



Alpha Cognition Drug Candidate Gets FDA Blessing for Alzheimer's Disease



North Texas Alpha Cognition is dedicated to developing innovative therapeutics for debilitating neurodegenerative disorders. This past week, the company was thrilled to inform stakeholders that the FDA has successfully completed its comprehensive review of the New Drug Application for its lead candidate, ALPHA-1062.

Alpha's novel therapeutic solution represents a proprietary, patented, delayed-release oral tablet formulation specifically designed for the treatment of individuals grappling with mild-to-moderate Alzheimer's Disease. The monumental acceptance of the NDA represents a milestone in the development process, and a crucial step toward introducing an effective treatment option for the millions affected by this debilitating disease.

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Pharma.Aero & University of Antwerp Join DFW Airport for 2024 Masterclass

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Representatives of the DFW Airport, Pharma.Aero, University of Antwerp, BioNTX, The University of North Texas, The University of Texas Arlington, Johnson & Johnson, and Flanders Investment & Trade

Pharma.Aero and the University of Antwerp have officially sealed a collaboration with Dallas Fort Worth International Airport, the University of North Texas, the University of Texas at Arlington and BioNTX for the upcoming 2024 Pharma Logistics Masterclass.

The 2024 Pharma Logistics Masterclass will be held at Pegasus Park and will bring together global industry experts, exploring biopharmaceutical logistics.

Kathleen Otto, CEO of BioNTX, conveyed her excitement expressing, this Pharma Logistics Masterclass represents a continuation of our longstanding tradition, particularly in the North Texas region, of fostering collaboration and innovation. By seamlessly integrating the forward-thinking approach of the DFW Airport with the vibrancy of the local bioscience industry, we aim to showcase this synergy to the world."

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Techstars Demo Day Spotlights Transformative Physical Health Start-ups

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The Techstars Demo Day showcased 10 cutting-edge companies that culminated a three-month accelerator program aimed at revolutionizing the physical health industry. Focused on providing support to companies developing innovative technologies, treatments, and therapies in areas such as rehabilitation, physical therapy, performance, and exercise, the accelerator represents Techstars' partnership with UNT Health Science Center, the City of Fort Worth, Tarrant County, and Goff Capital.

[Learn more about the 2023 Techstars cohorts](#)

A TechFW Christmas Celebration: 25 Years Inspiring Innovation in North Texas

TECHFW



In the Holiday spirit, TechFW hosted their Tech Together Holiday Party and 25th Anniversary Celebration, a vibrant atmosphere that not only celebrated the organization's quarter-century journey but also served as a rallying point for the community to reflect on past successes, appreciate the present landscape of innovations, and collectively envision the boundless possibilities that lie ahead.

With an unwavering commitment to fostering entrepreneurship and steering technological advancements, TechFW expressed its excitement for the prospect of another transformative 25 years of contributing to the growth and dynamism of the tech ecosystem.

American Cancer Society Policy Forum: Patient Access Remains Top Priority



Last week, the American Cancer Society's Cancer Action Network hosted the North Texas Policy Forum at McKesson's corporate headquarters in Irving. Centering on improving access to cancer screenings; the executive forum featured leaders, innovators, advocates, health professionals, and state politicians seeking to transform patient access for Texans in the new year.

The American Cancer Society's critical work driving meaningful policy change in healthcare for patients is directly aligned with BioNTX's mission to improve outcomes for all Americans.



In the Holiday Spirit: BIO BREAK Returns!



McDermott
Will & Emery



Deloitte.



McDermott Will & Emery, BioNTX, and Deloitte joined forces at the monthly BIO BREAK life sciences happy hour event at Pegasus Park. The event is designed to cultivate collaboration and support within the vibrant life sciences community. DFW Airport added to the holiday spirit with a raffle for attendees.

BioNTX wishes All a warm and wonderful holiday season and we look forward to seeing everyone on January 11th at the first BIO BREAK Happy Hour of the New Year!

Healthcare Think Tank Celebrates ARPA-H CX Hub Headquarters in North Texas



Bringing business and healthcare advocates together



(from left to right) Kelly Cloud, Dallas Regional Chamber,
Mike Stebbins, PhD, Advanced Technology International, and Kathleen Otto, BioNTX

Thank you Healthcare Think Tank for bringing all regions of Texas together to discuss the new ARPA-H Customer Experience Hub.

North Texas has been chosen as the headquarters for the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H). ARPA-H supports transformative biomedical and health breakthroughs, from the molecular to the societal and provide health solutions for all.

Lantern Pharma's First UT Dallas Hackathon Yields Prospective RADR Platform Fellows



Lantern Pharma recently completed their first Hackathon with nearly 200 graduate students from the Jindal School at the University of Texas at Dallas.



With the help of Assistant Dean, Gaurav Shekhar, university students participated in focusing on real-world challenges at the forefront of drug development. Winning teams and individuals are being considered for fellowships with Lantern's RADR Platform team.

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Marking 50 Years of Academic Excellence and Collaboration



At the recent symposium, "Biomedical Engineering Solutions to Medical Challenges in the 21st Century" UTA, UTD, and UTSW collaboratively hosted an impactful half-day of speakers focused on biomedical engineering breakthroughs.

The event brought together the collective expertise of these institutions in a dynamic exchange of ideas and collaboration.

Looking forward to the new year, the partnership is eager to begin innovating the next generation of solutions to society's most daunting health challenges.



