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American Heart Association® Center for Health Technology & Innovation

Greetings,

Spring has sprung! The Center for Health Technology & Innovation (CHTI) continues to move forward and is excited to share our latest news, initiatives and events.

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

VALUE & IMPACT OF

AI APPLICATIONS IN HEALTHCARE

Cheryl Pegus, M.D., M.P.H.

Lee H. Schwamm, M.D., FAHA

Dr. Cheryl Pegus is executive board chairperson of FlyteHealth, which provides comprehensive clinical services, technology and support for obesity and related conditions. Dr. Lee Schwamm, MD is Associate Dean for Digital Strategy and Transformation for Yale School of Medicine, and Senior Vice President + Chief Digital Health Officer for Yale New Haven Health System. Both are long standing volunteer leaders for the American Heart Association.

AHA Gathers Experts to Shape Ethical AI in Healthcare

In April, the American Heart Association hosted a private gathering of healthcare leaders, investors, tech innovators and AI experts to explore how artificial intelligence can enhance health outcomes in a fair and transparent manner to help people live longer, healthier lives.

The discussion focused on how to use AI responsibly and ethically in healthcare, to improve outcomes and care delivery while protecting fairness, trust and keeping patients at the center. Attendees shared practical use cases and insights along with their own frameworks to measure value and impact of AI applications outside of financial returns.

Insights and best practices from this meeting will be submitted for publication in AHA journals.

It was a powerful step toward innovation that stays rooted in patient people-first values. Special thanks to AHA Board Director- Dr. Cheryl Pegus, AHA's Center for Health Technology and Innovation (CHTI) member and AI Taskforce Chair, Dr. Lee H. Schwamm, and dedicated CHTI volunteers Dr. AJ Blood, Dr. James K. Min and Dr. Erica Schorr.



Abstract Submissions for #AHA25 Now Open

Get ready to share your breakthrough work with the world.

At Scientific Sessions 2025, the premier event in cardiovascular science and medicine, you'll have the opportunity to submit to 132 abstract categories—giving you the

perfect place to showcase your research with thousands of peers advancing heart and brain health.

Whether you're submitting for the first time or aiming to strengthen your next abstract, we've got you covered.

Check out our submission guidelines, FAQs, checklist, and tips to help you put your best work forward.

Find everything you [need here](#).

Key dates for 2025

Dates	Activity
April 9 - June 5, 2025, at 7 p.m. EDT	General Abstract Submission Dates
June 16 - Aug. 4, 2025, at 7 p.m. EDT	Late-Breaking Science and Late-Breaking Basic Science Abstract Submission Dates
Nov. 7 - 10, 2025	Scientific Sessions 2025 in New Orleans, Louisiana



HeartBeam and Innovators' Network Member, AccurKardia, Announce Strategic Collaboration to Advance Cardiac Monitoring Innovation

HeartBeam, Inc. (NASDAQ: BEAT), a medical technology company focused on cardiac care, announced a strategic collaboration with AccurKardia, an ECG-based diagnostics company.

The collaboration will integrate AccurKardia's FDA-cleared ECG analysis software, AccurECG™, into HeartBeam's devices, aiming to expand the reach and scalability of remote cardiac monitoring solutions. HeartBeam CEO Robert Eno emphasized that the aim is to help deliver advanced cardiac insights to patients and physicians outside traditional medical facilities.

Read the full announcement [here](#).

