



Osteal Therapeutics Oversubscribes Latest Fundraising Round: Closes \$23M



With a Series C fundraising round led by Asteroid Partners, Gideon Strategic Partners, Johnson and Johnson Development, HM Capital, Prism Ventures and Medvest Capital; Dallas-based Osteal Therapeutics is well-funded to see out trials for their current pipeline. Osteal is a biopharmaceutical company developing novel musculoskeletal therapeutics to treat orthopedic infections and their consequences.

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ReCode Therapeutics Announces Closing of Series B Fundraising



ReCode Therapeutics, a clinical-stage genetic medicines company using precision delivery to power the next wave of mRNA and gene correction therapeutics, announced the closing of an extension to its Series B financing, raising an additional \$50 million.

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Good Days Celebrates the Ties That Bind



Good Days, the North Texas based national not-for-profit, that lifts the burdens of chronic illness through assistance, advocacy, and awareness; held their Annual Exchange celebrating 20 years of the organization's work last week. The celebration, themed *Blessed are the Ties That Bind*, featured a daytime program and evening event with world class patient advocates, authors, athletes and celebrities; commemorating 20 years of helping people have more Good Days.

[Learn more about Good Days](#)

Internet Icon Steve Case Celebrates Texas Biotech and Entrepreneurship at Pegasus Park



FIRESIDE CHAT



Nicole Small
CEO, LH Capital / Lyda Hill
Philanthropies



Steve Case
Founder, AOL
Chairman & CEO, Revolution

(from left to right) Nicole Small, Lyda Hill Philanthropies and Steve Case, AOL

Hundreds of investment bankers, entrepreneurs, researchers, and business executives queued at Pegasus Park for an afternoon fire-side chat with internet pioneer-turned venture capital financier, Steve Case. The founder of AOL and VC Fund *Revolution*, spoke on topics such as the innovation flourishing in America, questions of funding start-ups, Texas as a case study in collaborative ethics and industry growth, and North Texas' status as a hub. Attendees and potential investors were also given the opportunity to meet & greet start-up entrepreneurs showcasing their latest devices and platform technologies. When Steve Case says, "the future is bright, in Texas" you believe it.

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Lantern Pharma's 2 Pipeline Drugs Active In Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma and Advanced Solid Tumors Phase 1 Trials

