



THBI 2020 Virtual Fall Policy Summit and Luminary Awards
Wednesday, December 9, 1:00-4:45 pm

“Connecting the Dots: Strong Policies Foster Life Saving Innovations”

The virtual Summit will take a deep dive into THBI’s legislative priorities as we approach the 87th Texas Legislative Session. THBI’s members are leading the fight against COVID-19 through research and development, and creating vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics, and medical devices to help cure, treat and prevent illness. Strong policies foster innovations and are necessary for our industry to end the current pandemic and prevent future outbreaks of viruses and deadly diseases. The Summit will bring together life science experts to lead the discussions on what it takes to bring a product to the market, and what Texas can do to support good policy. The event will also highlight industry leaders who have furthered innovation in Texas with the presentation of the annual Luminary Awards.

1:00p, Opening Conversations

A fireside chat with Michelle McMurry-Heath, M.D., Ph.D., President and CEO, BIO and Tom Kowalski, President and CEO, THBI

1:20p, Panel: THBI’s Legislative Priorities for the 87th Texas Legislative Session

THBI is committed to creating an environment where innovation and discoveries flourish and thrive, and patients remain the ultimate beneficiary of such innovations. This panel will provide an overview of the priorities THBI members will be focused on during the 87th Texas Legislative Session.

Holli Hill, State Government Affairs, Novartis
Amber Pearce, Director of US Public Affairs and State Government Relations, Pfizer
Meredith Armstrong, Policy Director, THBI
Moderator- Patricia Shipton, Government Affairs Consultant, THBI

2:00p, Keynote

Understanding pharmaceutical cost and pricing issues in the U.S. health care system.

Kipp Snider, Vice President of State Advocacy, PhRMA

2:20p, Life Sciences Industry Updates

Panel 1: The Life Sciences industry is leading the response to COVID-19 with more than 750 therapeutic developments in the pipeline. The importance of strong policies to support life science innovation is a leading issue on the agendas of policy makers. This panel brings together state and federal perspectives to provide insight on legislative initiatives impacting the country as we move from pandemic to a post-COVID environment; what health care issues will be prevalent as we move into a legislative season; and how can the biopharmaceutical industry continue to respond.

Nick Magallanes, Vice President of Federal Advocacy, PhRMA
Patrick Plues, Vice President of State Government Affairs, BIO
State Senator Nathan Johnson, Texas State Senate, Member of Senate Health and Human Services Committee
Moderator- Jesse Lewis, Associate Director of State Government Affairs, Bristol Myers Squibb

Panel 2: Texas is one of the leading life science states in the country with over 6,200 life science businesses employing over 100,000 employees. With academic research & development expenditures of nearly \$3.5 billion, nearly \$1.4 billion in NIH funding, 4,950 patent awards to Texas inventors, and \$2.3 billion in bioscience venture capital investments, Texas continues to outpace national growth for the industry. This panel will discuss the importance of academic and private partnerships, how initiatives that support research and development impact the Texas economy, and what policies are necessary to further strengthen the growth in the national and global competitive environment.

Claire Aldridge, Ph.D., Associate Vice President of Commercialization & Business Development, UT Southwestern



Fiona Mack, Ph.D., Head of JLABS @ TMC

Cindy WalkerPeach, Ph.D., Chief Product Development Officer at CPRIT

State Representative Chris Turner, Texas House of Representatives, Chair of House Higher Education Committee

Moderator- Mark Moreno, Vice President of Government Relations, MD Anderson Cancer Center

3:40p, Keynote

As the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, Representative Capriglione will share updates on the Legislative Budget Board, and his forecast on how the Appropriations Committee may prepare for the 2022-2023 budget with the current budget shortfalls.

State Representative Gio Capriglione, Texas House of Representatives, Chair of House Appropriations Committee

4:00p, Luminary Awards

The Luminary Award is presented to individuals for the contributions and efforts to further the development of the life science industry in Texas. THBI will also be presenting the Luminary Award to all Texas health care workers on the front lines responding to the coronavirus. To honor their dedication and sacrifice to protect and treat Texans during the COVID-19 pandemic, the membership has chosen to present Texas elected officials in the healthcare profession to accept the award on behalf of those workers.

Governor Greg Abbott

Khrystal K. Davis, JD, Founder & President, Texas Rare Alliance

On behalf of health care workers:

Texas U.S. Representative Michael Burgess, MD

Texas U.S. Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson

Texas State Senator Dawn Buckingham, MD

Texas State Senator Donna Campbell, MD

Texas State Senator Charles Schwertner, MD

Texas State Representative Greg Bonnen, MD

Texas State Representative Donna Howard

Texas State Representative Stephanie Klick

Texas State Representative Tom Oliverson, MD

Texas State Representative J.D. Sheffield, DO

4:15p, THBI Post-Event Virtual Reception

Immediately following the Policy Summit, join special guest Rodney E. Rohde, PhD, MS, SV/SM/MB(ASCP)^{CM} and the THBI team, Tom Kowalski, Meredith Armstrong, and Patricia Shipton. The post-event virtual reception will be an open forum to ask questions about COVID-19 and what we can expect to see from the pandemic in 2021, answer questions on THBI's legislative priorities, and provide further insight into how policy makers can continue to support innovation and positive patient health outcomes during the upcoming legislation session.

Dr. Rohde is the Professor and Chair for the Clinical Laboratory Science (CLS) Program in the College of Health Professions at Texas State University. During the #SARSCoV2 / #COVID19 pandemic, he is the #1 quoted Texas State subject matter expert and has conducted over 110 interviews for podcasts, TV, newspapers, and internet sites as well as delivered dozens of webinars and workshops at the international, national, state, and local levels.