January 19, 2011
Mira Dx
4 pm  Presentation
5 pm  Networking and Wine Reception

Mira Dx is a genomics company dedicated to the development and commercialization of novel microRNA-based diagnostic tests. The company’s goal is to help clinicians better understand cancer and enhance decision making.

In August 2010, the company launched a new diagnostic test for women who may have inherited a high risk of ovarian cancer. Based on a novel genetic variant discovered by researchers at Yale, the test is based on a class of small, highly conserved RNAs, called microRNAs (miRNAs).

Martin L. Verhoef
President

Frank Slack, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Department of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology, Yale University

February 16, 2011
Novatract Surgical
4 pm  Presentation
5 pm  Networking and Wine Reception

Novatract is developing laparoscopic devices based on a patent-pending technology developed by Dr. Kurt Roberts, Yale University’s first fellow in minimally invasive surgery. The technique, known as Natural Orifice Transluminal Endoscopic Surgery (NOTES) makes it possible to remove an organ such as the appendix or gallbladder through a small incision in the body’s natural opening such as the vagina. NovaTract’s devices will allow general laparoscopic surgeons worldwide to practice this innovative technique with fewer incisions. The company expects its first retraction device to be ready for market fourth quarter of 2011.

Eleanor Tandler
President and CEO

Kurt Roberts, M.D.
Assistant Professor of Surgery, Yale University

March 2, 2011
Axerion Therapeutics
4 pm  Presentation
5 pm  Networking and Wine Reception

Axerion Therapeutics, Inc. is developing disease-modifying therapeutics for the management and treatment of spinal cord injury (SCI), stroke recovery, traumatic brain injury and Alzheimer’s Disease.

Axerion’s Prion Protein (PrP) project is a novel potential therapeutic approach for patients suffering from Alzheimer’s disease. Axerion is developing small molecule oral compounds to block the binding of β-amyloid (Aβ) oligomers (clumps of Aβ peptides) to PrP in the brain, thereby preventing a cascade of events that result in brain dysfunction.

With its Nogo Receptor platform, Axerion is developing treatments that have the potential to stimulate regrowth in axons, which are long cellular fibers that electrically connect one nerve cell to another and play a vital role in supporting neurological function. This could help to restore function in patients who are suffering from spinal cord injuries, stroke and other central nervous system disorders.

Sylvia McBrinn
President and Chief Executive Officer

Stephen Strittmatter, M.D., Ph.D.
Vincent Coates Professor of Neurology, Professor of Neurobiology, Yale University

Thank you to our presenters fall 2010
Al Mann
Serial Entrepreneur and Chair of MannKind Corp.

Cobalt Therapeutics
Seth Feuerstein, M.D., J.D.
President and CEO

Biodel
Solomon S. Steiner, Ph.D.
Chief Scientific Officer and Co-Founder
Registration is free, but please RSVP in advance.
E-mail to biohaven@yale.edu or call the Yale OCR main number at (203) 785-6209

Directions
From I-95 North or South
Exit 47 to Route 34 west to Exit 2. Turn left onto College Street. Follow College until it merges with Congress Avenue. Cross Howard Avenue and enter the Howard Avenue Parking Garage on your right.

From I-91 South
Exit 1 to Route 34 west to Exit 2. Turn left onto College Street. Follow College until it merges with Congress Avenue. Cross Howard Avenue and enter the Howard Avenue Parking on your right.

Wilbur Cross Parkway (Rte. 15) traveling south
Exit 59 immediately after tunnel. Right at end of ramp. Merge left onto Whalley Avenue at light. Stay on Whalley until you see signs for Yale-New Haven at Park Street. Turn right onto Park and follow it until it merges with Howard Avenue. Once on Howard, go through one more light and the Yale Physicians’ Building will be on your right. The Howard Avenue Parking Garage is adjacent to the building.

Merrit Parkway (Rte. 15) traveling north
Exit 57 to Route 34 east into New Haven. Right onto Ella T. Grasso Boulevard (Rte. 10) and left onto South Frontage Road. Follow hospital and Rte. 34 signs. At Howard Avenue, turn right. The Yale Physicians’ Building is on your right at 800 Howard Avenue. The Howard Avenue Parking Garage is adjacent to the building.

Route 1 (Boston Post Road) traveling east
After crossing Ella T. Grasso Boulevard (Rte. 10), turn left onto Davenport Avenue. At Howard Avenue, turn right. Yale Physicians’ Building is on your right at the corner of Howard and Davenport. The Howard Avenue Parking Garage is adjacent to the building.

Parking
Howard Avenue Garage
790 Howard Ave., next to the Yale Physicians Building. The garage is open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Rates: $2 per hour.
From West, enter garage entrance from Howard Avenue, just beyond the YPB entrance.
From East and I-91 or I-95, enter garage from Congress Avenue, just beyond the intersection of Howard Avenue and Congress Avenue.

Air Rights Garage
Open 24 hours a day and located between North and South Frontage roads, straddling York St. Hourly, half-day, daily and monthly rates are available. The New Haven Parking Authority, (203) 946-8936, can provide current rate information. Special parking spaces for disabled visitors are located next to the elevators on each parking level. The garage is monitored by Yale-New Haven Hospital Security Services. A covered pedestrian bridge connects the second floor of the garage to the 20 York Street entrance of the Yale-New Haven Hospital.