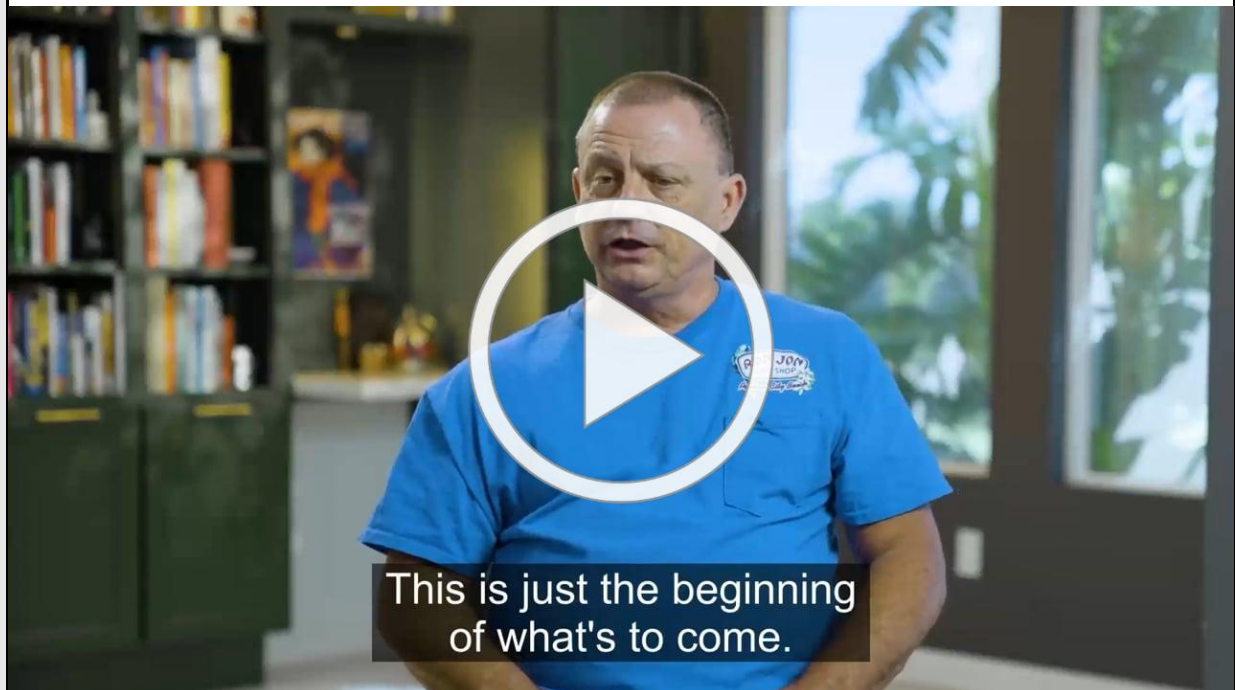


Lantern Pharma Inc., an artificial intelligence (AI) company developing targeted and transformative cancer therapies using its proprietary AI and machine learning (ML) platform, RADR®, with multiple clinical stage drug programs, announced that the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has cleared the investigational new drug (IND) application for LP-284. LP-284 is being developed for the treatment of relapsed or refractory non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (NHL). LP-184 is the first of two molecules in Lantern's synthetic-lethal franchise that has been shown to have anti-cancer activity in tumors with DNA damage repair deficiency. Lantern Pharma Inc., is transforming the cost, pace, and timeline of oncology drug discovery and development.

[Learn more about LP-184](#)

[Learn more about LP-284](#)

Nanoscope Publishes Transformative Results in RESTORE Clinical Trial



Hear from Richard, a patient in Nanoscope's RESTORE trial for Retinitis Pigmentosa, as he shares his experience with MCO-010 and the difference it has made in his life.

[Learn more about Nanoscope Therapeutics](#)

Colossal Joins Mission to Save Northern White Rhino from Extinction

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Northern White Rhino

Colossal Biosciences, the world's first de-extinction company, and BioRescue, a consortium initiating and leading the scientific rescue mission of the northern white rhino employing advanced assisted reproduction technologies and stem cell associated techniques, have teamed up to save the northern white rhino from extinction.

The partnership will also develop a roadmap for future rescue missions of endangered species using the world leading expertise of both organizations. Together they will work to improve, develop, and implement strategies in the fields of wildlife conservation research and wildlife veterinary medicine, providing approaches to reduce the sixth mass extinction.

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Mark Cuban Cost Plus and Select Health to Lower Drug Costs



Leading the charge to revolutionize the prescription drug industry, Select Health announced that it is one of the first health plans in the United States to provide member access to Mark Cuban Cost Plus Drug Company, PBC (Cost Plus Drugs). This landmark collaboration grants Select Health members direct access to Cuban's groundbreaking prescription drug service.

Learn more about Mark Cuban Cost Plus' collaboration

NORTH TEXAS NEWS

Health Wildcatters Unveils Latest Cohort of Healthcare Startups



Health Wildcatters has launched the latest cohort of healthcare startups, bringing its total number of portfolio companies to 109 in the 11th year for the accelerator.

"I am proud to see such a diverse group of startups choose to partner with us here at Health Wildcatters," said Hubert Zajicek, CEO and co-founder of the accelerator, in the release. "We continue to attract top talent to Texas and I believe that trend is accelerating for health-innovation focused startups."

Learn more about Health Wildcatters' Fall 2023 cohorts

Fort Worth Techstars Presenting at the iC³ Life Science Summit



techstars Physical Health Fort Worth



The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth first staked its claim as a worldwide leader in physical health innovation in 2022 by introducing the world's first physical health-focused startup accelerator. Now the Techstars Physical Health Fort Worth Accelerator has gathered 10 more of the world's most innovative startups to revolutionize the physical health industry through new technology. These startups will be in Texas for a 13-week program.

"We see these companies as being major potential disruptors in the world of physical health. They are working to solve tough problems and to bring new solutions to market that will help patients feel better and improve their quality of life," said Cameron Cushman, HSC's assistant vice president of innovation ecosystems.

[Learn more about Techstars' Fall 2023 cohorts](#)

TTU Searches for New Antibiotic Drug Discoveries



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Associate professor in Texas Tech University's Department of Biological Sciences, Catherine Wakeman, PhD, is studying unique combinations of antibiotics against various drug-resistant microorganisms.

