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The 4th Agentic AI Innovation Summit

AGENDA



DAY-1

Monday, January 12th, 2026

11:00 AM - 8:00 PM PT

Verizon Innovation Lab,
San Francisco

DAY-2

Tuesday, January 13th, 2026

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Join leaders to explore how agentic intelligence is transforming precision medicine and healthcare.

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Opening Remarks

- **Michael Stark, PhD exp**, Master of Ceremonies, Harvard-MIT Broad Institute
- **AJ Venkatakrishnan , PhD**, Senior Vice President of Strategic AI Partnerships, nference
- **Dan Setterby**, Associate Director, Verizon Innovation Lab

11:15 AM – 11:45 AM
Navigating the Regulatory Frontier: Policy, Intelligence, and Agentic AI in Life Sciences

- **Moderator: Jason Maron, MBA**, Senior Director of Partnerships, nference
- **Andrew Robertson, PhD JD**, Vice President, Head of Global Regulatory Policy and Innovation, Takeda Pharmaceuticals
- **Vada Perkins**, DRSc, MSc, MS, VP, Head of Global Regulatory Intelligence and Policy, Boehringer Ingelheim
- **Jimita Parekh**, Vice President Regulatory Technology & Innovation, DNAnexus
- **Nancy Myers, JD**, Chief Executive Officer, Catalyst Healthcare Consulting
- **Chris Lee**, Vice President, Innovation, Content and Execution, Gilead Sciences

11:50 AM – 12:20 PM
From Algorithms to Outcomes: Making AI Matter in Drug Discovery

- **Moderator: Parthiv Patel**, Vice President of Corporate Development, nference
- **Todd Neville**, Head of Strategic Growth, MassiveBio, Former VP, MSK, Former SVP, AstraZeneca
- **Hannah Gordon, PhD**, Chief Scientific Officer, Enveda
- **Sri Kosuri, PhD**, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Octant Bio
- **Steve Potts, PhD, MBA**, Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder, Breakthru Medicine
- **Rajesh Ramaswamy, PhD**, Former SVP & Founding Head of Machine Learning & AI Strategy, Sail Biomedicines

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM

Translating Silicon Intelligence and Agency into Clinical Readiness

- **Moderator: Sal Lombardo, MBA**, AI Strategic Partnerships, nference
- **Dinesh Kumar, PhD**, Head of Translational Research Bioinformatics, Roche
- **Ryan Leung, MBA**, Senior Director & Head of Life Science Product, Lila Sciences
- **Catherine Tribouley, PhD, MBA**, Director, Immuno-Oncology Precision Medicine, Abbvie
- **Atray Dixit, PhD**, Co-Founder and CEO, Oncko
- **Lavi Erisson, MD**, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Gensaic

1:00 PM

Lunch Served & Emerging Innovators Showcase

1:30 PM – 2:00 PM

Pioneering Digital Biology and Business Impact at Mayo Clinic

- **Moderator: Jonathan Krog, PhD**, Associate Director, AI Partnerships, nference
- **Matt Redlon, MBA**, Vice President, Digital Biology, Mayo Clinic Digital Pathology, Mayo Clinic
- **Yemi Sokumbi, MD**, Practice Director, Dermatology, Professor of Dermatology and Lab Medicine & Pathology, Mayo Clinic

2:05 PM - 2:15 PM

nference Agentic AI for Venture Creation: The Launch of Nucleus

- **Aaron Mathias**, Vice President of Corporate Strategy, nference
- **Brad Pryde**, Senior Director of Corporate Development, nference

2:20 PM – 2:50 PM

From Digital Strategy to Real-World Clinical and Commercial Impact

- **Moderator: Aaron Mathias**, Vice President of Corporate Strategy, nference
- **Troy Sarich, PhD**, Former Senior Vice President & Chief Commercial Data Science Officer, J&J Innovative Medicine
- **Denise Basow, MD**, Executive Vice President & Chief Digital Officer, Ochsner Health
- **Migen Shehu**, Vice President of Integrated Insights, Data, & Digital, Gilead Sciences
- **Laura O'Donnell**, Senior Director, Head, Global Site Engagement, GSK

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM

The Intersection of R&D Strategy and Venture Capital in Life Sciences

- **Moderator: Venky Soundararajan, PhD**, Co-Founder and Chief Scientific Officer, nference
- **Johan Luthman, PhD**, Executive Vice President & Head R&D, Lundbeck
- **David Berry, MD, PhD**, Co-Founder & Managing Partner, Averin Capital

3:40 PM – 4:10 PM

From Clinic to Consumer: Redefining Medicine in an Intelligent World

- **Moderator: Aaron Mathias**, Vice President of Corporate Strategy, nference
- **Joanne Foody, MD**, Senior Vice President & Global Head Cardiopulmonary Research and Development, J&J Innovative Medicine
- **Lou Brenner, MD**, Chief Medical Officer, Formation Bio
- **Frank Padron**, Vice President & General Manager of the Biopharma Division, AliveCor
- **Anand Reddi, MD**, Global Head of Direct-to-Consumer Innovation and Digital Health, BeOne Medicines
- **Sunita Mishra, MD, MBA**, Former Chief Medical Officer, Amazon

4:20 PM – 4:50 PM

AI - From Helpful Tool to Trusted Decision-Maker

- **Moderator: Brad Pryde**, Senior Director of Corporate Development & AI Partnerships, nference
- **David A. Jaffray, PhD**, Senior Vice President and Chief Technology and Digital Officer, UT MD Anderson Cancer Center
- **Ramlah Nehring, PhD**, Global Head of Partnering, Partnerships and Transactions, Roche
- **Shahed Iqbal, PhD**, Executive Director and Head, Molecular Epidemiology, Clinical Data Science-Real World Evidence, Gilead Sciences
- **Sanjeev Aggarwal, MD, MBA**, Chief Medical Officer & Vice President Global Surgical Therapies, Abiomed, J&J MedTech

