



*The Massachusetts Life Sciences Innovation Day is 6/3/08.*

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### [Massachusetts Life Sciences Innovation Day - 6/3/08](#)

*Speakers include:* Craig Mello, Philip A Sharp, Joshua Boger, Christoph Westphal, Alan Crane, Ganesh Venkataraman, and Amar Sawhney.

*Event highlights:* Innovator's Marketplace: all service providers required to start a company available to answer your questions; Research Showcase: highlighting leading research and technologies of Massachusetts' labs; Futurist Panel: examining life sciences trends for the coming 30 years; Learn from the industry's top investors as they provide live critiques of emerging technology ideas; Receive advice from seasoned innovators, successful life science entrepreneurs and investors; Network with Who's Who in Massachusetts life sciences; Discounted registration for post-docs. [Special Invitation for Poster Session](#).

## Grant Opportunities

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### [Avon Foundation Offers Funding for Breast Cancer Research Projects](#)

Deadline: July 1, 2008

Amount: Applicants may request up to \$300,000 in total costs (up to \$150,000 total costs per year, for up to two years).

The [Avon Foundation](#) has launched a new initiative in 2008 called the Avon Breast Cancer Research Bridge Program to provide bridge funding to scientists with innovative concepts in breast cancer while they develop the pilot data necessary to seek funding from larger sources, such as the [National Institutes of Health](#) or National [Cancer Institute](#). Visit the Avon Foundation Web site to download the complete Research Request for Proposals. [Link to the Complete RFP](#).

## Featured Research

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**Alexandra Golby, MD**, from the Neurosurgery Department at BWH, received the Young Clinician Research Award presented by [CLIMIT](#) and made possible through a generous gift by the Johnson & Johnson Corporation. The Young Clinician Research Award recognizes outstanding clinicians, early in their careers, who are also engaged in the development of breakthrough medical technologies. Dr. Golby was selected as a recipient for her research project focused on the development of advanced brain imaging and image-guided surgical techniques.

### [Rerouting of Peripheral Nerves Leads to Spinal Cord Injury Recovery in Animal Models](#)

BWH researchers report a new spinal cord treatment in animal models that involves the rerouting of peripheral nerves to the injury area, resulting in recovery and neuroplasticity.

**J. Michael McWilliams, MD**, in the Department of Medicine at BWH, was presented the Best Published Research Paper Award by [The Society of General Internal Medicine](#) (SGIM). The award was given to Dr. McWilliams in recognition of his paper, "Health of Previously Uninsured Adults After Acquiring Medicare Coverage," which has made a significant contribution to generalist research. The award was announced at the SGIM Annual Scientific Meeting, held April 9 – 12.

**David W. Bates, MD, MSc**, in General Medicine and Primary Care at BWH, was presented the John M. Eisenberg National Award for Career Achievement in Research by The [Society of General Internal Medicine](#) (SGIM). The award was presented at the SGIM Annual Scientific Meeting, held April 9-12. The award is presented in recognition of a senior SGIM member 'whose innovative research has changed the way we care for patients, the way we conduct research, or the way we educate our students.' Dr. Bates is the Executive Director of the Brigham and Women's Center for Patient Safety Research and Practice and Medical Director of Clinical and Quality Analysis, Information Systems at Partners HealthCare. Dr. Bates' research is focused on the use of technology to improve quality of care and medication safety.

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