Digital Health in the Heartland: Opportunities for Collaboration right in our own backyard

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History of BioKansas

- 501(c)(3) Life Science & Healthcare Trade Association
- State Affiliate of the Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO)
- Founded in 2004, Distinct from Kansas Bioscience Authority
- More than 140 member organizations across numerous industry segments
- Governed by a 23-member Board of Directors
 - Board represents industry, academia and the public sector

The BioKansas Mission: "To Connect"

- Host more than 20 annual events focused on convening industry members together
- Provide opportunities to connect and collaborate with other members: "Creative Recombination"
- Partner with diverse organizations to expand reach of message & increase size of network
- Keep our members up-to-date and provide relevant connections





The BioKansas Mission: "To Educate"

- Statewide support for programs in STEM education and in raising STEM awareness at all levels of education
- BioGENEius Premier National Research Poster Competition
- K-INBRE Undergraduate Research Symposium
- Capitol Graduate Research Summit
- More than 20 cash awards each year



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The BioKansas Mission: "To Advocate"

- The unified voice for the bioscience community in Kansas
- State and National Public Policy Agenda
- Events focused on engaging and educating lawmakers
- Support and/or introduce legislation supportive of the industry
- Grow involvement of industry members in engaging with lawmakers
- Educating the public on controversial topics

Why are we excited about digital health?

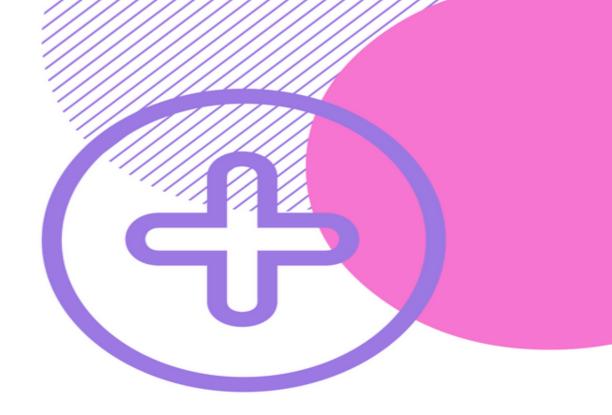
The opportunity to revolutionize how patients are treated, and the associated outcomes, is incredible!



NEARLY 30,000,000 PEOPLE WITH DIABETES

NEARLY 4,500 NEWLY DIAGNOSED PER DAY

95% GO WITHOUT FORMAL DIABETES EDUCATION



SOURCE: ADA, CMS









Why are we excited about digital health?

- Precision medicine
- Funding
- Collaboration
- Workforce

Kansas City: "Digital Health Startup Hub"



Thank you!

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