"There is a big push for new antibiotic drug discovery with the emergence of antibiotic resistance and a possible next pandemic," she said "That is a great avenue and very important, but once you discover a new drug, it takes a long time to put it through clinical trials before it can be used. We want to restore the effectiveness of currently available antibiotics."

Catherine Wakeman, PhD

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TWU Breaks Ground on Health Facility



Texas Woman's University broke ground on a \$107 million, state-of-the-art health sciences center that will expand programming and training for students seeking health-related careers, increase the number of professionals in high-demand health fields and extend critical health services to rural, underserved areas of North Texas.

The center will serve as a hub for community and rural health efforts, which will significantly increase health care education, research and service. The center also will spur collaborative programming among the university's five colleges, with a specific goal to graduate 30% more nursing and health care professionals and support the state's plan to produce more health professionals.

[Learn more about TWU's new health facility](#)

UTA Professor Aims to Increase University Faculty and Researchers from Diverse Backgrounds



Kayunta Johnson-Winters, PhD

A multi-university team led by Associate Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry Kayunta Johnson-Winters has received funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to increase the number of underrepresented STEM faculty within the University of Texas System by mentoring advanced doctoral students, postdoctoral fellows and junior faculty through the tenure and promotion process.

"As a professor in STEM who understands the challenges of the tenure and promotion process, I hold this research project near and dear to my heart," Johnson-Winters said. "The goal of this project is to contribute to systemic change by increasing diversity

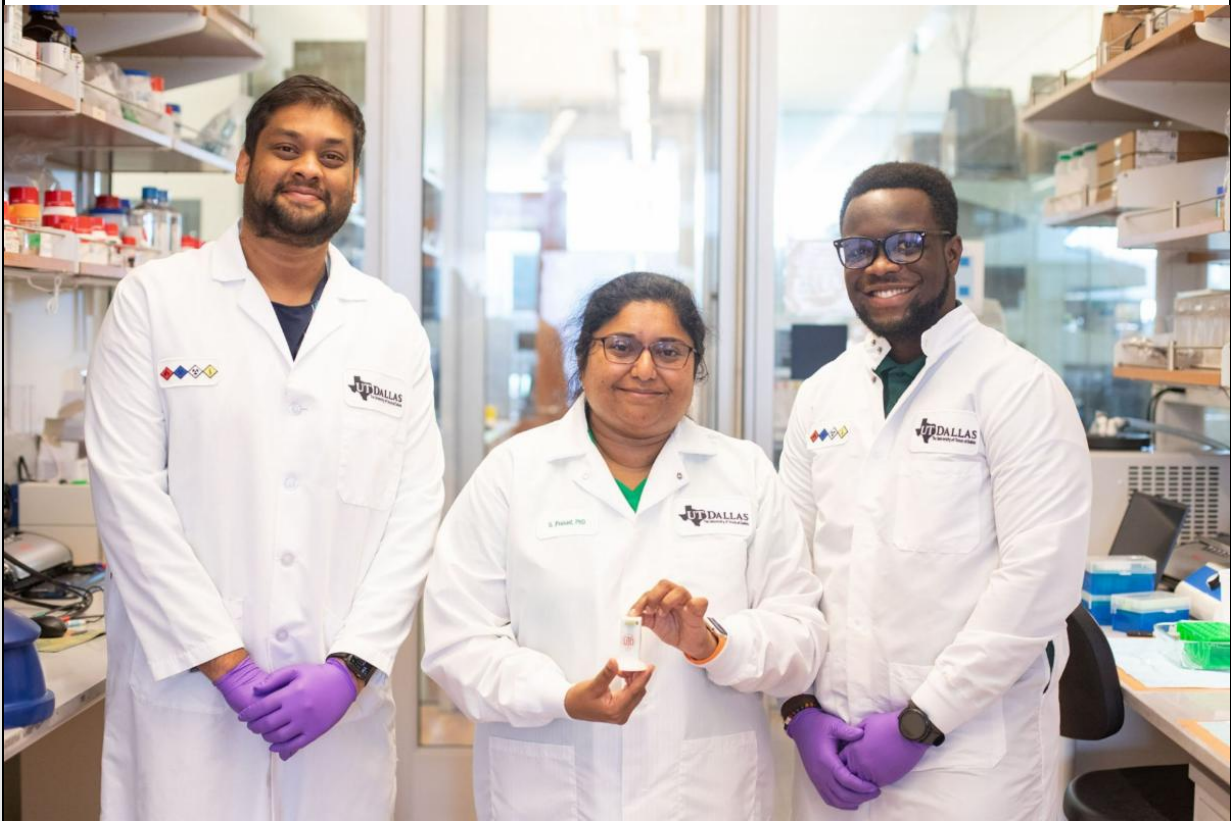
opportunities among the faculty ranks through an adaptable, evidence-based model that provides a strong system with inclusive mentoring and sponsorship of underrepresented researchers interested in joining academia.”

