

Dear Attendee,

We are excited to welcome you to the 2015 Texas FreshAIR annual conference. The focus of this year's conference is the cardiovascular and metabolic (CVM) therapeutic areas. This therapeutic area is of great importance given the growth of obesity and metabolic disease in the United States and particularly in Texas. This year, for the first time, the conference will include the device industry, and we are fortunate to have speakers from some of the top device companies on the agenda.

The 2015 conference program offers two tracks – one that emphasizes cutting-edge basic, clinical and translational research and therapeutics and one that is focused on CVM devices. The broad range of topics cover everything from central control of obesity to renal and liver sequelae of diabetes to valves, stents, heart failure and drug delivery devices.

We have an extraordinary lineup of keynote speakers including:

- ❖ Dr. Lance Gould (UT Health)
- ❖ Dr. Jay Horton (UT Southwestern)
- ❖ Dr. David Kelley (Merck)
- ❖ Dr. Steve Kliewer (UT Southwestern)
- ❖ Dr. Anthony Muslin (Sanofi)
- ❖ Dr. Bruce Rosengard (Johnson & Johnson)

The Texas FreshAIR conference represents an unparalleled collaboration of the best and brightest minds in academia and industry. With more than 80 speakers on the agenda, the program is representative of the breadth of science and technology from our fourteen UT institutions, other Texas institutions and the pharmaceutical and medtech industries. Throughout the two-day conference, attendees will have an abundance of networking opportunities and targeted partnering meetings.

We would like to recognize the three host UT campuses for this conference in the Dallas metropolitan area: UT Arlington, UT Dallas and UT Southwestern.

Once again, we warmly welcome each and every one of you to Dallas and the campus of UT Southwestern for two days of great science, networking and relationship-building!