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CreatiVasc secures \$5 million deal

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Gov. Nikki Haley set to keynote  
SCBIO annual conference  
with  
Global Biotech Investment Analyst, Futurist  
G. Steven Burrill

SCBIO's third annual conference will feature the state's top chief executive Gov. Nikki Haley and global biotech financier and analyst G. Steven Burrill.

"The Governor played such a critical role in recruiting Nephron and Spirit Pharmaceuticals to the state, her coming signals the significance of this sector," said Tom McLean, Chairman of SCBIO.

"We also want to show our appreciation for boosting private funding for the state's entrepreneurs and start-ups through the tax credit for angel investors."

The [Face to Face SC Life Sciences](#) conference is Thursday-Friday, Nov 14-15 in Charleston at the Mills House Hotel.

The Face to Face theme of the conference emphasizes the importance of coming together to collaborate and create competitive advantage, said Wayne Roper, SCBIO President.

The conference for the first time includes a JOB FAIR and Start-up Pitch Contest.

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Burrill is a globally known biotech analyst and speaker and was featured at the BIO 2013 International Conference in Chicago. His company, Burrill & Co. of San Francisco, provides venture capital and seed bank services for life sciences companies and has \$1.5 billion in assets under management.

Burrill is coming under the sponsorship of Iverson Genetics, as the Iverson Genetics Keynote Speaker.

Burrill recently reported that the biotech sector finished its biggest week in 13 years last month with five Initial Public Offerings (IPOs). This is being driven by clinical and market success of new therapies.

"Burrill is going to detail how South Carolina can capture value in growing biotech investment in biosciences," Roper said.

FDA regulatory attorney and expert Alan G. Minsk, partner at Arnall Golden and Gregory in Atlanta will also be featured to discuss how to find the right regulatory pathway for startups.

## CreatiVasc seals \$5 million development deal with Brookhaven Medical

Greenville-based CreatiVasc has secured a \$5 million investment by Brookhaven Medical, Inc., an Atlanta based medical device company with interests in dialysis devices and advanced wound care.

The company, Greenville Health System vascular surgeon and CEO Steve Johnson has developed the Hemoaccess Valve System that earned the FDA's extremely competitive Innovation Pathway designation last year..

John Feltman, chairman and CEO of Brookhaven Medical has joined the board of CreatiVasc Medical along with Johnson.

"We believe that once approved, the CreatiVasc Hemoaccess Valve System will bring innovation to a field that has had very little over the last 30 years" Feltman said.

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The Hemoaccess Valve System® is currently undergoing clinical trials at Johns Hopkins Medicine in Maryland.

Johnson said: "The relationship that CreatiVasc has developed with Brookhaven is a model of how investors, business managers, and clinicians can work together to improve patient care with new technologies."

Johnson said Brookhaven is committed to building the company where it is and has other acquisitions in Texas as well. CreatiVasc's focus for the next year will be completing the clinical trials. CreatiVasc secured significant early funding from SCRA and SC Launch.

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## Clinical Effectiveness, Patient Safety, and Commercializing Technologies

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Dr. John J. Schaefer, of the Medical University of South Carolina & SmartState Endowed Chair for Patient Simulation and Research, will talk about drug safety and effectiveness in clinical trials during a [Science Cafe 6-7:30p.m. Aug. 13 in Columbia](#). The casual discussion is hosted by Engenuity.

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## Where are SC Life Science Companies? Interactive map by company, sector

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While private health plans and company-offered health insurance have been in a roil because of the Affordable Care Act provisions, SCBIO [members who sign up or renew can lock rates in through 2014 if companies sign before Oct. 1](#).

For two recent company renewals, the SCBIO health insurance plan offered a [7% decrease](#) in premiums and for another renewal, a modest 5% increase.

Lock in rates now, and give yourself a year to see what else shakes out.

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