

## BioNTX Celebrating Rare Disease Day



This year, Rare Disease Day will be celebrated on February 28, 2022. The purpose of Rare Disease Day is to bring awareness and recognize the over 7,000 rare diseases that currently exist and their devastating impact on society.

### What is BioNTX doing for Rare Disease Day?

On February 25, we are holding a roundtable discussion at Pegasus Park to raise awareness and explore new models that tackle the challenges of accelerating discovery, funding, the regulatory path, the manufacture of drugs and patient advocacy for rare diseases.

[Learn more here](#)

## UT Southwestern Medical Center receives NORD designation for Rare Disease Center of Excellence

**UT Southwestern**  
Medical Center

UT Southwestern Medical Center has been selected as a Rare Disease Center of Excellence – charter members of an elite network of 31 centers nationally to expand access, and advance care and research for rare disease patients in the United States.

[Learn more here](#)

## Bioengineer's Cancer Research Hits Close to Home with Son's Rare Diagnosis

J.D. was only 3 months old when the lump appeared on his abdomen last year. An ultrasound showed seven lesions on the baby's liver. However, more tests revealed that J.D. has neuroblastoma, a cancer that starts in immature nerve cells. The disease



affects 700 to 800 children each year, according to the American Cancer Society. Although neuroblastoma is rare, Sirsi already was familiar with the disease.

[Learn more here](#)

*Dr. Shashank Sirsi (left), with his wife, Dr. Priya Joshi, and their son, J.D.*

## Taysha Gene Therapies Announces Positive Safety Data from UT Southwestern Sponsored Clinical Trial for the Treatment of CLN7 Batten Disease



[Learn more here](#)

Taysha Gene Therapies, Inc. announced the presentation of clinical safety data supporting the first-generation construct at the highest dose of  $1.0 \times 10^{15}$  total vg for the treatment of CLN7 Batten disease at the 18th Annual WORLD Symposium, held on February 7 to February 11, 2022, in San Diego, CA by investigators from UT Southwestern.

## TechFW Impact Showcase & Awards



Registration is open for the TechFW Impact Showcase & Awards! Meet up-and-coming tech startups in North Texas and celebrate startups who have made a big impact.

**When:** March 3rd, 2022

**Time:** 5 PM - 8 PM

**Location:** Globe Life Field

734 Stadium Dr, Arlington, TX 76011

**What:** Connect with 30+ tech startups

[Learn more here](#)

## Join us on March 8th to Celebrate International Women's Day!

In Collaboration With  
**WOMEN IN HEALTHCARE & WOMEN IN BIO**



A CELEBRATION OF  
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY  
**WOMEN DRIVING  
INNOVATION**



**Dr. Sylvia Trent-Adams**  
Executive VP, Chief Strategy Officer  
University of North Texas  
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**Elaine Murphy**  
Sr VP, Strategic Innovation  
McKesson



**Shalini Prasad, Ph.D.**  
Department Head BioEngineering  
University of Texas at Dallas



**Carly Kiernan**  
Life Sciences Advisor  
Jones Lang LaSalle

Celebrating an ecosystem that supports continued growth of  
Healthcare Innovation and Life Sciences in North Texas.  
**Join us for an enlightening panel discussion and reception.**

Tuesday, March 8th  
5:00-7:00pm  
Hosted at Pegasus Park

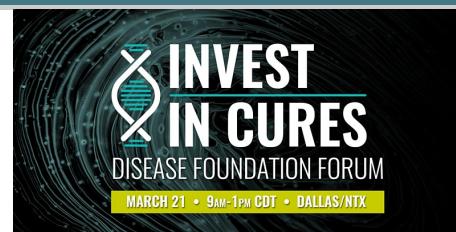
Reserve your tickets now  
[CLICK HERE](#)

## More Upcoming Events & Opportunities in North Texas



**March 3, 2022**  
**5:00pm - 8:00pm**

*At TechFW, we get the pleasure of working with tech startups year-round...and we think their work is too good to keep to ourselves. We invite you to take*



**March 21, 2022**  
**9:00am - 1:00pm**

*Invest in Cures explores how disease foundations and social venture funds are accelerating the commercialization of early-stage technologies and therapies for patients. Invest in Cures combines main stage sessions and panel discussions with*

*a deep dive into all the up-and-coming  
tech in North Texas.*

[Learn more here](#)

*intimate gatherings and networking.*

[Learn more here](#)



**BioLabs Grand Opening**  
*BioLabs*

**March 22, 2022**  
**5:30pm - 6:30pm**

[Learn more here](#)



**Impact of 1**  
*Bracane Company*

*The IMPACT of 1 is our celebration for  
social organizations that support causes  
that we care about which are safe  
housing, clean water, education and  
healthcare.*

**April 2, 2022**  
**6:00pm - 10:00pm**

[Learn more here](#)



**Hope Starts Here 5K**  
*Southwest Transplant Alliance*

*The Annual Hope Starts Here 5K is an  
uplifting family-friendly event to honor  
families impacted by organ, eye and tissue  
donation.*

**May 7, 2022**  
**8:00am - 10:00am**

[Learn more here](#)



*The 2022 New Year presents chances  
for new opportunities and partnerships.*

**[Let us know about your event!](#)**

**[View the North Texas community  
calendar of events](#)**

## Join the BioNTX Talent Network

BioNTX Talent Network invites all job seekers to network virtually and learn of career opportunities in the North Texas bioscience and healthcare industries.

BioNTX Member companies may post jobs.

By posting open positions you will:

- Find qualified candidates for the bioscience and healthcare industry
- Save time and money on the recruitment process





- Gain more visibility
- Create a more engaging and personal experience for the candidate

Please join us in building a Talent Network for the NTX bioscience and healthcare industries!

**BioNTX**  
Talent Network

Join now

## Join BioNTX!

Join us in advancing the emerging life science industry in North Texas. Members connect, collaborate, and enjoy cost savings through the BIO Business Solutions Program.



*Questions about becoming a Member? e-mail [Kotto@BioNTX.org](mailto:Kotto@BioNTX.org)*

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