

PFIZER Seminar Series Continues



Joe Bronzino, BEACON and Paul Friedmann, PVLSI welcome Dr. Gualberto Ruaño from Genomas, Inc. as presenter of the Personalized Medicine Seminar

The third BEACON Seminar in the 2009 series sponsored by Pfizer was held in June 18th at Baystate Hospital, Springfield, MA thanks to the Pioneer Valley Life Sciences Institute which co-organized the event. The presentation, ***Physiological Genomics & Personalized Medicine*** drew over 45 attendees from the medical, academic and industry interested in the field of DNA-guided medicine for clinical research. Dr. Gualberto Ruaño, CEO, Genomas, Inc. located in Hartford, CT, gave the presentation based on core applications for clinical management of psychiatric, cardiovascular and diabetic drug treatments to enhance both patient safety and compliance. Genomas is conducting this research in partnership with Hartford Hospital, The Institute of Living, The Hospital of Central Connecticut and the University of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences. Using their PhyzioType™ System physicians have precise predictive information to prevent significant drug side effects based on the patient's personal DNA profile. The result of several years of testing was presented. Dr. Ruaño's work has been recognized as an international leader in the business and medical fields for his groundbreaking research. BEACON is proud to have Genomas, Inc. as an active member of the association.

Seminar #4

**Regenerative Engineering:
New Avenues for Tissue Repair
Tuesday, September 22, 2009
Low Learning Center, University of Connecticut
Health Center, Farmington, CT
4:30 – 5:30 pm – Networking Reception
5:30 – 7:00pm - Presentation**



**Dr. Yusuf Khan
New England Musculoskeletal Institute
University of Connecticut**

Join us for the fourth of the Pfizer Seminar Series as Dr. Yusuf Khan talks about the field of Regenerative Engineering which has been defined as the integration of material science and tissue engineering with stem and developmental cell biology with the goal of regeneration of tissues, organs and organ systems. Dr. Khan collaborates with others in Dr. Cato Laurencin's laboratories at the UConn Health Center to bring scaffold-based regeneration of bone, ligament, tendon, cartilage, blood vessel and nerves. How they do this will be discussed and areas of opportunities will be revealed.

Dr. Khan is Asst. Professor in the Departments of Orthopedic Surgery and Chemical, Materials & Biomolecular Engineering at the University of Connecticut in Storrs and Farmington.

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