

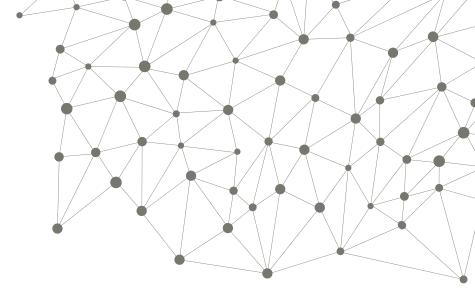
**VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY** 

# Medical Device PIPELINE

SURGICAL ROBOTICS
GI/ENDOSCOPY DEVICES
BIOMEDICAL PHOTONICS
NEUROSURGERY DEVICES
REHABILITATION TECHNOLOGIES
HEALTH CARE ACCESSORY DEVICES
BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH/DIAGNOSTIC DEVICES
SLEEP APNEA & ORGAN SUPPORT
CARDIOVASCULAR DEVICES
IMAGE-GUIDED SURGERY
SURGICAL TOOLS
CATHETERS

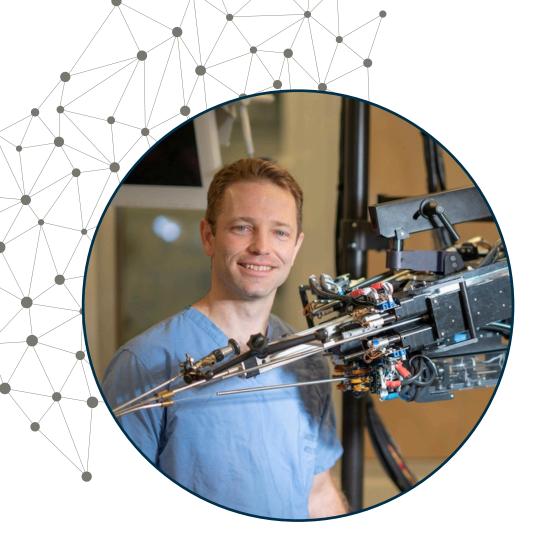
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#### Who We Are

The Center for Technology Transfer and Commercialization provides professional technology commercialization services to the Vanderbilt community to optimize the flow of innovation to the marketplace and generate revenue that supports future research activities. CTTC accomplishes this by serving as an efficient and effective conduit for the transfer of promising Vanderbilt intellectual property to industry; contributing to regional economic development by licensing locally and supporting new venture creation; and encouraging collaboration between academia and industry.

## **Industry Collaboration**

Key to carrying out the mission of CTTC is the ability to form collaborative and professional relationships with companies in a variety of industries including space exploration, education, pharmaceuticals, health care/patient care, robotics, energy, environmental preservation, engineering, and many more. CTTC does this through:

#### **Strategic Negotiation**

Timely transactions are as critical for us as they are for our industry partners. We pay careful attention to negotiation timelines and work to ensure high levels of responsiveness and rapid closing of negotiations.

#### Reasonable Diligence

Licenses must include reasonable diligence provisions to ensure that products based on Vanderbilt technology are developed and commercialized in a timely fashion for our benefit and the benefit of the public.

#### **Societal Benefit**

Our motivations for commercializations are deeply rooted in benefiting individuals and patients on a global scale.

#### **Protection leads to Commercialization**

CTTC views IP protection as a means to an end. The real focus is on commercialization of technologies.

#### **Focused on Transactions**

CTTC's experienced team of licensing professionals are highly transactionally focused.

#### **Collaborative Research**

CTTC highly encourages industry collaboration, either along with a license or as a precursor.

#### **Quality Driven**

High quality contracts lay the foundation for strong and lasting partnerships. Repeat business is important to us.



# **Core Research Capabilities**

The Medical Device Pipeline highlights Vanderbilt's current collection of technologies that are the product of the university's commitment to collaborative, applied research in the fields of engineering and medicine. Vanderbilt has a number of centers, departments and institutes that are paving the way for engineers and clinicians to work together to find innovative solutions to the world's health problems.

#### Vanderbilt Institute for Surgery and Engineering (VISE)

VISE is an interdisciplinary, trans-institutional center focused on the creation, development, implementation, clinical evaluation and commercialization of methods, devices, algorithms, and systems designed to facilitate interventional processes and their outcome. Areas of focus include: image-guided surgery; intelligent, flexible robotic manipulation; ultrasound guidance for surgical interventions; steerable needles; wireless capsule robotics, etc.

#### Vanderbilt University Institute of Imaging Science (VUIIS)

VUIIS operates state-of-the-art facilities for imaging research at all scales including imaging animals and human subjects. Areas of focus include: cancer, neurological disorders, metabolic disorders, cardiovascular disease, and others.

#### Vanderbilt Institute for Integrative Biosystems Research and Education (VIIBRE)

VIIBRE invents the tools and develops the skills that are required to conduct research in systems biology. Areas of focus include: cellular biosensors, bioprocess controllers, mathematical models for wound healing and cancer, infectious disease detection, biomedical imaging, and cellular/tissue engineering.

#### Vanderbilt Institute of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (VINSE)

VINSE is focused on new science and technology based on nanoscale materials. Researchers team locally and globally, providing an environment where physicists, chemists, biologists, and engineers may collaboratively solve forefront problems and create new scientific understanding. Areas of focus include: nanobio, nanoscale electronics and optics, nanoscience theory, nanotechnology and new materials.

#### **Department of Biomedical Informatics (DMBI)**

Vanderbilt's DBMI is the largest academic department of biomedical informatics in the country, with more than 65 faculty members. Areas of focus include: computer science, information science, cognitive science, social science, engineering, and clinical and basic biological sciences.

#### **Center for Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology (CREATE)**

CREATE focuses on restoring health, mobility, independence and societal participation to individuals with disabilities by designing, developing and controlling next-generation assistive and rehabilitative technologies, such as prosthetic limbs and robotic exoskeletons. The center is led by Michael Goldfarb and Karl Zelik and consists of a state-of-the-art 3,000-square-foot motion analysis lab for human subject experiments, plus about 3,000 square feet of engineering and fabrication space.