BioNTX Announces Cybersecurity Series Launch with Additional 2024 Programs

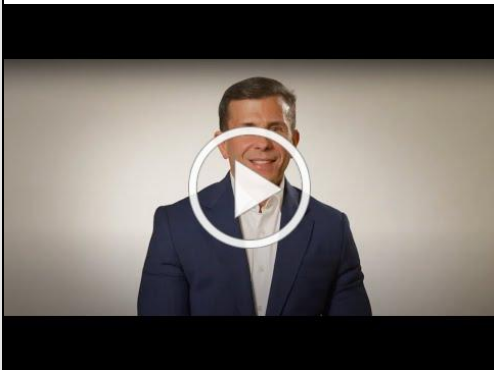


Following a successful inaugural Cybersecurity webinar, Part II of the Cyber Trilogy, will delve deeper into data security by looking at key priorities for CEOs looking to impact business strategy.

Join us as we learn the differences and the overlap between security and privacy of data. Our guest speaker – one of America’s treasured experts will share fundamentals and anecdotes on cyber-biosecurity and why it is so critically important in our industry's business, IP, and clinical trials.

[Register now](#)

BIO Appoints Recognized Leader and Patient Advocate John Crowley as CEO



BioNTX the regional affiliation of the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO), working across the top of our great State, is proud to welcome John F. Crowley as the new CEO of BIO.

Congratulations John Crowley!

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MORE BIONTX MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Mark Cuban Cost Plus Partners with Celiac Disease Foundation



Mark Cuban Cost Plus Drug Company announced this its partnership with the Celiac Disease Foundation to offer resources for individuals with celiac disease and those seeking gluten-free medications, addressing the current

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absence of specific treatments or cures for the condition. The collaboration is focused on supporting patients in managing their health through a strict gluten-free diet, including medications for other health conditions.

Angstrom Technology Brings R&D Support Portfolio to Houston



Angstrom Technology extends its footprint to Houston, Texas, reinforcing its commitment to providing expert technical services to the burgeoning innovation hub. This strategic move marks the continued growth of Angstrom's Life Sciences Division, complementing its recent launch in Philadelphia.

In support of this expansion, Angstrom welcomes industry veteran Justin Goodman as Vice President of Project Development. With a distinguished career spanning North America, Asia, and the Middle East, Goodman brings a wealth of experience in delivering complex projects across healthcare, life sciences, government, education, and energy sectors. His recent accomplishments include successfully diversifying and building the Houston regional office for one of the largest privately held construction companies in the United States. In addition to his professional achievements, Goodman serves as Board President for The Periwinkle Foundation and holds a Mayoral Appointment to the board of the Houston Arts Alliance.

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Dallas College Opens Workforce Training Facility in South Dallas



Dallas College proudly announced this week that it has officially opened its 53,000-square-foot Workforce Center at RedBird, delivering training in high-demand fields like information technology, healthcare, manufacturing, logistics, and customer care.

Strategically positioned in South Dallas, the center aligns with Dallas College's priority of addressing income disparity by offering educational opportunities for historically underserved populations.

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Taking the Lead: UTSW Among First in Nation to Provide Guided Radiotherapy



UT Southwestern's Harold C. Simmons Comprehensive Cancer Center stands at the forefront, being the first in Texas and among the nation's pioneers to introduce SCINTIX biology-guided radiotherapy (BgRT). This cutting-edge technology, facilitated by the RefleXion X1 unit, combines positron emission tomography (PET) imaging with radiotherapy to deliver precise treatment for both primary and metastatic bone and lung cancers. SCINTIX utilizes a radioactive tracer to capitalize on cancer cells' emissions, strategically targeting diseased tissue and marking a significant advancement in precision oncology.

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UT Tyler Professor Recognized for Health Education Contributions



Dr. Melinda Hermanns, a distinguished School of Nursing professor at The University of Texas at Tyler, has been chosen for membership in The University of Texas Kenneth I. Shine, MD, Academy of Health Science Education. Expressing deep honor, she looks forward to contributing to the Academy's mission of promoting excellence in the health professions.

Dr. Hermanns, was previously recognized as an Outstanding Faculty by the Texas Alpha Xi Chapter of Alpha Chi Honor Society and acknowledged as one of East Texas' Healthcare Heroes.

Melinda Hermanns, PhD, RN

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FUNDING & MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PSC Grants Funds for New Therapy Discovery

Application ends on January 15, 2024



PSC Partners and affiliate PSC Partners Canada award annual grants that drive research to identify treatments and a cure. Their Research Grants Program seeks to encourage investigators to conduct research in promising new areas, with the goal that data generated will lead to further seed funding from additional sources.

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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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INDUSTRY EVENTS

Upcoming Events & Opportunities in North Texas



AI & Cancer: Promises and Challenges

Join MassChallenge to hear from experts who will share insights on advancements in diagnosis and breakthroughs in early detection, treatment and care.

December 13, 2023

[Learn more](#)



Cybersecurity Forum

Join Tech Titans to hear from thought leaders, professionals, and enthusiasts come together to define the future of cybersecurity.

December 14, 2023

[Learn more](#)



Keeping Talent in Texas

Join BioNTX for an enlightening session on why North Texas is the ideal home for your life science career!

January 9, 2024

[Learn more](#)



Why CEO's Need to Infuse Security & Privacy into Their DNA

Join BioNTX for an enlightening “taster” session on why incorporating essential elements for strengthening privacy of data and data security within your organization is integral to your risk management strategy.

January 11, 2024

[Learn more](#)

Join the Movement at BioNTX

BioNTX provides opportunities for Members to connect across Texas, collaborate with others, receive industry insights, and increase visibility. We are the voice and champion for the life science community in NTX.



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