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## COMPANY SPOTLIGHT

- **AspenBio Pharma, Inc** (Castle Rock) announced its intentions to file a 510(k) application with the FDA for its AppyScore ELISA product, used to aid in the diagnosis of appendicitis in conjunction with other physical and laboratory tests. AppyScore, which measures for human myeloid-related protein complex (MRP8/14), represents the first blood-based test for this purpose. The company will include data from its pivotal trial, the results of which were originally released on January 20, in this filing.
- **Allos Therapeutics** (Westminster) announced that European Medicines Agency (EMA) has granted orphan medicinal product designation to pralatrexate, for the treatment of non-papillary transitional cell carcinoma (TCC) of the urinary bladder, a form of bladder cancer. EMA orphan drug designation affords similar benefits in Europe to FDA orphan designation in the US including a period of market exclusivity and protocol assistance.

## SQUARE PEGS

- The **We Work for Health campaign in Colorado** kicked off Friday with an event at the Anschutz Medical Campus. More information about the program is available at the organization's [website](#) and a recap of the event is available [here](#).
- **Pharmatech Oncology** (Denver) has been selected by the Fitzsimons Redevelopment Authority to be a preferred vendor to the Colorado Science + Technology Park at Fitzsimons. Pharmatech Oncology is a Research Management Organization (RMO) dedicated to the highest quality of clinical research. Pharmatech Oncology provides services of a Site Management Organization (SMO) and a Contract Research Organization (CRO) with a focus in oncology clinical trials.
- A profile of **Accelr8 Technology Corporation** (Denver) which is working to speed identification of bacterial resistance, is available [here](#).
- Researchers at the University of Colorado Cancer Center are working on new methods to identify if targeted therapies will be effective for non small cell lung cancer patients. The research, led by Dr. Marileila Varella-Garcia, is using statistical analysis to identify if EGFR inhibiting drugs (Tarceva and Iressa) are more effective in patients whose tumors have multiple copies of the EGFR gene (as identified fluorescence in situ hybridization or FISH).
- **The Rockies Venture Club** is seeking companies to present at the Colorado Capital Conference on May 12. Companies selected will have the opportunity to present at the conference to investors and other entrepreneurs. The submission deadline for applications is April 7th at 5:00 p.m. To submit an application, company representatives should visit [www.coloradocapitalconference.com](http://www.coloradocapitalconference.com).
- **The Bard Center for Entrepreneurship** at the University of Colorado Denver is hosting its 8<sup>th</sup> annual Business Plan Competition. The competition is open to community members as well as those affiliated with the university and boasts over \$100,000 in prizes. The final competition is June 10<sup>th</sup>, but preparation events have begun. More information is available at the [website](#).
- Today is the final day to register for the **BioMARC** training class on "A Short Course in Preclinical Aspects of Product Translation," and you can register online at [www.biomarc.colostate.edu](http://www.biomarc.colostate.edu). The event will be held on March 25<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Fort Collins from 5:00-9:00 p.m. – Please see attached flyer for more information.

- Looking for new strategies for managing your company's cash flow during this economic lull? Now is the time to check out **BIO Business Solutions**, BIO's cost-savings program. With 15 money-saving opportunities with leading providers in the biotech industry, saving your company money is made easier with BIO Business Solutions. Participation is free to members of BIO and 38 state/regional biotech associations. Get a complete list of the products and services available to you [here](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- The **Northern Colorado Health and Research Coalition** spring event will focus on Gerontology and take place on March 31 at 5 pm at the Fort Collins Marriott. More information is available [here](#).
- **BioBootcamp 2009**, schedule for April 30 and May 1, is designed to help you jump start your new life science idea or company by providing you with not only a comprehensive overview of how to get your venture started, but will also expose you to experienced bioentrepreneurs and a nationally acclaimed faculty. More information on applying to participate is available [here](#).

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- CBSA's lobbying team, have provided this week's legislative report.