#### **Vanderbilt Biophotonics Center**

The Biophotonics Center is a trans-institutional initiative that focuses on the development and application of photonic technologies for fundamental discovery and clinical translation in biomedicine. Areas of focus include: cancer photonics, neurophotonics, and multiscale photonics.

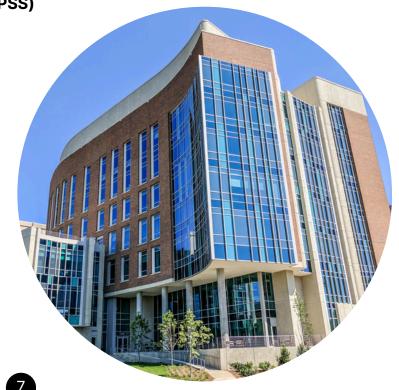
#### **Clinical Translational Science Award (CTSA)**

The Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) grant, the largest single government research grant in Vanderbilt's history, is aimed at expediting the translation of laboratory discoveries to patients in the community. The grant helps fund the Vanderbilt Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (VICTR), which provides access to resources, training and collaboration, and informatics and biostatistical systems to support translation of fundamental science discoveries into clinical practice.

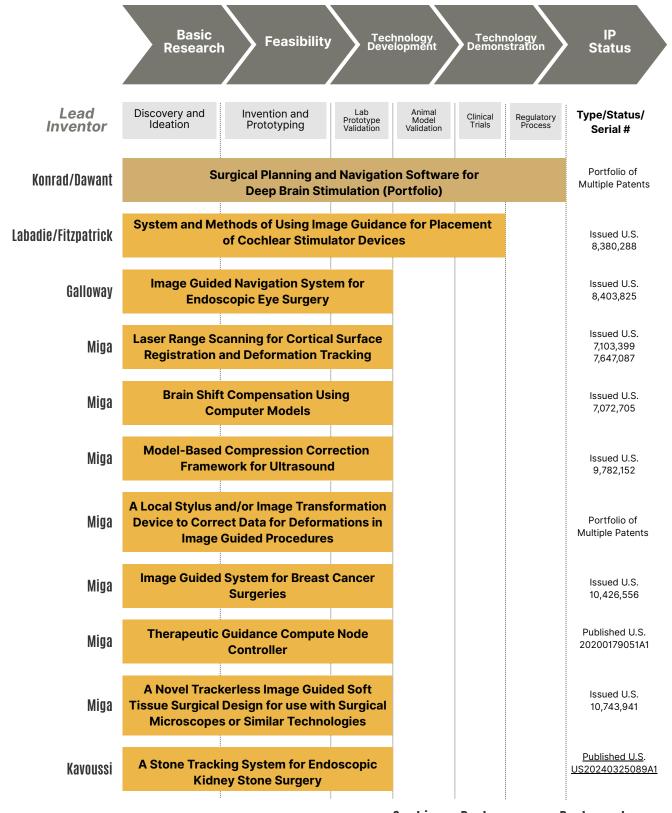
**Medical Products Support Services (MPSS)** 

Vanderbilt's Medical Products Support Services (MPSS), supports investigators who are involved with Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulated device research. It provides a list of services including early device development guidance, regulatory guidance, investigation device exemptions support, and more,

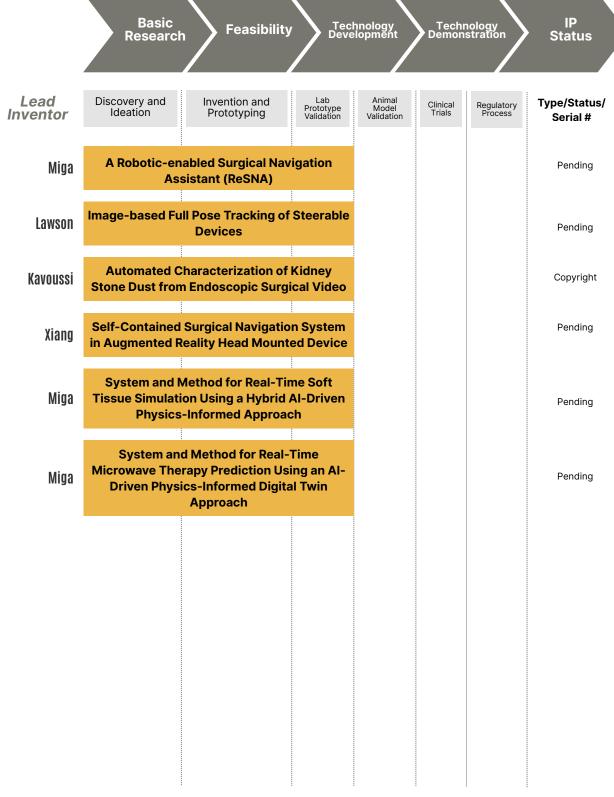
Vanderbilt University completed construction of a 230,000-square-foot Engineering and Science Building (pictured at right) that fosters project teamwork and offers programs, instrumentation areas and core research space that promote interdisciplinary work, particularly in engineering and related fields.



