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American Heart Association®

Center for Health Technology & Innovation

Greetings,

July may be clocking out, but the excitement isn't slowing down! Before we welcome August, let's take a quick look at this month's highlights, celebrate our successes, and share what's coming next.

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



See the Impact We're Making Together

From advancing AI in healthcare to connecting innovators, researchers, health systems, and entrepreneurs, the Center for Health Technology is helping shape the future of health and care delivery. Our new Impact Report highlights the people, partnerships and programs driving progress toward longer, healthier lives. We invite you to explore the report and see what's possible when innovation is guided by science, trust and purpose.

We are grateful to our volunteers, partners, working groups, and the Health Tech Advisory Group for their continued collaboration and commitment to advancing this important work.

This year's **Impact Report** is now available on our website's [homepage](#).



Ready to Shape the Future of Health? Enter Today!

The American Heart Association's [Health Tech Competition](#) is now accepting applications from emerging companies advancing cardiovascular and brain health.

Five finalists will earn the opportunity to pitch live at Scientific Sessions 2026 in Chicago before a distinguished panel of clinicians, researchers, investors, and industry leaders.

All finalists will receive national visibility, professional marketing assets, conference passes, and access to exclusive AHA innovation programs.

The overall winner will gain expanded media promotion and a complimentary one-year membership in the prestigious Center for Health Technology & Innovation Innovators' Network.

Applications close September 18, 2026—don't miss your chance to showcase the future

of heart and brain health.

[Apply here.](#)



Accelerating Innovation: How AI Is Bringing New Therapies to Patients Faster

AHA and Health Technology Advisory Group volunteer Dr. Alexander “AJ” Blood, a cardiologist at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and co-founder of AlwithCare, discusses how artificial intelligence is shifting healthcare from reactive to proactive by detecting undiagnosed conditions from existing EKGs and echocardiograms. Earlier detection can lead to earlier treatment, better outcomes, and lower costs.

Watch full interview [here](#).



First-ever guideline for CKM Cardiovascular-kidney metabolic health

If you have increased heart risk, you should know about Cardiovascular-kidney-metabolic health, or CKM, that explains how your heart, kidneys and energy systems work together.

Cardiovascular-Kidney-Metabolic (CKM) syndrome reflects the close link between heart, kidney and metabolic health. Conditions such as heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, obesity and diabetes often occur together and can worsen one another.

Because CKM syndrome may have few or no symptoms, early screening is critical. Key measures include blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar and kidney function checks.

Early detection, healthy lifestyle changes and appropriate treatment can help slow progression and improve long-term health. Managing CKM health often involves a team of healthcare professionals working together to support overall well-being.

See AHA's just-released [CKM guideline](#).



Mobia Medical Reports Lasting Benefits of Vivistim Therapy for Stroke Recovery

Innovators' Network member, [Mobia Medical](#), announced the publication of two-year data from its VNS-REHAB trial, showing that stroke survivors treated with Vivistim® Paired VNS™ Therapy maintained significant improvements in arm and hand function, daily activities, and quality of life for at least two years after treatment.

Among participants, 76% achieved meaningful motor-function improvements, with gains exceeding clinically important thresholds. Patients also reported better ability to perform everyday tasks such as dressing, bathing, carrying objects, and other activities requiring use of the affected arm and hand.

Published in *Neurology*, the findings suggest Vivistim Therapy may support long-term stroke recovery, with benefits lasting for years after treatment.

Read the full announcement [here](#).



Take Steps to Save Lives: Join the American Heart Association Heart Walk

Heart disease remains the leading cause of death in the United States, affecting individuals and families every day. By participating in your local [Heart Walk](#), you'll join more than a million people nationwide in raising awareness and supporting the fight against heart disease and stroke.

You are encouraged to join the [CHTI's team](#), start a team of your own, or participate as an individual. Every step and every dollar raised helps fund lifesaving initiatives, including:

- > Research to improve prevention and treatment of heart disease.
- > Pediatric heart and stroke research to improve outcomes for children.
- > Education on healthy habits, warning signs, and informed health decisions.

Get involved today by finding and registering for your local **Heart Walk!**



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!

[NextGen Invent](#) - is advancing the shift from reactive to predictive healthcare by leveraging AI to support earlier disease detection, identify patient deterioration risks, and enhance diagnostic accuracy. Their solutions help clinicians make more informed decisions while improving efficiency across healthcare systems.

[PharmaSmart](#) – manufactures and distributes best in class, clinically validated biometric kiosks and digital tools to help patients, pharmacists and physicians better manage hypertension and other related disease states.

[Kanza AI](#) - a healthcare-focused artificial intelligence company that develops what it calls a Clinical Reasoning System (CRS) for physicians. Rather than functioning as a medical scribe or search tool, its platform is designed to help clinicians work through diagnoses by showing the reasoning process behind recommendations.

Members with non-product news (e.g., funding, trials, publications, ex-hires), please send to Darcy Barrett, 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](#).

Engage with the American Heart Association professional member, from research and science to pilots and real-world use. Fill out this short Jot [Form](#) to express the areas you are interested in collaborating. We'll feature these on the CHTI website and share with our network of scientists and researchers.



Up Next: Two Innovators Tackling Hidden Gaps in Health

On **Tuesday, August 18 at 2:00 p.m. ET**, join Innovator Network members [Sharecare](#) and [SLIIP](#) for an engaging Virtual Roundtable discussion facilitated by **Marat Fudim, MD, MPH, Duke University**. Explore how technology is helping people navigate their healthcare benefits, improve outcomes, lower costs and identify sleep conditions linked to cardiovascular disease and other chronic health concerns.

[REGISTER NOW](#) and be part of the conversation.



Hear from the AHA CHTI's Past Health Tech Competition Winners

You are invited to a discussion on "Where are they now? The story of past Health Tech Competition Winners".

Tune in live Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 12:00pm EST.

Join us for an engaging conversation with:

Moderator:

- Catherine Liao, Chief Strategy and Commercial Officer, CONNEQT Health

Speakers:

- Yair Saperstein, MD, MPH, Co-founder and CEO, AvoMD
- Jason Bellet, Co-founder, Board Director, and Chief Business Officer, Eko Health
- Henri Justino, Co-founder, PolyVascular

Register to join live here:

https://heart.zoom.us/webinar/register/7117847377789/WN_qQYTq5c-SwKWs_iyp72miw

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!

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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