Schedule as of April 25, 2025

🛎 = Keynote Speaker   🎤 = Speaker   👥 = Panel Discussion

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21

Main AM
📍 Centennial Ballroom
1st Floor

🎤 **Emcee: Matthew Savary**
   Innovation Fund & New Ventures Principal, UCLA TDG

🛎 **Keynote Speaker**
   Lisa Earnhardt, Executive Vice President & Group President, Medical Devices, Abbott

👥 **Transforming Pediatric Care through Innovation**

   PANELISTS:
   Yaniv Bar-Cohen, Director, Electrophysiology, Children's Hospital LA
   Ari Mackler, Principal, ThrivingBaby
   Lois Sayrs, Director, Biostatistics, CHOC

   MODERATED BY
   George Tolomiczenko
   Executive Director of the Merkin Institute for Translational Research
   Caltech

👥 **Crossing the Chasm: UCLA Showcase Fast Pitch**

   PANELISTS:
   Anne Andrews, UCLA Researcher, Femsync
   Igor Barjactarevic, UCLA Researcher, SAFR
   Liang Gao, UCLA Researcher, Lift Photonics

   MODERATED BY
   Tom Lipkin
   Director, UCLA Innovation Fund
   UCLA TDG

👥 **Did Telehealth Survive the Pandemic?: Lessons in Remote Care**

   PANELISTS:
   Patrick Calaghan, Counsel, Nixon Peabody
   David Cho, Assistant Clinical Professor, UCLA
   Jason Halac, Co-Founder, Dexcom Ventures

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🛎 **Keynote Speaker**
   Peter Schulam, Chief Scientific, Officer, J&J MedTech

👥 **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, Cedar Sinai
   Irina Kukuyeva, Principal, Kukuyeva Consulting
   Natasha Lepore, CTO, Voxel Healthcare
   Paul Lukac, Director, Applied AI Office of Health Informatics & Analytics, UCLA Health Information Technology

   MODERATED BY
   Beth Andrews
   Chief Digital Health Officer & Business Development, Life Sciences & Healthcare, Global Alliances, Dell Technologies

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

PANELISTS:

Juliana Elstad, CEO, Vibrato

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

👥 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

Milton Hsu, Managing Director, Head of Med Tech, BOFA Securities Inc.

Randy Gacek, Principal and Co-Founder, Symbiotic Capital

David Lewis, Managing Partner, Gilmartin Capital

👥 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

SHOWCASE PM

📍 Laureate Classroom
1st Floor

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:

Arroyo Sleep

Prosper

Cairina Inc.

Stenella AI

Recalivape, Inc.

ZeptoMed

Persperity Health

Cellecho Biotechnologies, Inc.

Wearable Sensing

Xaia Health

Super Senses

Pretika MedTech

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UCLA TDG

David Riccardo

Business Development
Associate
UCLA TDG

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Legacy AB
2nd Floor
South Wing

First Look SoCal Innovation Showcase

First Look SoCal partners with UCLA for the first time at LABEST Week. Over a dozen Medtech startups will pitch for the audience.

STARTUP PARTICIPANTS:

CircuCare

GIANT BioSystems Inc.

Haku Technology

haoqinbio

Hikari Medical Technologies

IntelVasc Inc

LC Scientific

Makani Science

Saku Biosciences, Inc

Tunable Biosystems

HOST:

Steve Gilson

Interim Executive Director & COO Aliance for SoCal Innovation

More Speakers and Panels TBA