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Welcome and Introduction

Louis P. Kassa III, MPA - CEO, Hepatitis B Foundation, Baruch S. Bloomberg Institute and Pennsylvania Biotechnology Center (PABC), President, PABC

Remarks from our Presenting Sponsor, Daiichi Sankyo Event Moderator & Health Equity Panel Moderator

Grant Castor - Senior Vice President, Commercial Strategy and Operations, Sentyln Therapeutics, Inc.

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Heather A. Steinman, PhD, MBA - Senior Vice President, Business Development, The Wistar Institute

Tech Transfer Panel

Nikhil (Nik) A. Heble, PharmD, JD - Partner and Chair, Life Sciences Practice Group, The Belles Group, P.C.

Stephen G. Nappi - Associate Vice President, Technology Commercialization and Business Development, Temple University

Erika Swift, MBA, MHA - Executive Director, Center for Medical Innovation, Professor of Practice, Penn State College of Medicine

Break

Health Equity Panel

Chari A. Cohen, DrPH, MPH - President, Hepatitis B Foundation, Professor, Baruch S. Bloomberg Institute

Rosemary Frasso, PhD, SM, SM, CPH - Victor Heiser, MD, Professor Program Director, Public Health, Thomas Jefferson University

Ayesha Sitlani, PhD - Associate Vice President, Product Development Center, IAVI

The Timothy M. Block Biotech Impact Award presented to

Kunwar Shailubhai, PhD, MBA

VIP Lunch



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Keynote Speaker



Nicholas Siciliano, PhD
*CEO and Co-Founder of
Vittoria Biotherapeutics*

Nicholas brings over 20 years of C-suite leadership experience in biotechnology.

Previously, he was CEO and Co-Founder of Invisible Sentinel, a global molecular diagnostics company, where he oversaw the development, manufacturing and commercial expansion of its proprietary diagnostics, culminating in the company's acquisition by bioMérieux, Inc. in 2019. Following the acquisition, he served as VP at bioMérieux, leading U.S. Sales and Marketing while continuing as CEO of Invisible Sentinel.



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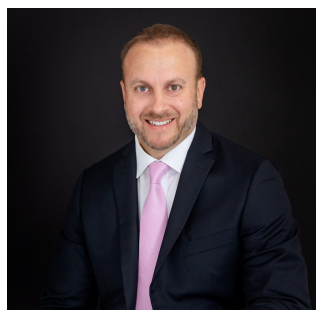
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Health Equity Panel Moderator



Grant W. Castor

*Senior VP, Commercial
Strategy and Operations,
Sentynl Therapeutics, Inc.*

Grant holds more than a decade of strategy, finance and commercial operations experience in the biopharma and medical device industries. Prior to joining Sentynl as a founding member in 2015, Mr. Castor led marketing operations for Amedra Pharmaceuticals LLC and Lineage Therapeutics, which was successfully sold to Impax Laboratories, LLC, now Amneal Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Tech Transfer Panel Moderator



Heather A. Steinman, PhD, MBA

*Senior Vice President, Business
Development, The Wistar
Institute*

Heather A. Steinman, PhD, MBA, joined The Wistar Institute as vice president for business development and executive director of technology transfer in October 2014. Dr. Steinman was hired into a newly created position to forge new strategic partnerships with industry, nonprofit and local academic institutions and advance Wistar's growing pipeline of biomedical research discoveries. Dr. Steinman leads and oversees the implementation of Wistar's intellectual property strategy and all technology commercialization activities.



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