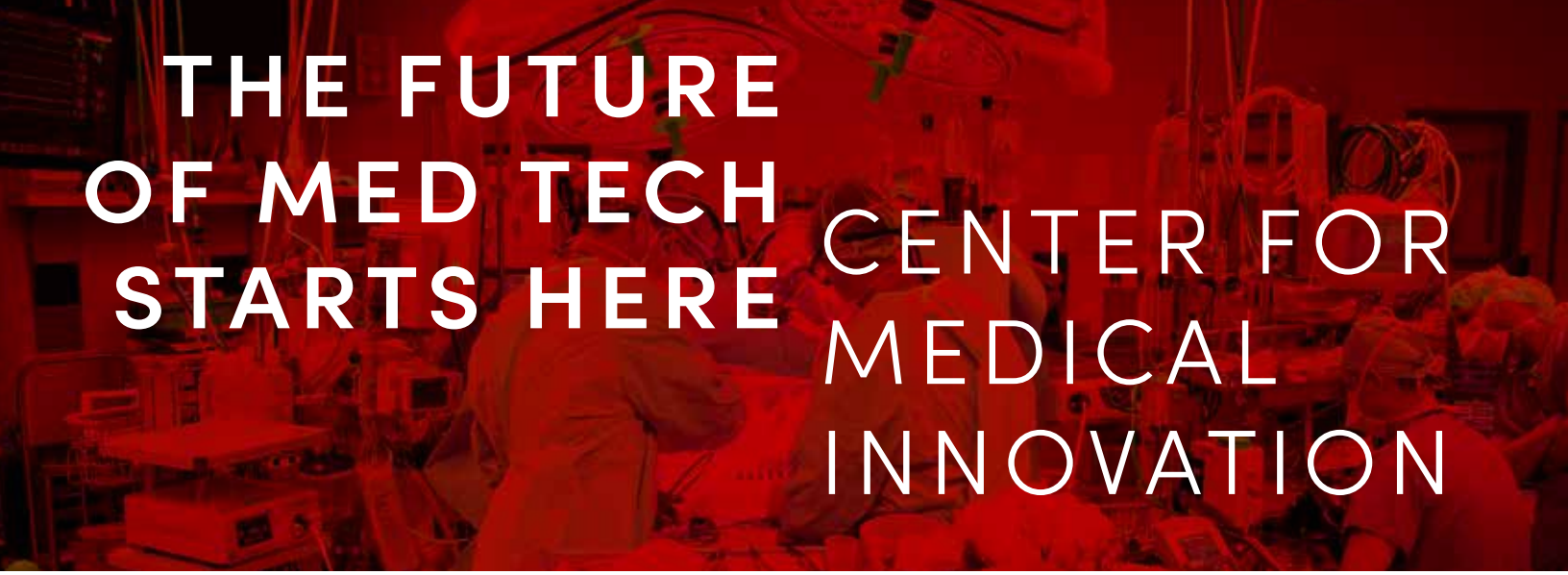

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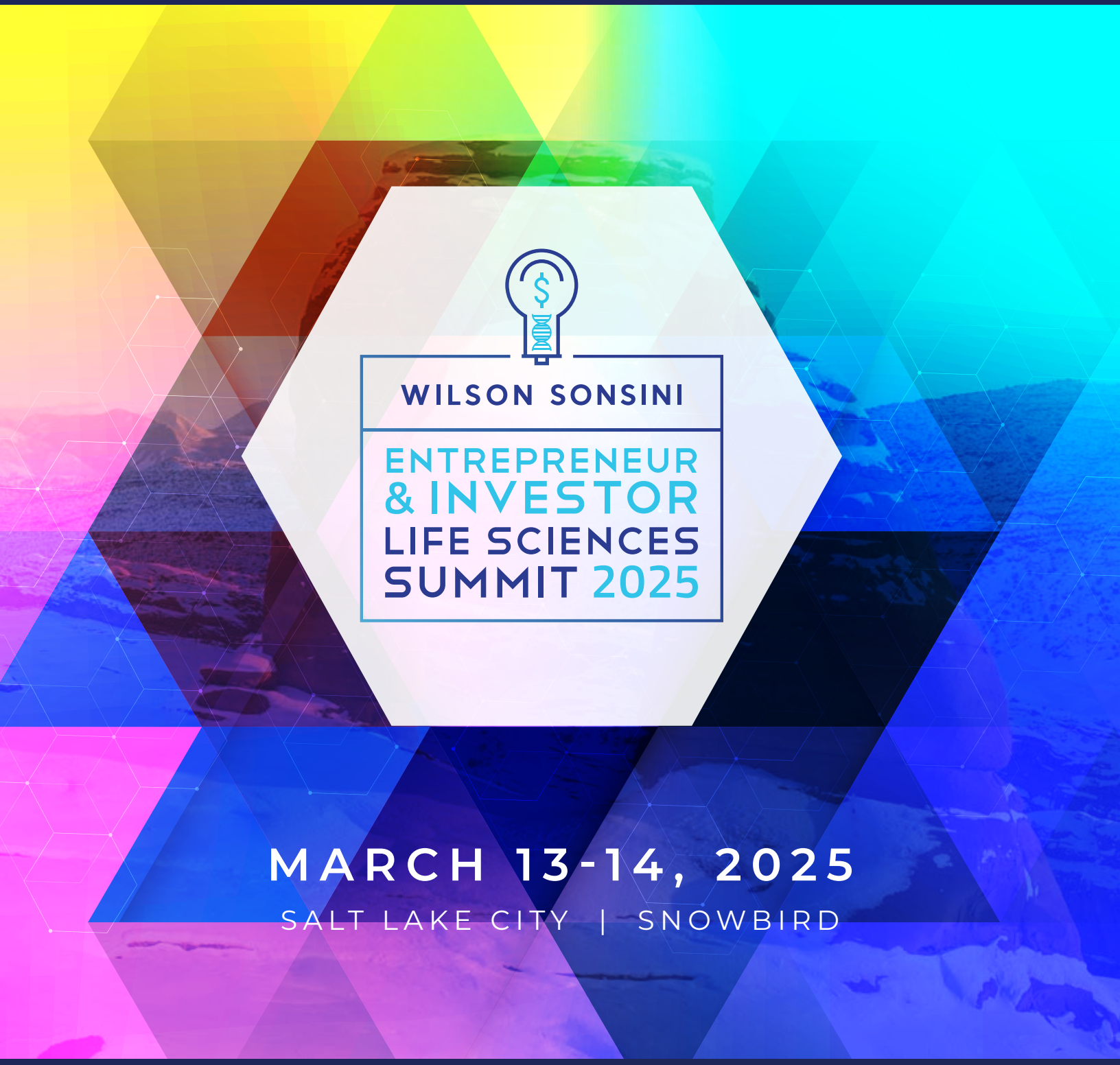

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