4:55 PM – 5:20 PM

- **Moderator: Christopher Gregg, PhD**, Strategic Advisor, nference
- **Weston Kightlinger, PhD**, Chief Executive Officer, Ridge Bio
- **Doug Lee, MBA**, Former Vice President of BD & Licensing, Global Head of Digital & Data Science, Bayer Pharmaceuticals
- **Devan Shah**, Founder, Chief Executive Officer, RNAV8 Bio
- **Glenn Farrell**, Chief Marketing Officer, Aegis Ventures

5:25 PM – 5:55 PM

Emerging Innovators Showcase

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Closing Remarks & Emerging Innovator Awards

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Modernizing the Evidence Generation Engine

- **Moderator: AJ Venkatakrishnan, PhD,** SVP of Strategic AI Partnerships, nference
- **Stephanie Bova, MBA,** Corporate Vice President & Digital Transformation Officer, Novo Nordisk
- **Raghavan Venugopal, MBA,** Senior Director, Chapter Lead, Computational Science and Informatics, Pathology Lab Solutions, Roche

11:45 AM – 12:15 PM
From Insight to Impact: How Agentic Artificial Intelligence Is Reshaping Healthcare, Life Sciences, and Decision-Making

- **Moderator: Sadhna Kohli, PhD,** Senior Director of Scientific Solutions, nference
- **Guillaume Carbonneau, MBA,** Vice President, Operational Data Insights, Novo Nordisk
- **Michael Rivers, MBA,** Vice President, Lifecycle Leader for Digital Pathology, Roche
- **Melissa Hagan, PhD,** Director, US Market Access Strategic Evidence, Oncology, BeOne Medicines
- **Nicholas Reder, MD,** CEO, Alpenglow Bio
- **Ravleen Kalsy,** Director, AI for Marketing, Global Digital & Innovation, Gilead

12:20 PM – 12:40 PM

The Future of Neurology Interventions

- **Host: Venky Soundararajan, PhD**, Founder & Chief Scientific Officer, nference
- **Ross Jeggo, PhD**, Head of Neurology Research, Interim Head of Biologics, Biogen

12:45 PM – 1:05 PM

Agentic Discovery as the Future of Biomedical Innovation Nucleation

- **Host: AJ Venkatakrishnan, PhD**, Senior Vice President of Strategic AI Partnerships, nference
- **Thomas Clozel, MD**, Co-Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Owkin, Co-Founder of Bioptimus

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Bioinformatics into Innovation

- **Moderator: Jason Maron**, Senior Director of Partnerships, nference
- **Ravi Ramachandran, PhD**, Co-Founder & CSO, Peer AI
- **Jenny Wei, PhD**, Founder & Principal, Syllego; Former Head of R&D Informatics, Kite Pharma
- **Chris Szeto, PhD**, Senior Director of Discovery Bioinformatics, Exelixis
- **Weilong Zhao, PhD**, Team Lead - Discovery & Clinical Bioinformatics, Abbvie

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- **Moderator: Sal Lombardo, MBA**, AI Strategic Partnerships, nference
- **Rhys Williams, PhD**, Vice President, Integrative Evidence Generation and Health Economics, Global Medical Affairs, BeOne Medicines
- **Roberto Lleras, MBA**, Vice President, Health & Life Sciences, TTEC Digital
- **Sachin Bajpai**, Managing Director, PwC
- **Syed Kazmi, PhD, MBA**, President, 7Shores Bioadvisors, and Former President & CEO of Jubilant Therapeutics

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Metabolism Agentic Intelligence Atlas (MAIA)

- **Karthik Murugadoss**, Senior Director, Head of AI Partnerships & Head of Data Science, nference

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Translating Agentic AI into Drug Development and Patient-Facing Health Solutions

- **Moderator: Aaron Mathias**, Vice President of Corporate Strategy, nference
- **Youssef Idelcaid, MBA**, Head of AI Research Center (ARC) - Drug Development, Gilead Sciences
- **Oliver Dodd, PhD**, Executive Director and Co-Founder, Nucleate
- **Raphael Townshend, PhD**, Founder & Chief Executive Officer, Atomic AI
- **Nikhil Krishnan**, Founder, Out-Of-Pocket Health
- **Yunpeng Liu-Lupo, PhD**, Senior Director, Analytical AI Clinical Development, BMS

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Investment and Strategy in Healthcare: Driving Growth Across International and Digital Frontiers

- **Moderator: Parthiv Patel**, Vice President of Corporate Development, nference
- **Robert Ghenchev**, Former Managing Partner, Growth Investments, Novo Holdings
- **Andy Shin, MBA**, Senior Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer, Mass General Brigham
- **Sami Yusuf, MBA**, Chair of Corporate Development for International, Mayo Clinic

4:30 PM – 4:50 PM

From Immunomics to Metabotypes: The Cedars Sinai Formula for bringing Clinical AI-powered Therapeutic Ventures to Patients Faster

- **Host: Venky Soundararajan, PhD**, Co-Founder and Chief Scientific Officer, nference
- **Nirdesh Gupta, PhD**, Managing Partner, Technology Ventures, Cedars-Sinai Health System

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Translating Digital Innovation into Growth

- **Moderator: Sadhna Kohli, PhD**, Senior Director of Scientific Solutions, nference
- **William Morice II, MD, PhD**, President & CEO, Mayo Clinic Laboratories
- **Chris Garcia, MD**, Chief Digital Innovation Officer, Mayo Collaborative Services
- **Nick Morwood, MBA**, Chief Growth & Strategy Officer, Mayo Collaborative Services

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