

# BioFlorida's 1st Annual Jax BioExchange

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Jacksonville Regional Chamber of  
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**Tuesday, September 11  
1 pm – 6 pm**

**UNF's University Center  
Jacksonville**

Cocktail reception  
begins at 6pm

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# It's Time for Us to Get To Know Each Other

**I**ndustry Players—Come join us for an informative and fun half-day event at BioFlorida's 1st Annual Jacksonville BioExchange. Sponsored by UF Tech Connect, Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce Cornerstone, Akerman Senterftt & Reynolds, Smith and Hills, this event is one you will not want to miss. The timing couldn't be better to hear what your industry neighbors are up to. Directors of research and professors alike will share their efforts in this thriving industry.

- What:** BioFlorida's 1st Annual Jax BioExchange
- Where:** Jacksonville, UNF University Center
- When:** Tuesday, September 11th
- Why:** To identify potential investment opportunities and partnerships in the Florida biosciences.

Jacksonville and Gainesville are areas where bioscience and biotechnology have been growing for years. Now's the time to get together and discuss the concept of a life sciences corridor between the two cities.

This event is all about building a sense of community among the booming technical population that exists largely in isolation from each other.

—Art Wotiz, Co-Chair BioFlorida's Northeast Chapter and CEO, NovaBone

## Schedule of Events

**1:00 pm – 3:15 pm** **Technology Presentations**  
*From:* The UF Technology Licensing Department & Sid Martin Biotechnology Incubator Presentations to include a number of early-stage UF spin-out companies seeking investment and technical collaboration candidates.

**3:30 pm – 5:45 pm** **Research Advancements & Success Stories**  
*Presented By:* AxoGen, Mayo Clinic, Medtronic, Nemours Clinic & UF Medical School Jacksonville. Presentations from research directors at AxoGen, Mayo Clinic, Medtronic, Nemours Clinic & UF Med School Jacksonville to share an overview of their facility research and seek potential collaboration.

**6:00 pm - 7:30 pm** **Cocktail & Hors d'oeuvres Reception**

**Please RSVP to [admin@bioflorida.com](mailto:admin@bioflorida.com)**

# Technology Presentations

## **Apeliotus Technologies**

Atlanta, GA

Phone: 404.875.9561

[www.apeliotus.com](http://www.apeliotus.com)

Apeliotus is focused on developing a number of medical device technologies licensed from several universities including UF.

## **Banyan Biomarkers**

Alachua, FL

Phone: 386.462.6699

[www.banyanbiomarkers.com](http://www.banyanbiomarkers.com)

Banyan is working to commercialize novel diagnostic products to meet clinical needs associated with organ injury focusing on traumatic brain injury.

## **Metrosleep**

New York, NY

Phone: 212.223.1165

Metrosleep has several proprietary diagnostic and therapy devices focused on obstructive sleep apnea.

## **Morphogenesis**

Oldsmar, FL

Phone: 813.855.9844

[www.morphogenesisinc.com](http://www.morphogenesisinc.com)

Morphogenesis is an emerging cell therapy company developing products for tissue engineering and immunotherapy markets.

## **NanoMedex, Inc.**

Alachua, FL

Phone: 352.392.8929

NanoMedex uses nanotechnology to research and develop novel methods of medical diagnostics and therapeutics.

# Research Advancements

## **Introduction**

**Yank D. Coble Jr., MD** Dr. Coble Jr. is a distinguished professor and director of the Center for Global Health and Medical Diplomacy, University of North Florida and clinical professor of medicine, UF.

## **AxoGen**

**Curt Deister** Mr. Deister is a graduate of Texas A&M University and received a doctoral degree in chemical engineering from the University of Texas at Austin. He began working with AxoGen during his graduate work and joined the team in January 2007.

## **Mayo Clinic**

**Thomas G. Brott, MD** As the director for research at Mayo Clinic, Dr. Brott's interests are in the study of cerebrovascular disease. A broad range of research at the Mayo Clinic will be showcased.

## **Medtronic**

**Craig Drager** As Sector VP of R&D, Mr. Drager has gained vast experience in the areas of ophthalmology, otology, rhinology, laryngology, oralmaxiofacial, neurology and spinal orthopedics.

## **Nemours Clinic**

**Vicky L. Funanage, PhD** As director of biomedical research for the entire Nemours network, Dr. Funanage is widely published and the winner of numerous academic awards.

## **UF Medical School Jacksonville**

**Alan R. Berger, MD** Dr. Berger is the Professor and Chairman for the Department of Neurology, and Assistant Dean for Research, UF College of Medicine – Jacksonville.

# Welcome Industry Professionals

Welcome to BioFlorida's 1st Annual Jax BioExchange brought to you by BioFlorida's Northeast Chapter and sponsored by UF Tech Connect, Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce Cornerstone, Akerman Senterfitt and Reynolds, Smith and Hills. I am thrilled to be a part of this inaugural BioFlorida event in Jacksonville and I am particularly excited at the prospect of connecting the bioscience communities between Jacksonville and Gainesville.

I think we all agree that the timing couldn't be better to get to know one another. It's our goal that at the end of this event that not only have we connected and exchanged business cards, but that we are more familiar with the research efforts taking place among our industry neighbors. Further, we hope to identify potential investment opportunities and partnerships in the Florida biosciences. Ultimately, we should work to build a sense of community among the biotech, pharma and medical device industries in north central and northeast Florida in order to establish research collaboration opportunities.

I would also like to extend an invitation to you to attend BioFlorida's annual conference taking place October 15th-17th at the Hyatt Bonaventure Conference Center & Spa. As BioFlorida celebrates its 10-year anniversary, the state has a lot to be proud of. Come hear from a global leader in life sciences, Mr. G. Steven Burrill, Chief Executive Officer of Burrill & Company as he shares his perspective on the industry. Other plenary panels include an Institute Panel entitled, "What's Next with Florida's Bio Investments" showcasing the presidents of Scripps, Burnham and Torrey Pines institutes and "National Issues in Pharma, Device & Biotech" will include representatives of national bioscience associations and a presentation by Pfizer.

We're looking forward to your participation in the 1st Annual Jacksonville BioExchange and the 10th Annual BioFlorida Conference!

Sincerely,



Art Wotiz, Co-Chair, BioFlorida's  
Northeast Chapter & CEO, NovaBone