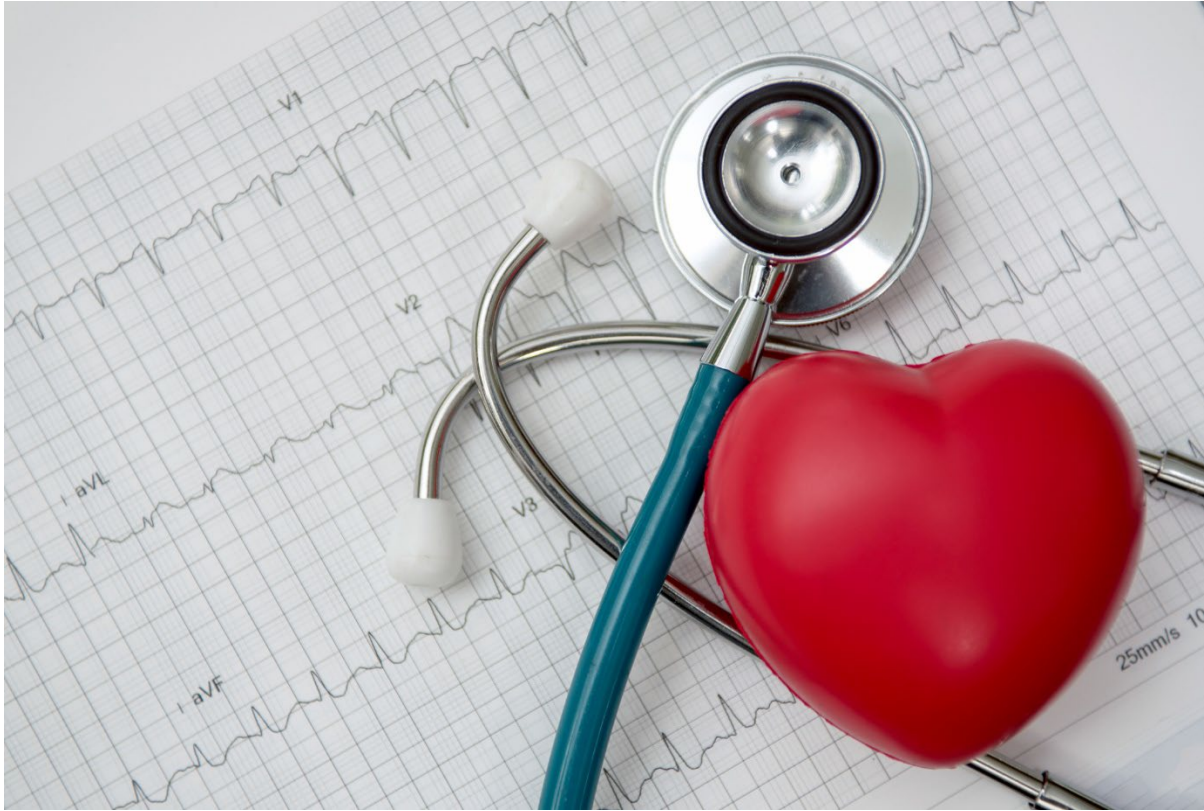


MedTech Innovator East Coast 2025 Pitch Event

Some of the most promising health tech startups competed for a spot in the 2025 MedTech Innovator cohort. A select few are also in the running for the new Heart and Brain Track created in collaboration with the [American Heart Association Ventures™](#) | [American Heart Association](#) and the [American Heart Association Center for Health Technology & Innovation](#).

Among them, [Kelvin Health](#), a member of the AHA's Innovators' Network stepped into one of the program's toughest arenas—one that has a proven track record of helping medical device startups hit critical milestones faster.

CEO Georgi Kadrev represented Kelvin Health in five fast-paced, back-to-back rounds of roundtable pitching and expert discussion—gaining insight and feedback from leaders across the full spectrum of the health innovation ecosystem.



Daily Heart Rate Per Step (DHRPS): A Wearables Metric Associated with Cardiovascular Disease in a Cross-Sectional Study of the All of Us Research Program

A study using data from the All of Us Research Program found that a new wearable metric, Daily Heart Rate Per Step (DHRPS), is strongly associated with cardiovascular disease (CVD) risk. DHRPS, calculated by dividing average daily heart rate by daily step count, may be a more accurate indicator of cardiovascular health than step count or heart rate alone, according to a study published in the Journal of the American Heart Association

This method opens new doors for understanding the relationship between wearable-derived metrics and broader health outcomes.

Read full study [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!

[Zeto](#) - A medical technology company focused on revolutionizing Electroencephalography (EEG) brain monitoring by making it more accessible and user-friendly. They develop and market wearable EEG devices and a cloud-based platform for remote monitoring, interpretation, and analysis of EEG data.

[Happitech](#) - A company that develops hardware-free heart health monitoring solutions using smartphone cameras, leveraging photoplethysmography (PPG) technology. Their solutions provide medical-grade heart rate and rhythm measurements, including detection of atrial fibrillation, through software integration with existing health platforms and apps.

Members with non-product news (e.g., funding, trials, publications, executive hires), please send to darcy.barrett@heart.org. 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](#).



**American Heart Association
Center for Health
Technology & Innovation**

Expanding Access: Leveraging Health Technology in Rural Communities

Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 12:00pm EST

Webinar Series



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Jana Goldberg, MD
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Carla Robinson
Co-founder and CEO,
Canary Telehealth

Join CHTI's webinar discussion on Expanding Access: Leveraging Health Technology in Rural Communities

You are invited to a discussion on "Expanding Access: Leveraging Health Technology in Rural Communities".

Tune in live Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 12:00pm EST.

Join us for an engaging conversation with:
Moderator:

- Pat Dunn, PhD, MS, MBA, MSSE, FAHA, National Program Director, CHTI AHA

Speakers:

- Jana Goldberg, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Heartbeat Health
- Eduardo Sanchez, MD, MPH, MS, Chief Medical Officer for Prevention, American Heart Association
- Carla Robinson, Co-founder and CEO, Canary Telehealth

Register to join live here:

https://heart.zoom.us/webinar/register/4117434355476/WN_w3VSeg82ROqxivraY5PAvCg

Can't make it live? The content will be available On Demand on [AHA's You Tube following the program](#).

We hope to see you then!



Initiating early action: May is American Stroke Month

May is **American Stroke Month**! The American Stroke Association would love your support in raising awareness and sharing stroke resources during May. You can find our American Stroke Month toolkit [here](#), with resources to help everyone take action and inspire change.

Here are simple ways you can help:

- **USE + DISTRIBUTE** our American Stroke Month campaign toolkit:
 - Send an email or share it in an e-newsletter
 - Post on social media
 - Distribute resources throughout your communities
 - Utilize key messaging to raise awareness
- **WATCH + SHARE** our [Spot a Stroke F.A.S.T.](#) PSA.
- **CIRCULATE** information about the [Heart & Stroke Helper App](#)
- **USE** the [F.A.S.T. infographic](#) to raise awareness about signs and symptoms of stroke.
- **SHARE** our interactive game called the [F.A.S.T. Experience](#) to learn what the warning signs of stroke look, feel and sound like.
- **FOLLOW** us on Social Media, and share campaign messages.
- **SHARE** the dedicated [Toolkit for Professionals and Hospitals](#)

- **LEARN** more at www.stroke.org/strokemonth and find additional campaign information.

Thank you for sharing on your communication channels to help raise Stroke awareness during May!

You can browse all past issues in our [newsletter archive](#) to catch up on key stories and insights. Make sure you're in the loop— [don't miss our news and updates section](#).

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](#).

Until next month!



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