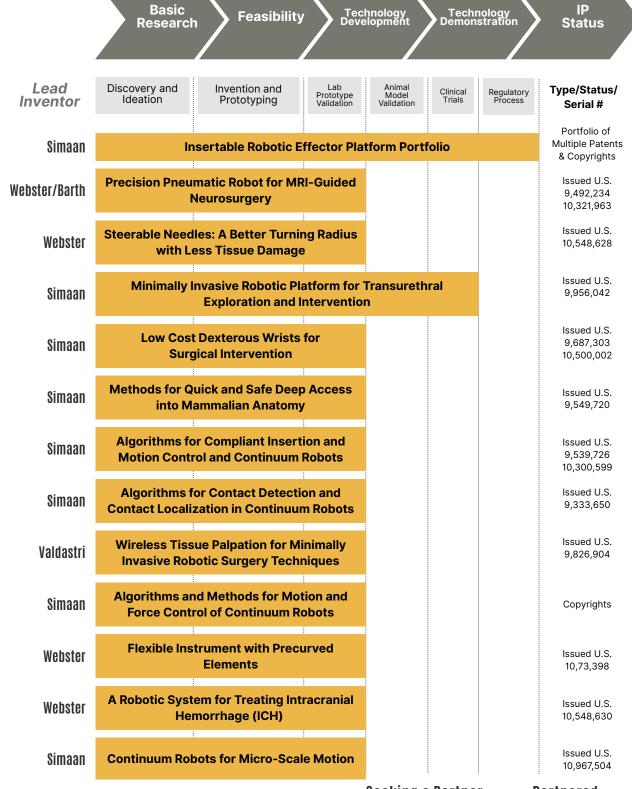
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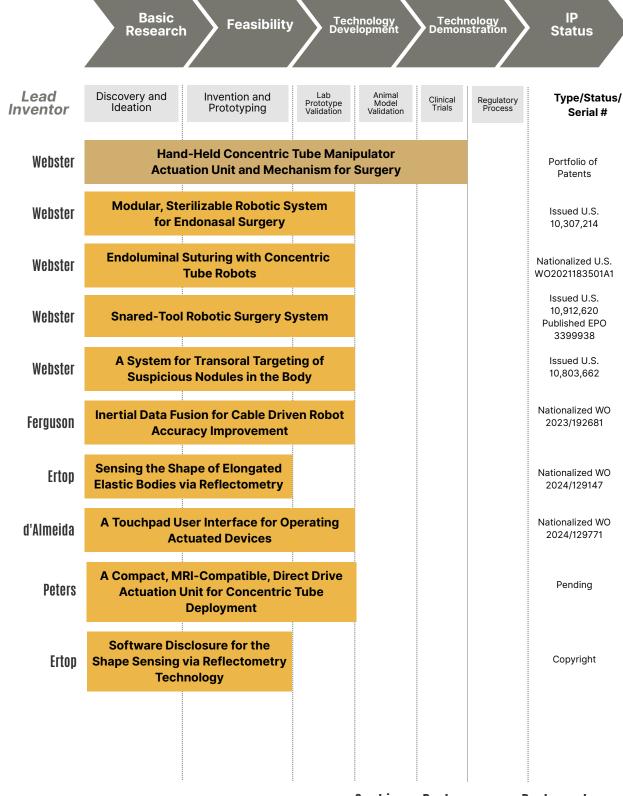
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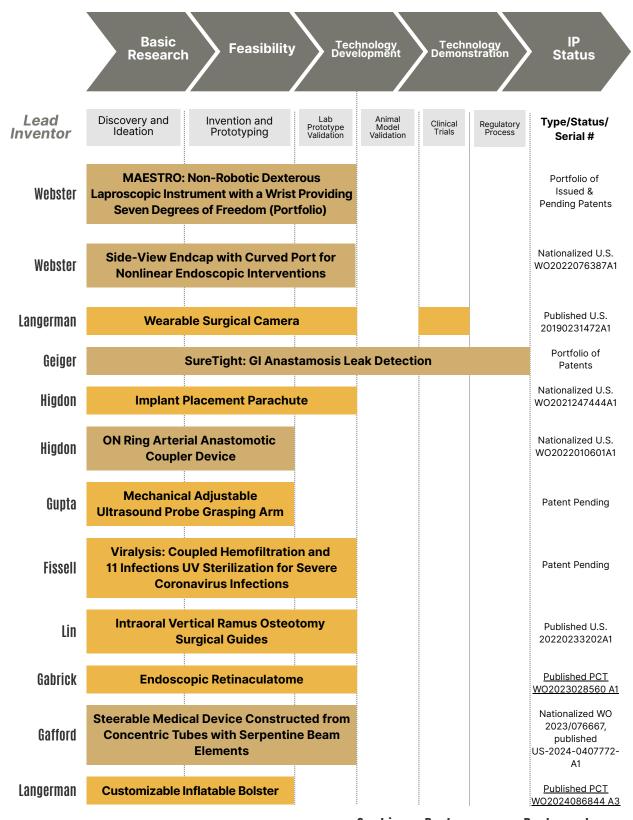
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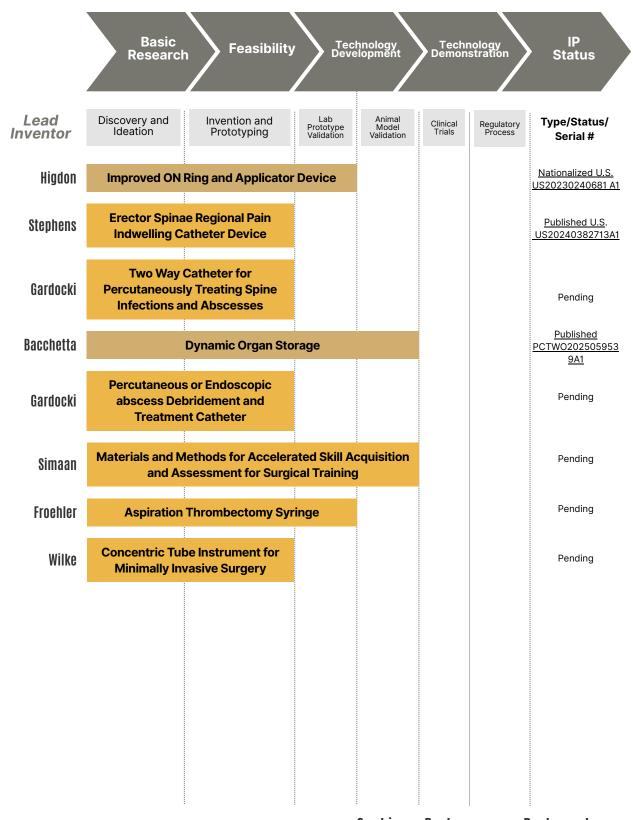
