



**TUESDAY, JANUARY 8**

**Where to Find the Must-Know New Technologies and Companies: Ideas and Approaches You Need to Know**

Finding the most innovative startups for partnering or acquisition is more important than ever. Our panelists are worldwide leaders in innovation and will discuss the following questions: Where to find the most innovative new technologies and companies? How can we help these and our own grow? How can you leverage these companies and centers of innovation?

**Moderator:**



**Ken Bahk, Ph.D.**

**Chief Executive Officer, Lakewood Holdings**

Dr. Ken Bahk has spent his career as an entrepreneur, venture capitalist, and venture philanthropist for multiple Family Offices. Prior to Lakewood Holdings, Ken was the founding CEO of Three Lakes Partners, an IPF-focused venture philanthropy; served in key investment, management, and Director roles for over \$1.5B in exits; and functioned as key leadership for a multitude of professional organizations including the American Association for Clinical Chemistry, Association for Molecular Pathology, and the American Society for Microbiology. Serving as a conduit between technology and finance, Ken co-founded and manages the premier Analyst events for molecular diagnostics and microbiology to highlight technologies and approaches most likely to be relevant, impactful, and commercially successful. He received his Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and an M.S. in Neurobiology and Physiology from Northwestern University, and his M.B.A. from the Kellogg School of Management.

**Panelists:**



**Chitra Dorai, Ph.D.**

**AI Scientist, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Amicus Brain Innovations**

Dr. Chitra Dorai is a renowned AI Scientist and the Founder & CEO of Amicus Brain Innovations focused on bringing the power of AI to tackle some of the important problems in healthcare and banking industries. She was formerly at IBM as an IBM Fellow (first woman of Indian origin to receive this recognition) and as the Global CTO for cognitive services in IBM's Global Business Services unit. During her tenure at IBM, Dr. Dorai was a recipient of IBM's highest honor in 2011 – the Gerstner Award for Client Excellence, was recognized as an IBM Distinguished Engineer in 2012, and was appointed by the IBM CEO as an IBM Fellow, the company's preeminent technical honor in 2015. Her work from 2009 until 2015 on customer focused analytics in mortgage servicing helped thousands of struggling home owners through home ownership retention programs and alternative workout options during one of the most challenging times in the history of the U.S. housing market. In 2014, Dr. Dorai received the Tamil American Pioneer Award for Excellence in Finance and Business from the Federation of Tamil Sangams of North America. In 2016, she was profiled as a "Societal Innovator" in the IBM HQ. In 2018, she received "The Visionary" award from the National Association of Women in Real Estate Business.

Dr. Dorai graduated from IIT Madras with an undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering and received her Ph.D. in Computer Science at Michigan State University with the Distinguished Academic Achievement award. She is the co-inventor of more than 45 patents and has received multiple high-value patent awards, having been recognized as a Master Inventor thrice at IBM. She has co-authored 100+ technical papers in IEEE and ACM conferences and journals, edited a book and received five best paper awards at international conferences. She has presented keynote addresses and technical talks at academic research conferences, industry symposia and panels, and has served in many organizational roles on committees at the International Conferences over the past three decades. She is frequently interviewed or cited in press, web news and blogs, and YouTube video on a wide variety of topics from AI, Machine Learning, Blockchain, Big Data and Analytics to human technology balance.

Elizabethan D, 2nd Floor | 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm

Following two decades of a highly decorated career at IBM, Dr. Dorai is currently focused on her entrepreneurial ventures and her continued passion to make AI accessible to everyone with her conference presentations, webinars and podcasts.



**Sirj Goswami, Ph.D.**

**Co-founder & Chief Executive Officer, InsightRX**

Sirj Goswami is a scientist and healthcare technology executive dedicated to bringing genomics, quantitative pharmacology and artificial intelligence to the forefront of clinical practice. Sirj is Founder/CEO of InsightRX, a venture-backed healthcare technology company that applies quantitative pharmacology and artificial intelligence to personalize treatment at the point of care. The core InsightRX precision dosing product leverages patient-specific data from the EHR to help clinicians individualize the dosing regimen for complicated medications, augmenting the drug by maximizing efficacy while minimizing toxicity. Sirj received his Ph.D. from UCSF in Quantitative Pharmacology and Genomics. He was a Discovery Fellow at UCSF and had several years of prior industry experience at Genentech and Pfizer.



**Nathan Ledebor, Ph.D., D(ABMM), F(AAM)**

**Associate Professor of Pathology, Medical Director Molecular Diagnostics, Clinical Microbiology, Medical College of Wisconsin**

Nathan A. Ledebor, Ph.D., D(ABMM), F(AAM) received his Ph.D. Degree in Microbiology from the University of Iowa in 2005. Following two years of fellowship training in clinical and public health microbiology at Washington University School of Medicine in Saint Louis, MO, he joined the faculty of the Department of Pathology at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee, WI. He is currently a Professor and Vice Chair of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at MCW. Dr. Ledebor's clinical responsibilities include being the Medical Director of Microbiology, Molecular Diagnostics, reference services, and laboratory client services at Froedert Hospital and Wisconsin Diagnostic Laboratories in Milwaukee, WI. His research endeavors, particularly in the area developing diagnostic tools for infectious diseases, have led to numerous publications in peer-reviewed journals and more than 100 funded research projects. Dr. Ledebor is also a senior editor for the Journal of Clinical Microbiology.



**Kate Merton, Ph.D.**

**Head, JLABS @ NYC, Boston & JPOD @ Philadelphia**

As Head of Johnson & Johnson Innovation, JLABS in New York, Kate is responsible for external engagement, innovation sourcing, company onboarding, portfolio management, operational excellence, educational programming and P&L. She catalyzes and supports the translation of science and technology into valuable solutions for patients and consumers across the pharmaceutical, medical device, consumer and health tech sectors.

Kate joins JLABS with 15 years of experience working across the Healthcare industry, starting in R&D before moving onto roles in Marketing, Business Development, External Alliances, Medical Affairs, Health Outcomes and most recently Disruptive Innovation. During her career Kate has been part of teams that have discovered new drugs, worked to develop and gain approval for blockbuster diabetes products and is passionate about being part of the future of healthcare where science intersects with the rapid advancements in health care technology.

Kate holds an undergraduate degree in Pharmacology & Toxicology from King's College London, and a Ph.D. in Pharmacology & Toxicology from University of California, Irvine Medical School. She received her M.B.A. from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University.