



8TH ANNUAL
ENTREPRENEUR SPOTLIGHT

THURSDAY, JULY 21

3:30-5 p.m.
RECEPTION AND NETWORKING TO FOLLOW
5-6 p.m.

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2022 Featured Entrepreneurs



MERLIN Biotech
Randall N. Hyer,
MD, PhD, MPH



MERLIN Biotech is an mRNA platform development-stage biotechnology spinout from the Blumberg Institute. The company is applying the proven mRNA platform to address important unmet medical needs where MERLIN Biotech has specific expertise. These targets include chronic diseases like hepatitis B, oncology such as liver cancer and other solid tumors and preventive vaccines for indications such as Lyme disease.



Neuropathix Inc.
Dean Petkanas



Neuropathix Inc. is leading a revolution in the pharmaceutical and cosmeceutical industry with patented, socially responsible, anti-inflammatory, non-opioid compounds. They are a biopharmaceutical company focused on the research and development of a pipeline of next generation socially responsible pain management therapeutics to treat patients with significant unmet medical needs.



SteroTherapeutics LLC
Manohar Katakam, PhD



SteroTherapeutics is pursuing a novel drug therapy for major diseases related to metabolic syndrome, which afflicts 35% of the U.S. adult population. Those include Cushing syndrome, which is caused by elevated levels of the hormone cortisol. It can promote obesity, diabetes, hypertension, cardiovascular disease and immune dysfunction. An orphan disease, Cushing's is poorly served by current therapies that only are modestly effective and have substantial side effects. SteroTherapeutics signed the CRADA agreement with NIH to develop a novel treatment for Cushing syndrome patients.



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Welcome and Introduction

Louis P. Kassa, MPA - President, Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center (PABC), Interim CEO, Hepatitis B Foundation, Baruch S. Blumberg Institute and Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center

Introduction of Panel and Presentations

Grant Castor - Senior Advisor, Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center

Panel

Matthew Burkhardt - B+labs at Cira Centre, Powered by the PABC

Roze McDevitt - Ben Franklin Technology Partners

Bill Whyte - Head, North America Pharmaceuticals Strategic Partnerships & Business Solutions, Janssen

Spotlight Presenters

Randall N. Hyer, MD, PhD, MPH - MERLIN Biotech

Dean Petkanas - NeuroPathix Inc.

Manohar Katakam, PhD - SteroTherapeutics LLC

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony: Senator Steve Santarsiero

Timothy M. Block, PhD, Founding President, and Loren Danzis, Esq., Board Chair

Closing Remarks

Reception and Networking



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Matthew Burkhardt
B+labs at Cira Centre

Matthew has over 15 years' experience in target and asset discovery across academic, startup and pharma organizations. He began in traumatic brain injury with the Neurosurgery Department at the University of Pennsylvania, moved into industry at Merck for in vivo Alzheimer's Disease small molecule drug discovery and disease modeling, then moved to iPierian, one of the first companies to use the induced pluripotent stem cell (iPSC) platform. Matthew has held further positions at the Allen Institute for Brain Science, Cellogy, and Novartis. He is currently the Director of B+labs at Cira Centre in Philadelphia, an incubation site for companies developing novel and meaningful medicines.

Matthew has been fortunate to have been involved in three programs that reached clinical stage: the in-licensed Alectos/Merck MK-8719 O-GlcNAcase inhibitor in Progressive Supranuclear Palsy (PSP), the internally developed PSP monoclonal antibody candidate IPN-007 at iPierian (sold to Bristol-Myers Squibb, 2014), and the internally developed Cold Agglutinin Disease monoclonal antibody candidate TNT-009 at True North Therapeutics (sold to Bioverativ, 2017).



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Roze McDevitt
Ben Franklin Technology Partners

Roze joined Ben Franklin Technology Partners as a Venture Capital Analyst in 2021. She works with the Healthcare Investment Group on deal flow sourcing and intake, performing due diligence, and supporting portfolio companies with value-add work. She is also responsible for taking the lead on accelerator, pre-seed and seed stage investment deals.

Prior to joining Ben Franklin Technology Partners, Roze has worked in the medical device industry as a product development engineer at DePuy Synthes, Johnson & Johnson. Her previous experience includes consulting for pharma clients, working with the tech transfer office on commercializing technologies, and conducting academic research with data analysis on genome sequencing.

Roze holds a bachelor's and master's degree in biomedical engineering, with a concentration in neuroengineering from Drexel University.



