Oregon Health & Science University Presents:

**MedTech Alliance Program Spring Meeting**

OHSU will be hosting its second MedTech Alliance program meeting on **Wednesday, May 6 from 5:00PM to 7:30PM**. Community partners from Ater Wynne LLP will lead *moderated mini-discussions* on OHSU technologies that include the inventors, technology managers, and collaborators.

The MedTech Alliance program is a platform for investors, industry representatives, and community partners to stay up-to-date on early stage collaboration and investment opportunities at OHSU. The goal of the MedTech Alliance program is to facilitate collaborations and investment opportunities in order to advance OHSU innovations. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Technologies highlighted on the evening of May 6th will include:

- Antithrombotic drugs without bleeding side effects (Andras Gruber, MD)
- Bioabsorbable dural clips (Neil Roundy, MD & Rachel Dreilinger)
- Accurate in-home collection of blood samples (Andrew Chitty, MBA; Dorota Shortell, MSME; Trina Voss)
- New generation of dental composites (Carmem Pfeifer, DDS, PhD)

Excellent food, drink, and company will be provided. Register [HERE](#). *Registration in advance is required in order to participate.*

Please direct questions to Trish Pruis: pruist@ohsu.edu.

**Agenda**

- 5:00PM-5:30PM - Arrival & Networking
- 5:30PM-7:00PM – Introduction & Moderated Mini-Discussions
- 7:00PM-7:30PM – Networking with Presenters
Participants

Andrew Chitty, OHSU Inventor

Andy Chitty is the University Shared Resources (USR) Program Director at OHSU. The USR program manages the portfolio of OHSU cores to optimize scientific and financial operations. Cores are advanced technology centers that provide access to cutting edge facilities and expertise to campus investigators. Prior to getting his MBA, Andy spent sixteen years as a scientific equipment designer and manufacturer at Optimize Technologies, where he was in charge of designing products for various industries, including: liquid chromatography, mass spectrometry, clinical diagnostics, bio-defense and nuclear pharmacy. At Optimize, he also served as Senior Manager over R&D, engineering, sales and marketing, and OEM project management.

Frank Curci, Moderator

Frank X. Curci is a technology and intellectual property attorney and a Partner at Ater Wynne LLP law firm. He represents bioscience companies, research institutions, and high technology companies concerning a wide range of intellectual property and technology matters, including patent/IP licensing, multi-party technology collaborations, and the overall development, protection, commercialization and other uses an entity’s IP rights. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Cancer Research & Biostatistics Institute, a Seattle-based nonprofit bioscience institute.

Dan Dorsa, OHSU Leadership

Daniel Dorsa, PhD, joined OHSU in 2001 as Vice President for Research. In this role, he administers and coordinates academic research and ensures compliance at OHSU’s three schools and several free-standing research institutes and centers. He works closely with the leaders of those entities to set the agenda for building OHSU’s research capacity. As senior vice president for research, Dr. Dorsa oversees several NIH-funded research entities including the Oregon Clinical and Translational Research Institute and the Oregon National Primate Research Center. In these roles, Dr. Dorsa also serves as the key interface between investigators and OHSU’s Executive Leadership Team and represents the interests of the research community at the highest level.

Rachel Dreilinger, Collaborator & Inventor

Rachel Dreilinger is a biomechanical engineer and entrepreneur with professional experience in consulting, startups, mechanical design, medical & surgical device design and lab automation & robotics. Rachel is Co-Founder and CEO of NeuraMedica, a neurosurgery device company founded to commercialize a reabsorbable dural clip OHSU technology. She received her B.S. degree in Bioengineering from the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) in 1999.
Andras Gruber, OHSU Inventor

Andras Gruber, MD, is the founder of Aronora, Inc., which is an OHSU spin off biotechnology company. Aronora focuses on translational research & development of innovative biological drugs that are intended for use in cardiovascular emergencies. Aronora has been supported by sustained and significant competitive SBIR grant funding since 2009. The company was ranked by dollar amount #13 in 2011, #10 in 2012 and #9 in 2013 among all NIH research grant awardees in Oregon. Prior to joining OHSU in 2004, Dr. Gruber held faculty appointments at The Scripps Research Institute and Emory University, and also worked in executive medical and scientific positions for small biotechnology companies. His accomplishments include the first description of a rare disease (acquired protein C deficiency), 3 of 4 issued patents reduced to medical practice and one in development, and direct contribution to the discovery and/or development of FDA-approved biomedical products and devices.

