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## AUTM U.S. Licensing Activity Survey: FY2014





## **FY2014 Licensing Activity Survey**



AUTM's survey data show impressive gains:

- Record number of U.S. Patents issued
- Continuing increase in startups launched
- Growth in new commercials products
- Overall impact on the economy



## Boosting Economy with University and Nonprofit Patent Licensing

Economic impact from 1996 to 2013:

- Up to **\$518 billion** on US gross domestic product
- Up to **\$1.18 trillion** on US gross industrial output
- Creating as many as **3.8 million jobs**





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### **Jump in Startups**

- **914** startup companies formed (**up 11%**)
- 4,688 startups operating by end of FY2013 (up 11.4%)
- **702** startups stayed in institution's state (**up 14.8%**)
- **77%** of startups operate in home state where research conducted

While only half of all new businesses formed in the United States survive more than five years, companies grounded in federally funded university research appear to do better.





### **Growth in New Commercial Products**

- **965** new commercial products created (**up 34%**)
- \$28 billion net product sales (up 27.2%)
- Nearly **10,000 patented products being sold** that originated in academic research labs



Remicade<sup>®</sup>, developed by researchers at New York University, reduces symptoms of Crohn's disease for 1.3 million adult and teen patients worldwide



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### **Declining Federal Research Funding**

- \$62.8 billion total research expenditures (down 3.6%)
- \$37.9 billion total research expenditures (down 5.0%)
- National Institutes of Health (NIH) grants declined every year since 2004

**\$57.5 billion** reduction in federal funding if sequestration remains through 2017





## Increased Partnership Activity Between Academia and Industry

- \$4.6 billion industry-sponsored expenditures (up 1%)
- 549 executed licenses containing equity (up 17%)
- 5,435 licenses executed (up 4.5%)
- 1,461 options executed (up 7.7%)
- 42,015 active licenses and options (down 2.9%)





### **Record Number of U.S. Patents Issued**

- **6,363** U.S. patents issued (**up 11%**)
- **23,526** total US patent applications filed (**up 0.10%**)
- 13,907 new patent applications filed (down 7.26%)
- 1,107 non-US new patent applications filed (down 24.8%)

More than 80,000 patents have been issued to research institutions over past 20 years





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## **About the Survey**



#### 191 responded (63% response rate)

- 163 universities
- **27** hospitals and research institutions
- **1** third-party investment firm



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## **Communicating Impact of Technology Transfer**

- Infographic Society Benefits and Economic Impact
- Postcard Human Side of Technology Transfer

#### The human side of technology transfer

A helmet-to-helmet collision gave high school football player Cody Lehe a headache so severe that he asked his mom to take him to the doctor. The CT scan showed no damage, resulting in a "clear to play" report. The next day, Cody took a simple shoulder hit during practice. Coupled with the undetected concussion, he experienced second impact syndrome (SIS). Now, nearly a decade later, he can barely remember things that occurred earlier in the day, and he cannot walk on his own.

Researchers now are focusing on the suble damage caused by mild-tomoderate transitic brain injuries (TBIs), 50 percent of which are undiagnosed and untreated. Suffering even a mild TBI incident risks moderate-to-severe disability a year after injury. Anyone experiencing a second bow to the head while recovering from an initial concussion is at risk of 35.

A team at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) has achieved a breakthrough in TBI diagnostic technology: a transcranial Doppler imaging device that accurately analyzes metabolic damage caused by concursion. Through partnership with Neural Analytics—a company formed by UCLA faculty and alumni with the help of the UCLA Office of Intellectual Property & Industry Sponsored Research—the mystery is being taken out of concursion diagnostics.



## Technology Transfer Continues to Evolve

- Roles of TTO's expanding beyond traditional patents & licensing
  - Industry Engagement
  - Economic Development

• 48 universities received APLU designation as Innovation & Economic Prosperity Universities

## MORE THAN MONEY: THE EXPONENTIAL IMPACT OF ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER

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Revenue generation	<ul> <li>Unrestricted funds to institution from license income</li> <li>Direct personal financial benefit to inventors and authors</li> </ul>
Increased opportunities for funding	<ul> <li>Eligibility for funding by compliance with federal regulations requiring a technology transfer program</li> <li>Increased opportunities for inter-institutional and interdisciplinary grants</li> <li>Outreach, licensing, and facilitation of new startups yield new funding partnerships</li> <li>Increased opportunities for funding sources requiring a commercial partner, for example, SBIR and STTR</li> <li>Facilitates establishment of international research relationships</li> </ul>
Promotes a culture	Successes increase university brand and prestige
of entrepreneurship and innovation	<ul> <li>Enhances university fundraising efforts</li> <li>Opportunities to strengthen departies by opgogement with startups</li> </ul>
and innovation	<ul> <li>Opportunities to strengthen donor ties by engagement with startups</li> <li>Positively factors into high level recruitment efforts</li> <li>Positively affects retention of high-producing and high-potential faculty</li> </ul>
Student success	<ul> <li>Provides opportunities to participate in real-world translational research</li> <li>Provides exposure to the process of obtaining intellectual property protection</li> <li>Strengthens prospects of finding jobs and being successful</li> </ul>
Public benefit	<ul> <li>Fulfills the university's larger missions to address social, medical, environmental, or technical problems</li> <li>Improves the quality of life</li> </ul>
Economic development	<ul> <li>Revenue from university licensing positively affects the US economy</li> <li>Brings money into the state or region</li> <li>Aids in the retention of local talent</li> <li>New university startups create high-wage jobs</li> </ul>

# The 9 Points- still relevant

- **Point 1** Universities should reserve the right to practice licensed inventions and to allow other non-profit and governmental organizations to do so
- **Point 2** Exclusive licenses should be structured in a manner that encourages technology development and use
- **Point 3** Strive to minimize the licensing of "future improvements"
- **Point 4** Universities should anticipate and help to manage technology transfer related conflicts of interest
- **Point 5** Ensure broad access to research tools
- **Point 6** Enforcement action should be carefully considered
- **Point 7** Be mindful of export regulations
- **Point 8** Be mindful of the implications of working with patent aggregators
- Point 9 Consider including provisions that address unmet needs, such as those of neglected patient populations or geographic areas, giving particular attention to improved therapeutics, diagnostics and agricultural technologies for the developing world

# Patent Troll Legislation

• Effective IP protection is one of the most reliable indicators of a robust & growing economy- patents promote innovation

• Legislation could threaten the ability of all patent holders to enforce their rights

## Advancing Early Stage Technologies

- Early Stage and Gap Funding Opportunities Need Money available including where there is not yet a company
- I-Corps education and development
- Incubators and Accelerators
- SBIR/STTR programs

## **Material Transfer Agreements**

• Universal Material Transfer Agreements

• AUTM Efforts to Streamline

• Maximize Access