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Greetings,

As the year wraps up, we're filled with immense gratitude for the incredible support the Center for Health Technology & Innovation (CHTI) has received throughout 2024. We thank you for being part of our continuous journey!

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



CHTI's Scientific Sessions 2024 Recap

Missed this year's Centennial celebration at Scientific Sessions? Catch up on three days of digital health innovation programming featuring panel discussions, tech demos, competitions and roundtable conversations. With over 100 speakers and volunteers across 18 impactful panels, there was something for everyone.

Experience the excitement of the Health Innovation Pavilion with our [sizzle video recap](#) and you can watch all of the HIP live recorded sessions [here](#). Explore our [website](#) to learn more about this year's speakers and exhibitors as well as our 6th Annual Health Tech Competition. Visit health innovation pavilion at sessions and click on each session for the individual [interviews](#).



**Scientific
Sessions**

November 7, 2025 | Pre-Sessions Symposia & Early Career Day
November 8-10, 2025 | Scientific Sessions
Ernest N. Morial Convention Center | New Orleans, LA



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Scientific Sessions 2025

Planning for Scientific Sessions 2025 is underway. Next year, AHA25 will be hosted in New Orleans. We are now accepting high-level proposals for our program, including main stage programming and the Health Innovation Pavilion. We are looking for new and innovative ways to deliver our content.

The deadline to submit your ideas for Sessions 2025 has been extended to 1 pm EST on January 9, 2025. Please include topics, format, and potential speakers and roles (moderator, presenter, panelist).

Submit your suggestions via the new session [submitter](#).



CHTI's Innovators' Network Member, Cleerly, Secures Significant Funding for Heart Disease Diagnosis Tools

Congratulations to Cleerly who raised \$106M in a Series C round led by Insight Partners and Battery Ventures, with support from existing investors.

Cleerly, a cardiovascular imaging company, will utilize the funds to drive commercial growth and generate clinical evidence, helping healthcare professionals improve outcomes for patients with coronary artery disease.

Read the full announcement [here](#).



2024 Guidelines for the Primary Prevention of Stroke

Hundreds of thousands of people in the U.S. have a first stroke each year. Newly updated recommendations spell out methods for changing that.

A stroke occurs when blood flow to the brain is interrupted after a vessel becomes blocked by a blood clot or ruptures. A stroke causes brain damage that can lead to significant disability, including difficulty thinking, talking and walking.

Newly updated guidelines from the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association, published in the journal *Stroke*, focus on lifelong prevention through preventive care and healthy lifestyle choices. These recommendations, which include specific guidance for preventing strokes in women and emphasize the role of social determinants of health, mark the first update in ten years.

Read the full article [here](#).



Welcome New Innovators' Network Members

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!

[Diatech Diabetes](#) - Develops innovative solutions that empower the lives of patients, families, and communities impacted by diabetes.

[Toku](#) - Specializes in developing non-invasive, AI-powered diagnostic and screening tools using retinal imaging to measure cardiovascular and other health risk factors.

Toku is a current member of the Innovators' Network and will now be integrating our [CarePlans](#) into their solution.

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

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



Innovators' Network Member Withings gets FDA Clearance on New Blood Pressure Monitor

The FDA has cleared Innovators' Network member Withings' BPM Pro 2, a cellular blood pressure monitor designed to enhance remote patient monitoring, particularly for heart failure patients. Initially released in October, the device aims to help providers scale monitoring efforts by offering continuous and accessible blood pressure data. Antoine Robiliard, head of Withings' health solutions division, highlighted the shift from annual in-office blood pressure readings for hypertension management to leveraging devices like the BPM Pro 2 for more frequent and actionable data.

You can read the full announcement [here](#).



Exciting Research Funding Opportunity!

As the leading nonprofit funder of cardiovascular and cerebrovascular research outside of the US Government, the American Heart Association is excited to unveil a groundbreaking \$12 million investment in Artificial Intelligence, aimed at harnessing AI to revolutionize heart and brain health. The aim is to fuel cutting-edge studies in AI, spark breakthroughs and propel healthcare into the future.

Please fill out this short [form](#) for Request for Proposal information coming early next year.



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Discussion: Validating Trustworthy AI in Health Care

Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 12:00pm EST

Webinar Series



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Sumir Patel, MD, MBA
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Webinar: Validating Trustworthy AI in Health Care

As AI transforms health care, establishing validation frameworks is essential to ensure trust and safety. Join us Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 12:00pm EST for a discussion on building reliable, ethical and effective AI systems for medical applications. This conversation will be followed by an interactive Q+A.

Speakers include:

- Sumir Patel, MD, MBA, Chief Medical Officer, gesund.ai
- Josh Kaisen, PhD, Director of Outreach and Education, Human-Centered AI Institute, University of Houston
- Aldo Badano, PhD, Director, DIDS/OSEL/CDRH/FDA, U.S. FDA
- *Moderated by* Pat Dunn, National Program Director, AHA's CHTI

Register to [join live here!](#)

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Can't join live? The recording will be posted on our [YouTube channel](#) 3 days after the live event. While you're there, check out our past webinars such as [Revolutionizing Cardiology: The Future of Imaging Innovations](#) and [What's the American Heart Association doing in AI? A conversation with Ali Gates](#).

We are eager to hear from you. Send Darcy Barrett, 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](#).

May your holidays be a time to reflect on your achievements, look forward to new opportunities, and spend time with loved ones.

Until next month!



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