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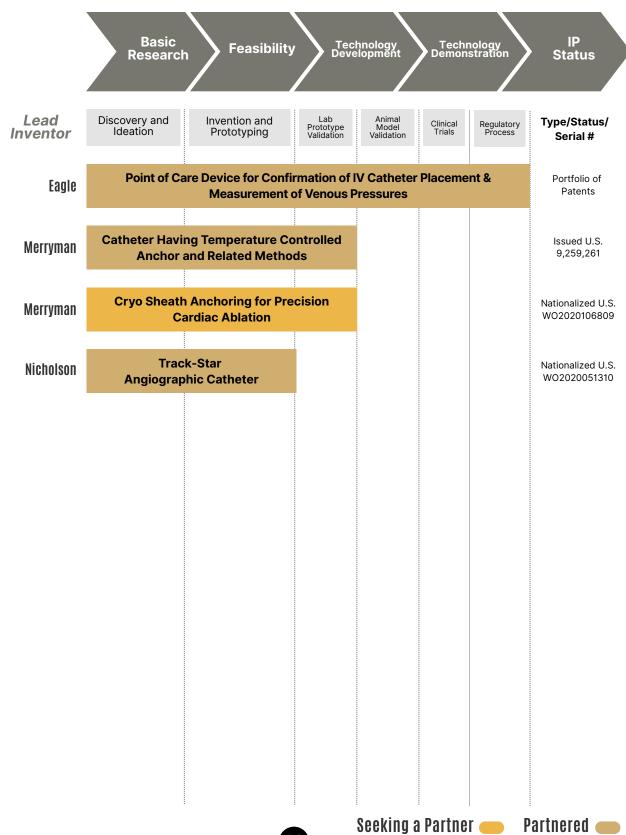
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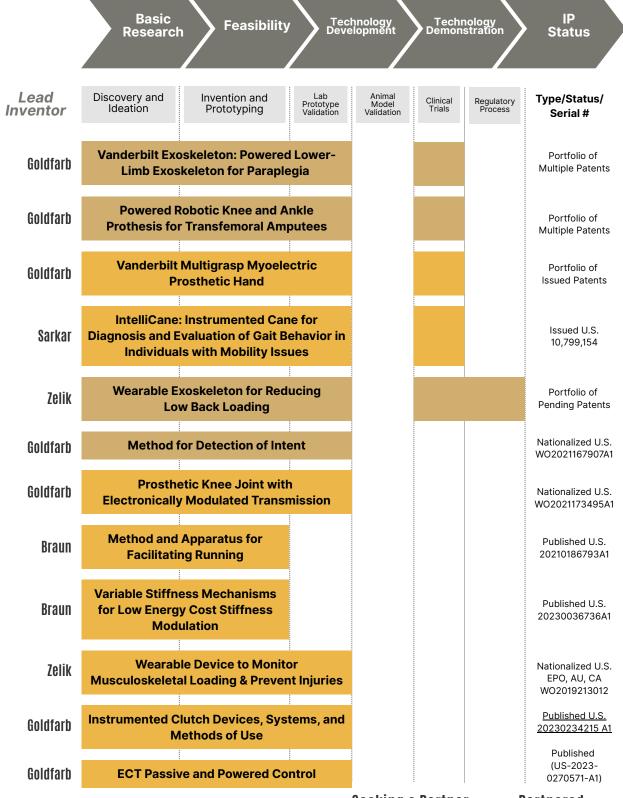
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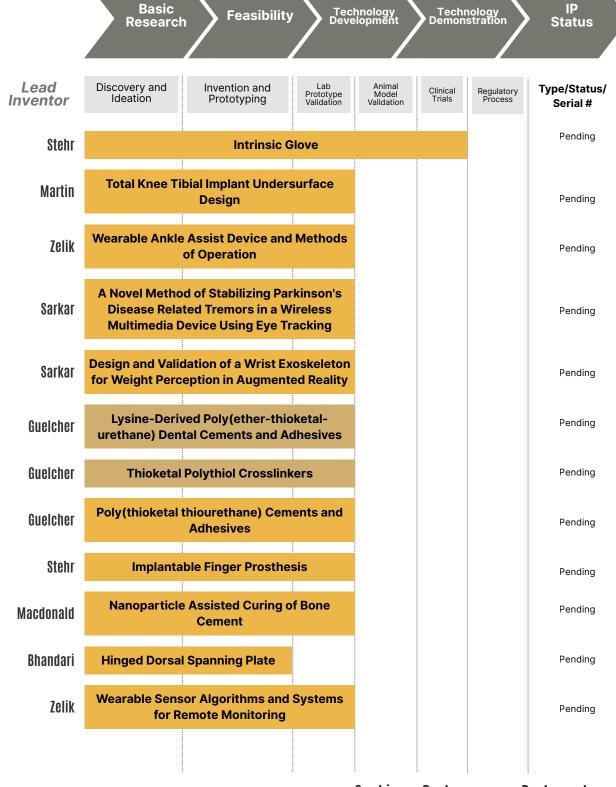
