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Health Wildcatters Unveils 14th Accelerator Cohort, Welcoming Ten Startups and Growing Healthcare Innovation Portfolio to 140 Companies

2026 cohort brings together entrepreneurs advancing AI, digital health, biotechnology, diagnostics, medical devices, clinical research and healthcare delivery

(DALLAS, TX — September 10, 2026) — Health Wildcatters, a nationally recognized healthcare accelerator and early-stage investment fund, today announced the ten startups selected for its 14th accelerator cohort, bringing together entrepreneurs developing innovative solutions to some of healthcare’s most pressing challenges.

The 2026 cohort brings together 10 innovative startups out of almost 600 from across the U.S. and international markets, representing the United States, Canada, and Israel, with 1/3 of the companies female-founded or female-led. The cohort spans three key areas of healthcare innovation, including five Digital Health companies, three medical device companies, and two pharmaceutical companies, reflecting the continued convergence of technology, life sciences, and patient-centered innovation.

Through the Health Wildcatters accelerator program, participating founders will gain funding and access to experienced mentors, healthcare executives, investors and strategic partners, along with educational programming and opportunities designed to accelerate commercialization, fundraising, and growth.

“We are thrilled to welcome 10 innovative healthcare startups to Dallas and the rapidly growing North Texas healthcare ecosystem,” said Dr. Hubert Zajicek, CEO, Partner, and Co-Founder of Health Wildcatters. “In the years ahead, the innovation driven by these 10 startups has the potential to address some of healthcare’s most complex challenges and shape the future of care.”

The addition of Cohort 14 continues Health Wildcatters’ more than decade-long commitment to identifying, investing in and accelerating early-stage healthcare companies.

The 2026 Health Wildcatters Cohort 14

- **Atomistic Insights** — Led by Co-Founders Katie Kuo and Shiyao Bao, Atomistic Insights develops physics-guided AI for protein dynamics and drug discovery. Its proprietary DeepPath platform reveals biologically relevant protein conformations and hidden drug-binding opportunities, helping discovery teams identify new pockets, prioritize compounds, and accelerate therapeutic development.

- **Calaris Diagnostics** — Founded by Jim Chen, MD, MPH, Calaris Diagnostics is developing novel saliva-based diagnostic technologies for the early detection of chronic diseases, beginning with fatty liver disease (MASLD/MASH).
- **DISCHARGEpath** — Led by Co-Founder and CEO Sean Elwell, DISCHARGEpath is an agentic AI platform automating hospital discharge coordination, including eligibility, prior authorization, post-acute placement, durable medical equipment, transportation, and remote patient monitoring.
- **EquiShift** — Led by Founder and CEO Snehita Sana, EquiShift is a U.S.-based Health IT company developing an AI-powered demand forecasting platform that predicts patient demand and generates shift-specific staffing recommendations, helping hospitals optimize workforce allocation, reduce staffing costs, and combat clinician burnout.
- **Full Time Nurse Staffing Inc.** — Founded by Brett McDonald, Full Time Nurse Staffing is addressing the U.S. nursing shortage by recruiting, training, licensing, and employing registered nurses from Mexico to strengthen the healthcare workforce.
- **MG Health Tech Inc.** — Led by Founder and CEO Ganesh Natesan, MG Health Tech is a deep-tech company combining artificial intelligence, healthcare, and connected-device engineering to enable real-time, data-driven care through AI/ML technology, proprietary sensor hardware, and advanced connectivity infrastructure.
- **PatientX, Inc.** — Led by Co-Founders Farah Ahmad and Jodie Huddleston, PatientX is an independent patient experience benchmarking platform that captures real-time feedback from clinical trial participants and uses AI-powered analytics to help pharmaceutical sponsors and research sites identify barriers to retention and improve the patient experience.
- **SanaOculus** — Led by Founder and CEO Soumendu Bhattacharya, SanaOculus is a U.S.-based medical device company developing a non-invasive neurostimulation device designed to stop the progression of vision-affecting glaucoma.
- **Sub-Q Bionics** — Led by Co-Founder and CEO Jordan Pollack, Sub-Q Bionics is developing a fully implantable bionic lymphatic drainage system designed to treat lymphedema, a chronic and progressive condition that particularly impacts cancer survivors who have undergone lymph node removal.
- **Venom Biologics** — Led by Co-Founder and CEO Neil Luhar, Venom Biologics is developing non-opioid treatments for chronic pain, including an engineered peptide derived from scorpion venom that targets NaV1.8, a sodium channel in pain-sensing neurons.

The cohort will also benefit from Health Wildcatters' expanding investor ecosystem, including the Health Wildcatters Venture Center and Health Investors Alliance, creating additional opportunities for founders to build relationships with investors and strategic partners.

The ten companies will make their official debut at Health Wildcatters' Meet the Teams & Happy Hour on September 10 starting at 5:00pm at Pegasus Park, where founders will be introduced to the Dallas-Fort Worth community of investors, mentors, healthcare executives, corporate partners and innovation leaders.

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About Health Wildcatters

Health Wildcatters is a Dallas-based seed accelerator and investment firm, consistently recognized among the nation's top healthcare accelerators. Over the past thirteen years, it has built a portfolio of 140 companies driving innovation in digital health, medical devices, diagnostics, and biotech. Collectively, these startups have raised more than \$380 million to advance healthcare solutions worldwide. Through its flagship accelerator program, Health Wildcatters provides early-stage capital, expert mentorship, and access to a robust network of investors and industry leaders. To learn more, visit www.healthwildcatters.com