

Schedule as of May 14, 2025



= Keynote Speaker



= Speaker



= Panel Discussion

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

9:30AM

Centennial Ballroom
1st Floor

Welcome

Amir Naiberg, AVC, CEO & President, UCLA Technology Development Group

Introduction to Keynote

Kalyanam Shivkumar, Director, Center for Interventional Programs, UCLA Health System



Keynote Speaker

Focus on the Future: Innovating in the Face of Change

Lisa Earnhardt, Executive Vice President & Group President, Medical Devices, Abbott



Emcee: Matthew Savary

Innovation Fund & New Ventures Principal, UCLA TDG

10:00 AM



Transforming Pediatric Care through Innovation

PANELISTS:

Yaniv Bar-Cohen, Director, Electrophysiology, Children's Hospital LA

Aria Fallah, Director, Pediatric Neurosurgery, UCLA Health

Ari Mackler, Principal, ThrivingBaby

Lois Sayrs, Director, Biostatistics, CHOC

MODERATED BY

George Tolomiczenko

Executive Director
Merkin Institute for
Translational Research
Caltech

10:30 AM



Crossing the Chasm: UCLA Showcase Fast Pitch

PANELISTS:

Anne Andrews, UCLA Researcher, Femsync

Igor Barjaktarevic, Associate Professor, UCLA

Liang Gao, UCLA Researcher, Lift Photonics

MODERATED BY

Tom Lipkin

Director, UCLA
Innovation Fund
UCLA TDG

11:15 AM



Did Telehealth Survive the Pandemic?: Lessons in Remote Care

PANELISTS:

Greg Buchert, CEO, Makani Science

David Cho, Assistant Clinical Professor, UCLA

Jason Halac, Co-Founder, Dexcom Ventures

MODERATED BY

Patrick Callaghan

Counsel
Nixon Peabody

11:45 AM



Lessons from the Frontline: What It Takes to Succeed as a Medtech CEO

PANELISTS:

Juliana Elstad, CEO, Vibrato

JP Hubschman, Founder, Horizon Surgical

Ramin Mousavi, President & CEO, Cathworks

Sonal Matai, Managing Director and President, US Business, Karl Storz Endoscopy

MODERATED BY

Kwame Ulmer

Managing Partner
MedTech Impact Partners

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12:30 PM

LUNCH

Enjoy a wonderful buffet lunch with seating inside and outside.

1:30 PM

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Introduction to Keynote Speaker

Arie Beldegrun, Chairman, Bellco Capital



Keynote Speaker

Peter Schulam, Chief Scientific, Officer, J&J MedTech

2:00 PM



Monetizing AI: Sustainable Business Models, Data Integration, and Value Creation

The value and use of large language models and unique datasets in addressing patient care, trends now and what may come.

PANELISTS:

Shoma Desai, Executive Director, Digital Innovation, Cedars-Sinai

Irina Kukuyeva, Principal, Kukuyeva Consulting

Natasha Lepore, CTO, Voxel Healthcare

Paul Lukac, Director, Applied Office of AI Diligence and Executive Venture Fund, UCLA Health Information Technology

MODERATED BY

Beth Andrews

Chief Digital Health Officer
& Business Development,
Life Sciences & Healthcare,
Global Alliances
Dell Technologies

2:40 PM



Business of Medtech: Financing Through the Fog

PANELISTS:

Himani Bhalla, Senior Managing Director,
Chief Investment Officer & Co-Founder, Symbiotic Capital

Matt Cohen, Managing Director, Vida Ventures

Milt Hsu, Managing Director, Global Head of Medical Technology
Investment Banking, BofA Securities Inc.

David Lewis, Managing Partner, Gilmartin Capital

MODERATED BY

Randy Gacek

Principal and Co-Founder
Symbiotic Capital

3:30 PM



Hot Topics in Medtech

PANELISTS:

Jason Halac, Co-Founder, Dexcom Ventures

Monica Jain, Partner, Wavemaker Three-Sixty Health

Biren Mehta, Vice President, Venture Investments, Johnson & Johnson

MODERATED BY

Paul Grand

Founder & CEO
MedTech Innovator

4:00 PM

Closing Remarks

MedTech Showcase Winner Announcement

Thank you and Goodnight!

There will be no MedTech
reception. Get home safely.



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Official LABEST MedTech Showcase Sponsored by KPPB Startup companies compete for \$10K Prize.

JUDGES:

Paul Lee, Partner, KPPB
Tom Afzal, Managing Director, Galen Ventures
Monica Jain, Partner, WaveMaker360

STARTUP PARTICIPANTS:

10:40 AM Welcome
10:45 AM Oya Femtech Apparel
11:00 AM Cairina Inc.
11:15 AM Stenella AI
11:30 AM Arroyo Sleep Research
11:45 AM Xaia Health
12:00 PM Pretika MedTech
1:30 PM Recalivape, Inc.
1:45 PM ZeptoMed
2:00 PM Persperity Health
2:15 PM Cellecho Biotechnologies
2:45 PM Wearable Sensing
3:00 PM SuperSenses
3:15 PM Neuromuscular Dynamics, LLC & Springturn, Inc.
4:00 PM **Judges Deliberation & Winner Announcement**



HOSTED BY

David Riccardo
Business Development
Associate
UCLA TDG

Charan Arora
Chief Intellectual
Property Officer
UCLA TDG

1:00 PM -
4:00 PM

Legacy AB
2nd Floor
South Wing

First Look SoCal Innovation Showcase

The First Look SoCal Innovation Showcase features quick investor pitches from the best early-stage startups commercializing life science breakthroughs from the top research institutions in SoCal.

STARTUP PARTICIPANTS:

CircuCare
GIANT BioSystems Inc.
Grapheton, Inc.
Haku Technology
haoqinbio
Hikari Medical Technologies
IntelVasc Inc
LC Scientific
Makani Science
Saku Biosciences, Inc
Tunable Biosystems

HOST:

Steve Gilison
Interim Executive
Director & COO
Alliance for SoCal Innovation

Thank you for attending LABEST MedTech 2025! We will see you next year.