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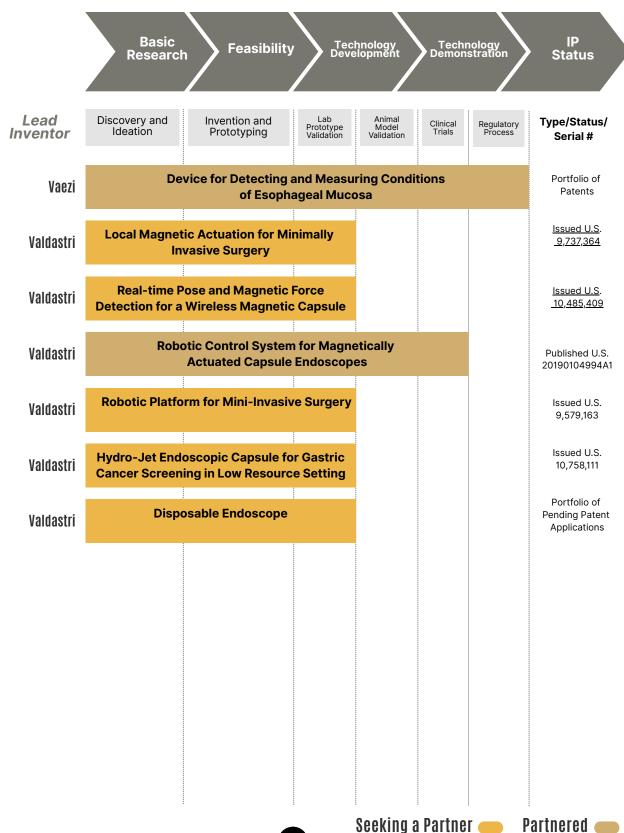
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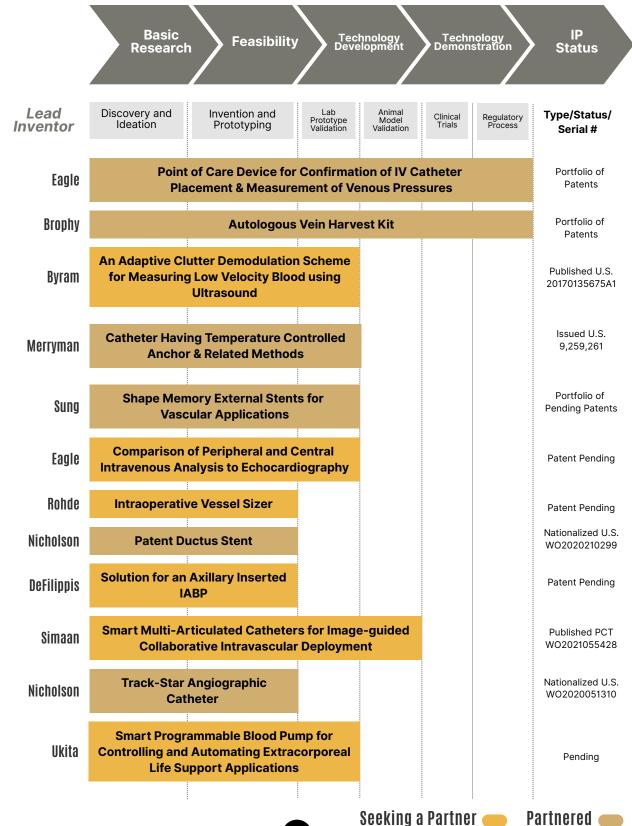
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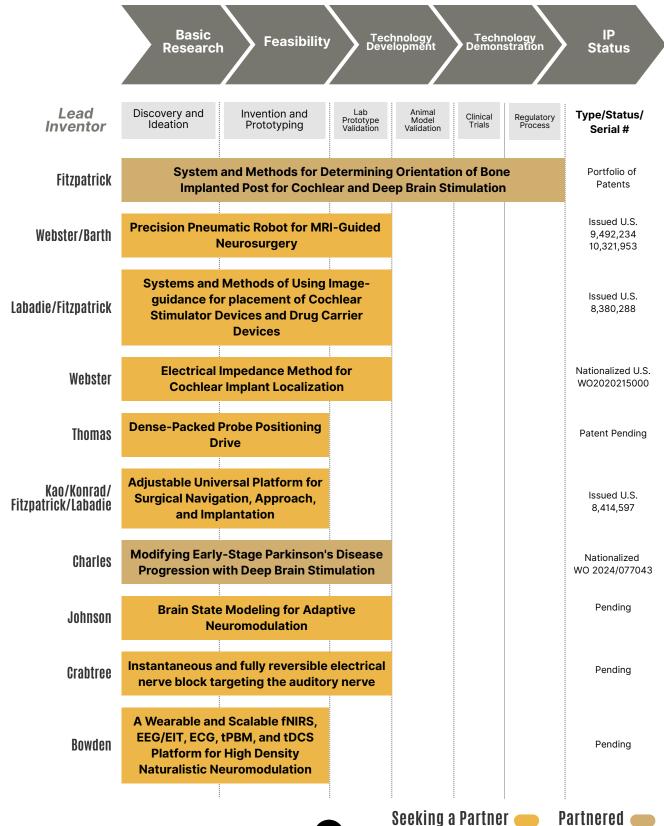
## GI / Endoscopy Devices



