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American Heart Association®  
Center for Health  
Technology & Innovation

Greetings,  
Heart Month may be wrapping up, but the pulse of the American Heart Association mission never stops. Onward to March that is full of new discoveries and digital health momentum.

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Leading up to game day, Damar Hamlin, Savy King and Nancy Brown shared the impact of Nation of Lifesavers during a media tour (*copyright Diane Angel*), and Super Bowl Experience attendees learned Hands-Only CPR (*American Heart Association photo*).

Nearly 5,000 Super Bowl LX fans join the American Heart Association's Nation of Lifesavers movement

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Heart health took center stage at Super Bowl LX, where the American Heart Association and the National Football League engaged nearly 5,000 fans through the [Nation of Lifesavers™](#) movement, which aims to double cardiac arrest survival rates by 2030.

A powerful highlight was the first meeting between cardiac arrest survivors Damar Hamlin and Savy King, who now use their platforms to promote CPR awareness. Fans received Hands-Only CPR training at multiple Super Bowl events, including the Super Bowl Experience.

The week also celebrated youth heart health through the 20th anniversary of [NFL PLAY 60](#), awarding grants to 136 schools and hosting a field day for local students, reinforcing the commitment to physical activity and lifesaving education.



## Getting to the heart of brain health at International Stroke Conference 2026

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The International Stroke Conference in New Orleans drew a record 6,600+ attendees from 59 countries, highlighting new science, collaboration opportunities and the inaugural brain health pre-symposium.

New data from the American Heart Association showed cardiovascular disease deaths have declined for the first time in five years, though heart disease and stroke remain leading causes of death — underscoring the urgency of continued innovation.

Leaders shared advances including research funding, expansion of [Get With The](#)

[Guidelines®–Stroke](#) and updated [acute ischemic stroke guidelines](#). In her Presidential Address, Stacey E. Rosen emphasized addressing sex-based disparities in stroke research and care.

The conference also honored pioneers, remembering Edward S. Cooper and recognizing Walter J. Koroshetz for his outstanding contributions to neurology and stroke medicine.



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### Dandelion Medical Devices, Inc. showcases medical-grade electrocardiogram (ECG) device

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Innovators' Network member Dandelion Medical Devices had its PulseTape ECG selected to be featured at Nordic Semiconductor's Healthcare Products section at CES.

PulseTape ECG is a wearable, medical-grade electrocardiogram (ECG) device designed to continuously capture heart rhythm data in a lightweight, tape-style form factor that enables remote cardiac monitoring, supporting earlier detection of arrhythmias and other cardiac abnormalities, and is built to integrate with digital health platforms for clinical review and follow-up.

The American Heart Association is committed to convening technology solutions that supports earlier detection, better monitoring and improved cardiovascular outcomes.

Follow Dandelion Medical Devices, Inc. on [LinkedIn](#).

Note: PulseTape ECG is currently under development and is not commercially available. The device is expected to be submitted to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for review, and commercial availability will be subject to FDA clearance or approval.



## The Evolving Role of AI in Medical Imaging

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Advances in artificial intelligence are expanding the role of medical imaging, improving detection performance, streamlining clinical workflows and enabling more consistent evaluation of findings already present in the exam.

[CureMetrix](#) is a member of CHTI's Innovators' Network. Its FDA-cleared software, cmAngio, is designed to detect breast arterial calcification (BAC) and is currently deployed at more than 350 sites. The technology helps turn a routine mammogram into a 2-for-1 exam, supporting breast cancer detection while also identifying BAC from the same images.

BAC remains an active area of clinical research, with a growing body of scientific literature exploring potential associations with cardiovascular health. These studies reflect ongoing research efforts that are distinct from cmAngio's cleared indication for BAC detection.



## 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 member of the Innovators' Network!

[Cardio Flow Design](#) – A medical technology company that develops iFlow software for 4D Flow MRI blood flow analysis. They aim toward introducing design concepts into cardiovascular surgery and improve the reproducibility of surgery with blood flow imaging.

[Constant Therapy Health](#) delivers an AI-driven digital app designed to provide personalized, evidence-based speech, language, and cognitive rehabilitation

This announcement aligns with the release of updated [Acute Ischemic Stroke Guidelines](#) from the American Heart Association, which emphasize the importance of early, coordinated rehabilitation to improve recovery outcomes.

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](#).

The banner features the American Heart Association logo and the text 'Center for Health Technology & Innovation'. The main title is 'From Classroom to Care: Building AI-Ready Health Professionals'. The date and time are 'Wednesday, March 4, 2026, at 12:00pm EST'. The speakers are listed as Bernard Esquivel, MD, PhD, GenXys; Lisa Kitko, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN, University of Rochester Medical Center; Wendy Chapman, PhD, UT Southwestern; and Antonio Cabrera, MD, FAAP, FAHA, FACC, FHFA, Nationwide Children's Hospital.

## AI-ready Health Professionals

You are invited to a discussion on "From Classroom to Care: Building AI-Ready Health Professionals".

Tune in live Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 12:00pm EST .

Join us for an engaging conversation with:

Moderator:

- Bernard Esquivel, MD, PhD, CEO, GenXys

Speakers:

- Antonio Cabrera, MD, FAAP, FAHA, FACC, FHFA, Chief of Pediatric Cardiology, Co-director of Heart Center, Nationwide Children's Hospital
- Lisa Kitko, PhD, RN, FAHA, FAAN, Dean, Vice President, University of Rochester School of Nursing, University of Rochester Medical Center
- Wendy Chapman, PhD, Associate Dean for Health Informatics and Chief Learning Health Officer, UT Southwestern

Register to join live

here: [https://heart.zoom.us/webinar/register/7817713690748/WN\\_J1PwKLVtS92gfbY54sg2Lg](https://heart.zoom.us/webinar/register/7817713690748/WN_J1PwKLVtS92gfbY54sg2Lg)

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

We hope to see you then!

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