

All programs are at Yale Medical School's Anlyan Center for Medical Research and Education,  
Congress Avenue, New Haven.

**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  $\beta$ -amyloid (A $\beta$ ) oligomers (clumps of A $\beta$  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*

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Serial Entrepreneur and Chair of MannKind Corp.

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*President and CEO*

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*Chief Scientific Officer and Co-Founder*

*The Yale BioHaven Entrepreneurship Series features presentations designed to showcase regionally developed life science technologies that have progressed along the path to commercialization. Speakers at the BioHaven events represent both the scientific and business side of the enterprises.*

*The programs focus on key success factors of each company, scientific or technological advantage, business model, and lessons learned in starting and developing the business. The series also provides social networking opportunities for scientists/researchers in the Yale community.*

Registration is free, but please RSVP in advance.

E-mail to [biohaven@yale.edu](mailto:biohaven@yale.edu) or call the Yale OCR main number at  
(203) 785-6209

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#### 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.

#### Merritt 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.

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