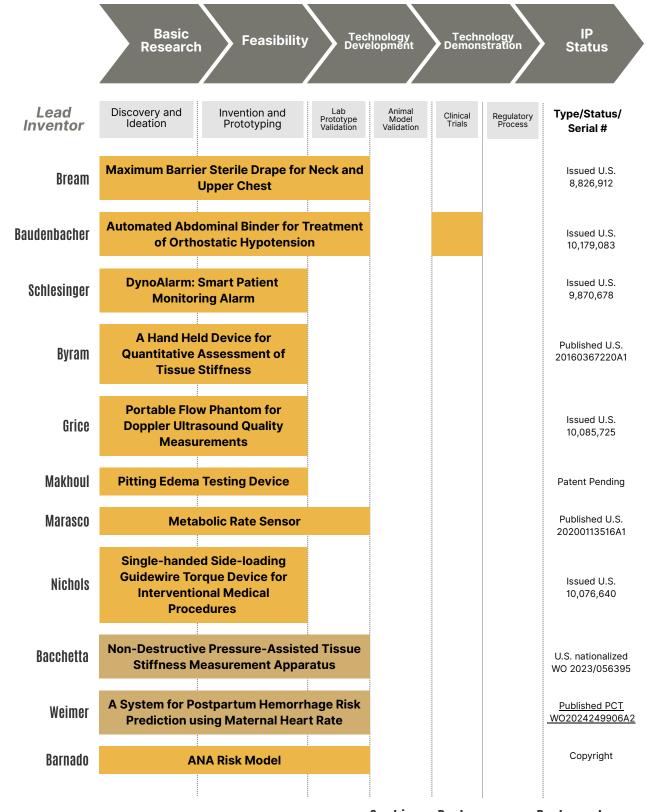
#### Cardiovascular Devices



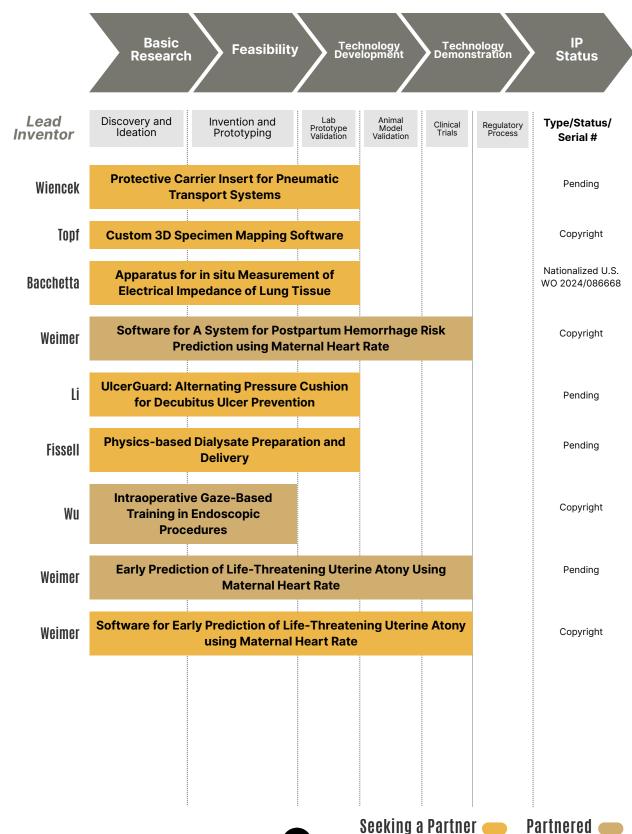
## **Neurosurgery Devices**



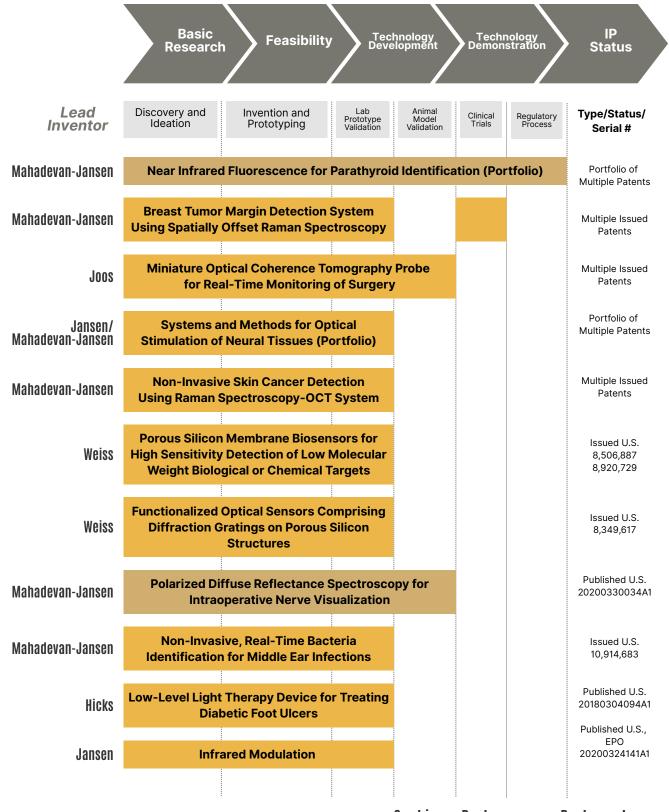
## **Health Care Accessory Devices**



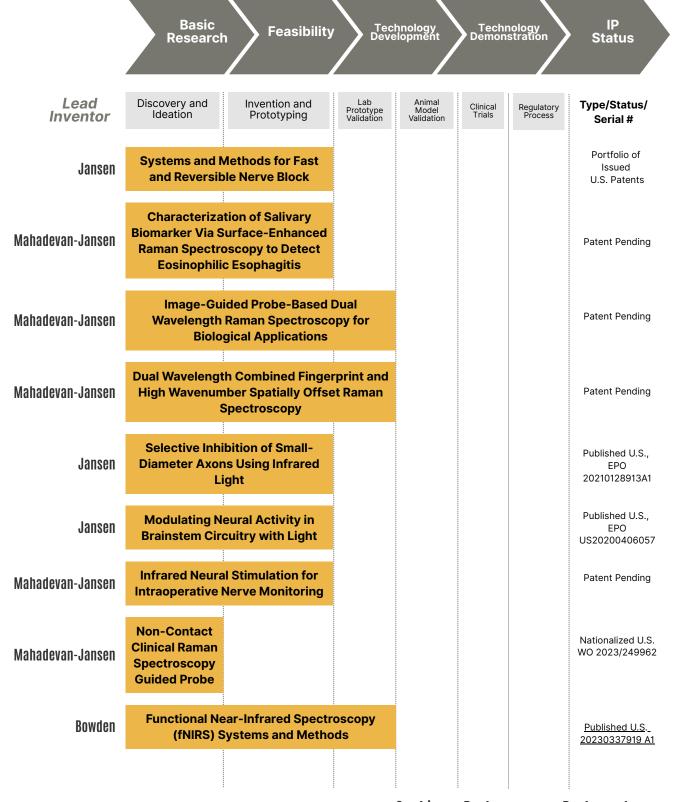
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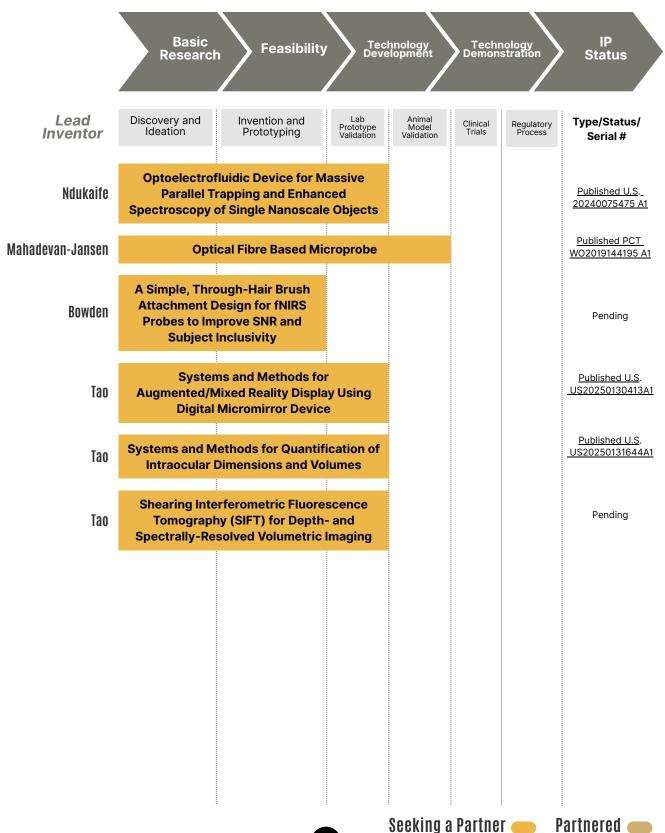
#### **Biomedical Photonics**



