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Technology & Innovation



Greetings,

As the days grow shorter and the nights a little spookier, we're here to keep you in the loop.

Visit <https://ahahealthtech.org/> to learn more about the Center and all the resources available to you.



Scientific Sessions 2024 is right around the corner—we can't wait to see you

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We are extremely grateful to —our esteemed volunteer health care and industry leaders—who generously commit their time to make #AHA24 a success.

Join us, along with our esteemed judges, for the highly anticipated AHA Health Tech Competition.

Congratulations to our five finalists:

- [Flow Medical](#)
- [HekaHeart](#)
- [Powerful Medical](#)
- [Proton Intelligence](#)

- [Rheoxtech, INC.](#)

Also, be sure to check out our full HIP [agenda](#) in the Health Innovation Pavilion (HIP) at #AHA24.



## Welcome New Innovators' Network Members

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The Innovators' Network is a fee-based consortium of industry entrepreneurs, providers and health systems, researchers, pharma, device manufacturers, community and social support networks and payors.

Membership offers research collaboration, AHA brand affiliation, access to a network of volunteer and industry experts and participation at AHA industry events.

Join us in welcoming our newest members of the Innovators' Network!

- [Omron Healthcare](#) – The world's leading manufacturer and distributor of personal heart health products and an innovator in technologies supporting respiratory and pain management care.
- [Burst Fitness](#) – A fitness app and program that helps people get fit with short, intense workouts that can be done without equipment or changing clothes.

Members with non-product news (e.g., funding, trials, publications, executive hires), please submit via the AHA Innovators' Network Member News and Updates [Form](#) on CHTI's [website](#). Approved submissions will be published on [ahahealthtech.org](http://ahahealthtech.org) and/or LinkedIn.

Learn more about becoming a member of the Innovators' Network and view all members [here](#).



AHA's National Empowered to Serve Business Accelerator awards \$75K in Business Grants

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The AHA's EmPOWERED to Serve Business Accelerator is looking for entrepreneurs and organizations to drive change with training and grant programs.

Building on a century of innovation, the American Heart Association's EmPOWERED to Serve Business Accelerator provides essential training, funding and recognition to help founders like you amplify and scale solutions to address health equity challenges.

[Learn more](#) about this nationwide, highly competitive experience.

Congratulations to the 2024 National Grant Recipients! Both first and second place recipients, along with their grant money, will also receive a complimentary one-year membership in the CHTI's [Innovators' Network](#).

1st Place - \$50,000 grant

John Wilcox, [Diatech Diabetes](#) - A medical device company that develops technology to improve diabetes care.

2nd Place - \$12,000 grant

Sandra Saldana, [Alva Health](#) - Develops wearable devices and technology to help detect the early signs of a stroke.



AHA Volunteer Dr. Azizi Seixas is the 2024 Malcom Gladwell Tipping Point Recipient

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Congratulations to the [University of Miami Miller School of Medicine Department of Informatics and Health Data Science](#) and [Dr. Azizi Seixas](#) on receiving the inaugural Malcolm Gladwell Tipping Point Designation at the 2024 Unconventional Awards!

This special honor, selected personally by Malcolm Gladwell, renowned New York Times bestselling author and Pushkin Industries co-founder, celebrates those who dare to

challenge the status quo.

This distinction honors the Media and Innovation Lab’s work in advancing personalized, remote healthcare with T-Mobile devices that capture real-time health data, reducing hospital visits and improving patient outcomes. The award also includes a \$30,000 donation to a charity of the school’s choice.

This special designation honors trailblazers who have sparked transformative change within their organizations through strategic pivots, innovative ideas and bold actions. See full list of award recipients [here](#).



AHA Continues to be Recognized as a 2024 Leading Disability Employer

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The American Heart Association has been honored as a Leading Disability Employer by the National Organization on Disability (NOD) for the fifth consecutive year in 2024!

This recognition underscores our unwavering commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion within #TheAHALife. The National Organization on Disability (NOD) is a nonprofit organization that seeks to increase employment opportunities for the millions of Americans with disabilities.

This recognition formally acknowledges companies with the highest performance in disability inclusion practices and policies, benchmarked against more than 200 participating organizations.

See the [full list](#) of employers.



## iRhythm and BioIntelliSense Form Exclusive Licensing Deal

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Alumni AHA Innovators' Network member companies [iRhythm](#) and [BioIntelliSense](#) have entered into an exclusive license agreement to develop and commercialize specialized patented technologies for ambulatory cardiac monitoring (ACM).

Read more about the license agreement and other details [here](#).



CHTI at HLTH2024 Conference

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Whether you aimed to foster meaningful connections, gain insights into cutting-edge trends, advance your career or propel your organization to new heights, HLTH 2024 was the ultimate gateway.

Representing the Center for Health Technology & Innovation at this year's must-attend event were Patrick Wayte, SVP, and David Santeusanio, Strategic Business Lead. HLTH has solidified its reputation as healthcare's leading innovation forum. Many great connections were made with current Innovators' Network members and promising potential members alike, sparking exciting possibilities for the future.

Picture L to R:

Shea Quinn, Co-founder & COO for Bioliberty  
David Santeusanio, Strategic Business Lead for CHTI  
Rowan Armstrong, Co-founder & CEO for Bioliberty

Patrick Keenan, Director, Rx+ Business Accelerator for Astellas  
Helen Souris, Co-founder & CEO for Cardihab  
Konrad Morzkowski, Co-founder & CEO for WearLinq



Headline: Essential Updates in Science and Technology

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Catch the [latest news and science](#) from the Target: BP™ initiative reaching 9M Americans to a new study questioning fit for home blood pressure cuffs and much more.

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We are eager to hear from you. Send Darcy Barrett, [darcy.barrett@heart.org](mailto:darcy.barrett@heart.org), your ideas for what you want included in the monthly newsletter.

Know someone who wants to join our mailing list? Forward the “sign up for our mailing list” [link](#).

We hope you've had a safe, festive, and frightfully productive October.

Until next month!



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