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UTD Researcher Develops Saliva Test that Monitors THC Levels



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(from left to right) Vikram Narayanan Dhamu, PhD, Shalini Prasad, PhD and Nathan Kodjo Mintah Churcher



The University of Texas at Dallas researchers have developed a hand-held rapid saliva test that can measure the level of THC, the major active component in marijuana, with 94% accuracy. The device, called CannibiSenS, also can distinguish between THC and CBD, a component of the cannabis plant that does not cause a psychoactive effect and is sold legally in dietary substances, creams and other products in most states.

“The CannibiSenS device has demonstrated the potential for serving the cannabis community in a manner akin to how glucose monitors help the diabetic community,” said Dr. Shalini Prasad, who has developed similar technology to monitor glucose levels in sweat. “Ultimately the goal is to provide actionable data with a simple mess-free method.”

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UTSW Researchers Identify Driver of Inflammatory Bowel Disease

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Researchers at UT Southwestern Medical Center have discovered an intracellular mechanism that converts protective intestinal cells into disease-driving pathogenic cells, a finding that could lead to improved treatments for patients with inflammatory bowel disease (IBD).

More than 3 million Americans suffer from IBD, with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis the most common forms. Although the disease is similar to irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), the symptoms of patients with IBD are caused by inflammation in the GI tract, diagnosed through a colonoscopy. That inflammation can permanently damage the intestines, create severe complications throughout the body, and put patients at a higher risk of colon cancer.

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Texas Named Best Business Climate



"Texas is No. 1 again, thanks to hardworking Texans and endless possibilities for success across our great state," said Governor Abbott. "Corporate executives and business leaders across the nation continue to choose Texas because they know that the freedom and opportunity our state has to offer cannot be found anywhere else in the world. Companies are coming to Texas in droves because we offer attractive, pro-growth policies where businesses—and people—can thrive. With no state income tax, a reasonable regulatory environment, and a young, skilled, and growing workforce, Texas is at the helm of innovation and economic prosperity. Texas has, indeed, the No. 1 business

climate in the nation."

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FUNDING & MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

HSC Next SBIR Phase 0 Program



The HSC Next SBIR Phase 0 Program provides innovative Tarrant County companies with one-on-one guidance, beginning with technology assessment. Select companies will enter a comprehensive one-month, cohort-based program that meets weekly and guides them through the grant writing processes. Additionally, participants receive one-on-one mentorship with SBIR experts that help founders fine-tune their proposals to increase the likelihood of receiving federal funding.

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Accelerating Cancer Therapeutics

Applications due October 13, 2023



Apply to TMC's Innovation Accelerator for Cancer Therapeutics for the opportunity to participate in a nine-month Accelerator. Participants will gain a deep understanding of market research, FDA regulations, intellectual property, licensing, finance, fundraising, legal, and other critical areas that will propel your business for long-term success.

[Apply now](#)

Become a Mentor: Help Students Gain Skills for Biotech Careers



LAUNCHBIO

The Biotech Career Workshop, located at Pegasus Park in Dallas, TX, is an immersive, full-day experience designed specifically for underserved students to foster their interest in biotechnology and entrepreneurship. It aims to provide students with the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary to pursue successful careers in the biotech industry while encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship.

LaunchBio is looking for volunteers to serve ninety minutes to judge students' pitches and share significant lessons acquired during their careers.

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INDUSTRY EVENTS

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Please join BioNTX and network with us and the bioscience and healthcare innovation community. Texas industry leaders discuss business strategies, and the broad spectrum of Texas bioscience research in our growing ecosystem.

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Upcoming Events & Opportunities in North Texas



2023 Champions for a Cure Tournament

Join To Cure a Rose Foundation for a golf tournament, live music, auction and awards banquet, and more! All proceeds benefit To Cure a Rose Foundation, developing treatments for children with ultra-rare genetic diseases.

October 1 - 2, 2023

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October 2, 2023



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