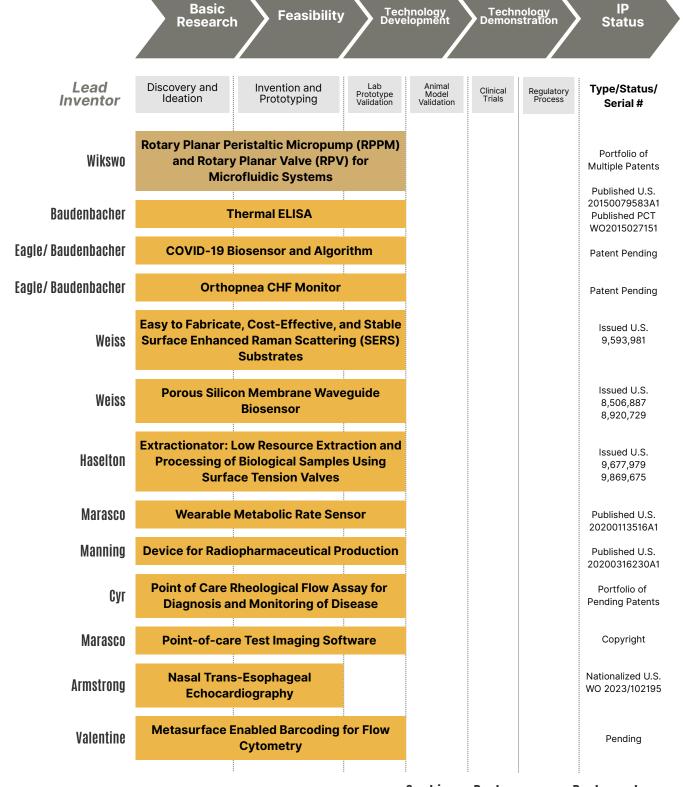
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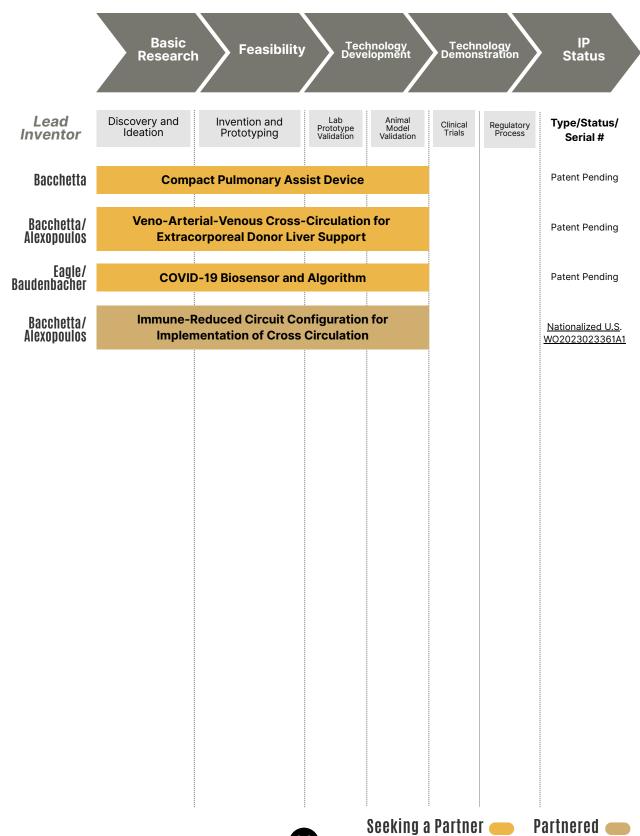
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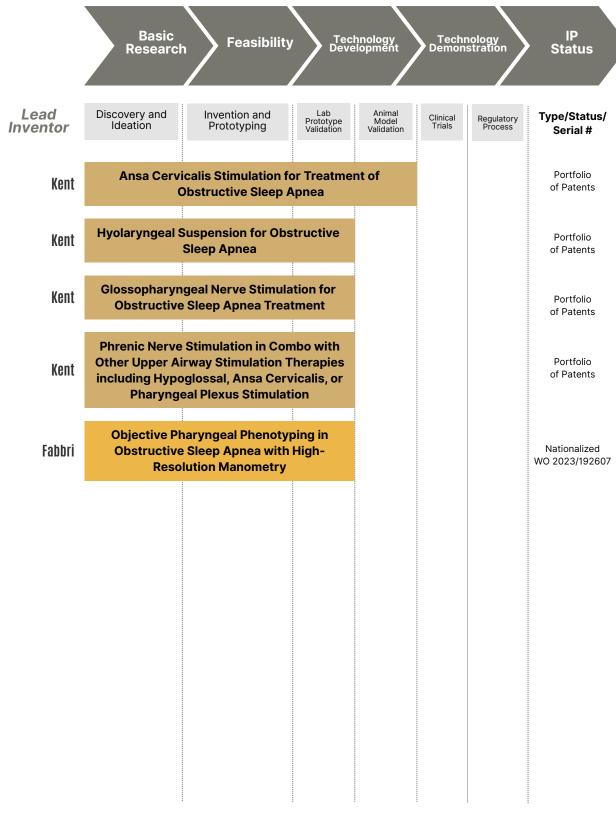
## Biomedical Research / Diagnostic Devices