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Bill Whyte

**Head, North America Pharmaceuticals
Strategic Partnerships & Business Solutions, Janssen**

Bill is a results-driven leader with proven ability to drive revenue through development of high performing teams. Bill's had a distinguished career with Johnson & Johnson for over 30 years. Bill currently leads Janssen's North America Strategic Partnerships & Business Solutions group for the North American Pharmaceutical business. In this role, his team is responsible for identifying commercial strategic partnerships across all therapeutic areas which will accelerate the growth of Janssen's \$30 Billion U.S. portfolio. Previously, he led Sales & Marketing for Janssen's U.S. Oncology Business. Bill has held numerous commercial roles of increasing responsibility including Regional Sales Director, Director of Marketing and Director of Learning and Development and National Sales Director.

In addition to Bill's extensive experience across our pharmaceutical business he has also led businesses in our medical device and consumer sectors. Bill spent 4 years leading our medical device business in the Asia Pacific region building the infrastructure which is contributing to today's explosive growth.

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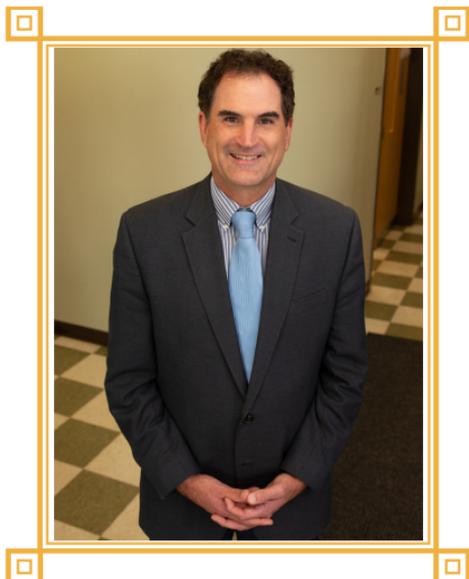
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Louis P. Kassa III, President, Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center (PABC)



*Kassa also is now Interim Chief Executive Officer of the PABC,
Hepatitis B Foundation and Blumberg Institute.*

Louis P. Kassa III, MPA, is president of the Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center (PABC) and interim chief executive officer of the PABC, Hepatitis B Foundation and Baruch S. Blumberg Institute. The organizations are related and jointly managed non-profits based in Doylestown, Pa. Louis has been with the PABC, Foundation and Institute since 2014. Prior to the CEO position, he was the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. In 2017, Kassa co-founded Family Foundations Partnership and is currently the Chief Executive Officer.

He previously served as State Director and Chief Operating Officer at VisionQuest National Ltd, a national behavioral health company. In 2020, Kassa was named one of “The 10 Best COOs of 2020” by *Industry Era*, a global technology media outlet. He also co-founded the Hatch Biofund, which has raised more than \$30 million to support startup companies. Kassa received his undergraduate degree from Penn State University and received a Masters in Public Administration from Villanova University in December 2007.

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The Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center (PABC) is a nonprofit life sciences incubator-accelerator, offering state-of-the-art laboratory and office space plus related services and membership in a dynamic innovation community to early stage biotech companies.

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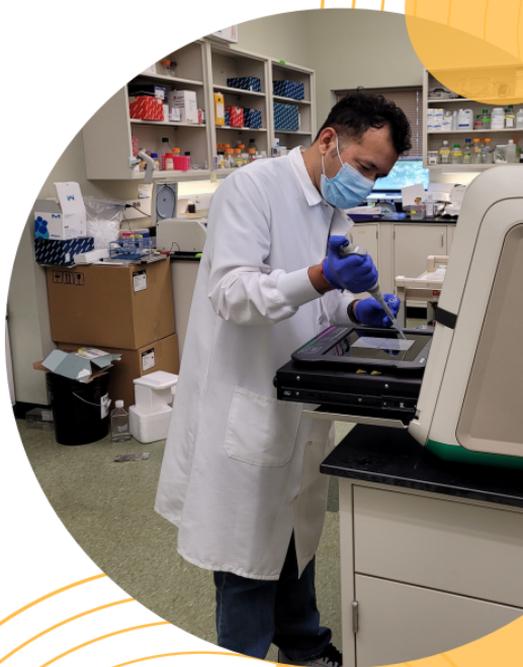
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The Hepatitis B Foundation is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to finding a cure and improving the quality of life for those affected by hepatitis B worldwide.

In 2003, the Hepatitis B Foundation created the Baruch S. Blumberg Institute to advance its research mission. Today, it is one of the nation's leading centers for translational research, particularly for hepatitis B and liver cancer.

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