Akana Ma, Moderator

Akana K.J. Ma is a Partner at Ater Wynne LLP. He offers clients from around the world practical, creative solutions to business and legal issues involving different cultures, legal systems, and business. He chairs Ater Wynne’s Global Trade Group. Akana works with a variety of bioscience and medical device companies conducting business in the global marketplace to help structure joint ventures, bioscience research and marketing collaborations, distribution of medical devices; license and protect technology and comply with foreign laws and regulations, among many services for biotechnology companies.

Carmem Pfeifer, OHSU Inventor

Carmem Pfeifer, DDS, PhD, is an Assistant Professor in the School of Dentistry at OHSU. Dr. Pfeifer’s research, which is highly collaborative, focuses on biomaterials and biomechanics for restorative dentistry. Carmem has been awarded grants from the Medical Research Foundation and the NIH to develop new polymeric materials for dental applications. Her grants are geared towards the development and enrichment of dental student research programs, as well as for developing a new generation of dental composites. Dr. Pfeifer holds joint appointments in the Pediatric Dentistry Dept. at OHSU, as well as the Craniofacial Biology Dept. in the School of Dental Medicine at the University of Colorado-Denver.

Trish Pruis, OHSU Business Development

Trish Pruis, PhD, is a Business Development Associate in the Technology Transfer & Business Development Office at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU). Her key roles are to facilitate relationships with potential business partners, including pharmaceutical, biotech, and medical device companies, investors, research institutes, and other relevant partners. She is also responsible for managing OHSU’s MedTech Alliance program, which is a platform for investors, industry representatives, and community partners to stay up-to-date on early stage technologies developed at OHSU. Trish’s overarching goal is to support commercialization and partnership efforts at the university.
Neil Roundy, OHSU Inventor

Neil Roundy, M.D. is a neurosurgeon with Oregon Neurosurgery Specialists, a private-practice group in Eugene, OR. He is also Co-Founder and Chief Medical Officer of NeuraMedica, a neurosurgery device start-up to commercialize his reabsorbable dural clip technology developed at OHSU. Dr. Roundy has ongoing research projects in advanced Neuroimaging using High-Field 7 Tesla MRI; mobile technology in education and pre-operative, multispectral, high-resolution 3D modeling for simulated surgical planning. His work interests include skullbase surgery, minimally-invasive intracranial and spinal surgery and neuroendoscopy. He graduated from University of Arizona in 2007.

Dorota Shortell, Collaborator & Inventor

Dorota Shortell is President of Simplexity Product Development Inc. and has always had a passion for product innovation. Simplexity is an engineering design company with a unique “simpler is better” development philosophy that has served leading technology and bioscience firms for more than twenty years. Dorota has been leading a team of Simplexity engineers working on a joint project with OHSU researchers, physicians, and staff. Simplexity has been responsible for the engineering and design side of the project, including bringing in cross-discipline innovations and designing a product that is ready for commercialization. Dorota was recognized in 2012 by the Portland Business Journal as one of the region’s top business leaders as a Forty under 40 Award winner.

Trina Voss, OHSU Technology Management

Trina Voss is a Technology Development Manager at OHSU, where she is responsible for licensing OHSU discoveries to bring them from lab to market. Trina is passionate about commercialization efforts that lead to improvements in human health. Prior to joining OHSU in 2010, Trina was at the USC Stevens Institute for Innovation at the University of Southern California as a licensing specialist. Trina received her Bachelor of Science degrees in Zoology and Biology, with minors in German Language and Computer Information systems at Humboldt State University.

Andrew Watson, OHSU Leadership

Andrew Watson, PhD, is the Director of Technology Transfer at OHSU. Dr. Watson manages the licensing, intellectual property protection, and industry collaborations aspects of the office. He is also responsible for the day-to-day management of the office and technology transfer staff as well as preparation and management of departmental budgets. He is involved in developing and implementing university policies, providing leadership in developing strategies for corporate collaborations, and serves as an OHSU spokesperson for matters relating to intellectual property, commercialization and economic impact of OHSU research. He has authored several scientific publications and technology transfer articles, and is an active member of the Association of University Technology Managers, the Licensing Executives Society and the Oregon Bioscience Association.
Location & Parking

OHSU/OUS Collaborative Life Sciences Building, Rm. 3A001
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Please park in the OHSU Schnitzer Parking Lot just north of the Collaborative Life Sciences Building (CLSB). The address for the parking lot is: 2650 SW Moody, Portland, OR. You can also enter “Schnitzer Parking Lot, Portland, OR” into Google maps or click on the map below.