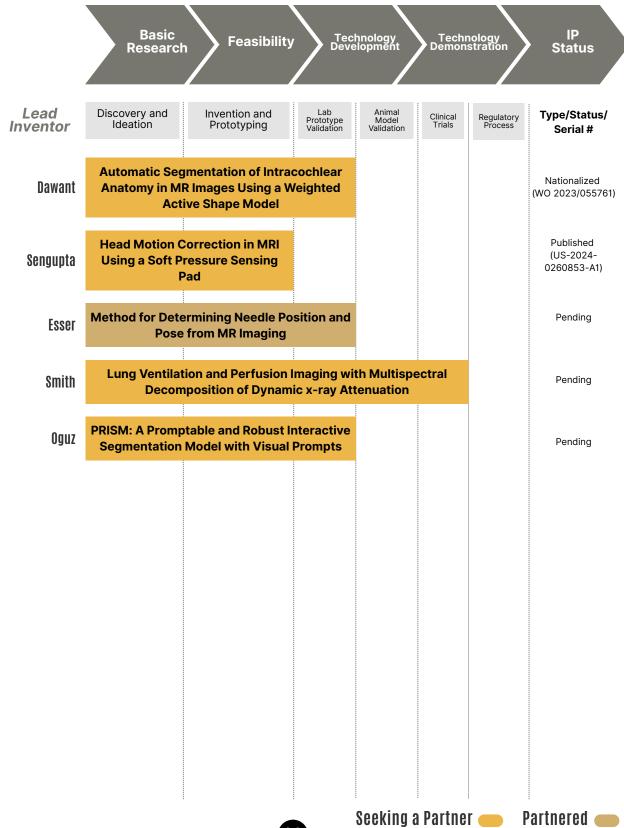
## Life Support and Organ Transplant



# **Sleep Apnea Treatment**



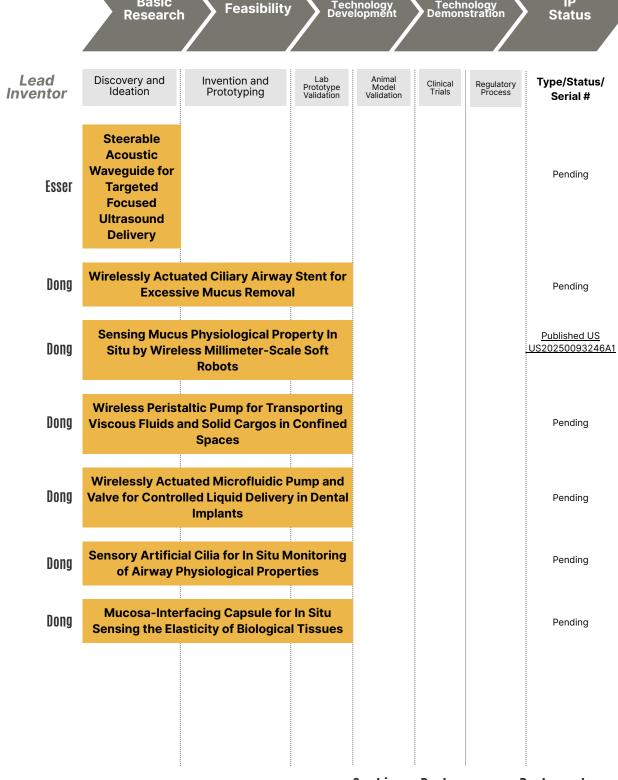
## **Medical Imaging**



# Minimally Invasive Medical Devices

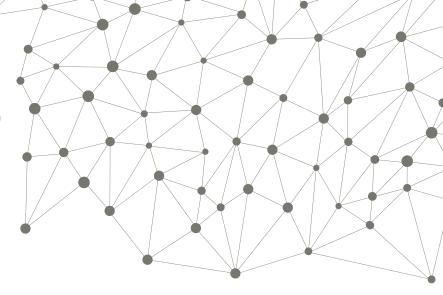
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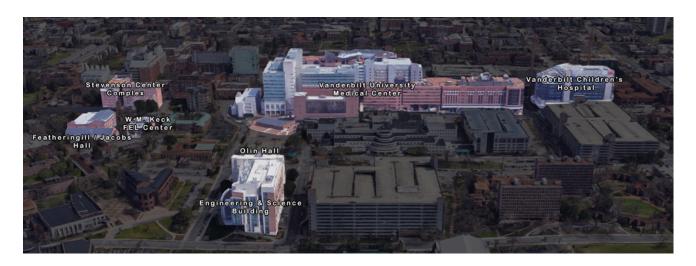


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## Vanderbilt Research Quick Facts

- Vanderbilt University, bolstered in part by its School of Engineering, is ranked among the top 25 private universities for research and innovation by the National Science Foundation.
- Vanderbilt is home to one of the oldest biomedical engineering departments in the country, dating back to 1968.
- The university's annual research and development expenditures exceed \$1 billion.
- Vanderbilt completed more than 1,500 patent applications, industry license agreements and material transfer agreements during fiscal year 2023.



The close proximity of the Vanderbilt School of Engineering and Vanderbilt University Medical Center enables a culture of interdisciplinary collaboration in research and education. The addition of the Engineering and Science Building in 2016 brings further opportunity for collaboration with seven floors of state-of-the-art research spaces and an innovation center called the Wond'ry.



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