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WHETHER IT'S TRUMPCARE OR OBAMACARE, PITTSBURGH LIFE SCIENCES GREENHOUSE COMPANIES ARE POISED FOR SUCCESS

PLSG and Its Portfolio Companies Continue to Reach Milestones, Produce Groundbreaking Innovations

PITTSBURGH, Pa. – Jan. 24, 2017 – [Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse](#) (PLSG), Western Pennsylvania's only pure life sciences investment firm, today announced 2016 was PLSG's largest investment year since 2014. In 2016, the PLSG invested **\$1.4 million** into **14** companies that are poised to meet the challenges of an ever-changing health care environment.

"The U.S. health care system consumes roughly 18 percent of the U.S. economy, while other countries such as Canada, Mexico, France and the U.K. spend nine to 12 percent. Therein lies the challenge." said Jim Jordan, President and CEO of PLSG. "These countries can invest their savings into science, technology and infrastructure that advance their economies. The current health care policy debate is around the principles of how to run the U.S. health care system. Regardless of the policy and political climate, health care products must solve a problem, collapse the time to treatment and reduce overall costs to be effective."

The PLSG guides researchers, entrepreneurs and emerging start-up companies through defining their products' benefits and navigating the many challenges that arise during the early stages of company development. Ultimately, the PLSG helps bring life-changing health solutions to market, improving overall population health.

The PLSG made significant investments into companies that contribute to improving the nation's health care in 2016:

- Invested **\$10,000** into [Ariel Precision Medicine](#), a company using genetic profiling to ensure the individual's genetics are matched with the best treatment for the individual.
- Invested **\$376,114** in [Carmell Therapeutics](#), a company that develops products made from blood plasma for wound healing that desires to improve healing time and reduces infection.
- Invested **\$240,000** in [Cognition Therapeutics](#), a drug discovery and development company focused on the prevention, stabilization or reversal of Alzheimer's disease.

- Invested **\$250,000** in [Complexa, Inc.](#), a drug discovery company focusing on reducing the unwanted affects of inflammation in certain orphan (rare) diseases.
- Invested **\$57,000** into [Forest Devices](#), a developer of AlphaStroke, a device that promises to collapse the time between the onset of a stroke and the application of treatment to minimize the negative effects on the brain.
- Invested **\$224,904** into [Medrobotics](#), a robotics company extending the reach of minimally invasive surgery over open or conventional surgery. Today's technology has limited reach because the tubes used to access the body are straight; Medrobotics flexible robotics arm unlocks that limitation.
- Invested **\$38,000** into [Quantum OPS](#), an orthopedic surgery safety system that allows surgeons to immobilize, stabilize, and position patients for orthopedic surgery.
- Invested **\$205,000** into [Wellbridge Health](#), which engages with patients digitally to remove barriers to care and monitor chronic health conditions such as congestive heart failure.

For more information about the PLSG, visit <http://www.plsg.com> or call 412-201-7370.

About Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse (PLSG) (www.plsg.com)

The PLSG invests in and supports the growth of biosciences companies in Western Pennsylvania. PLSG has a track record of excellence when it comes to attracting and growing life sciences companies in the region. Since its inception in 2002, PLSG has assisted more than 450 life sciences companies and has helped create more than 2,300 jobs and has affected another 14,300 jobs in Western Pennsylvania. Forty companies have been provided with office or laboratory space and now 14 companies and 15 C-level executives have been relocated to Pittsburgh from outside of region. In addition, the PLSG has invested directly and indirectly more than \$22 million in nearly 80 companies, which has leveraged nearly \$1.8 billion in additional capital to the region.

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