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## **HOLSTON BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER WELCOMES NEW TENANT**

The Holston Business Development Center, a local business incubator that serves Kingsport and Hawkins County, announces their newest tenant, Flow MedTech, an early-stage company developing an implantable medical device to prevent strokes in people with irregular heart rhythms.

Georgia Tech biomedical engineering alumni, Arnab Chakraborty and Christine Hang, were first introduced to the problem in November 2013 and began testing prototypes using heart models by May 2014. Flow MedTech's technology is focused on preventing strokes in patients with the most common irregular heart rhythm, known as atrial fibrillation. The patent-pending technology, prevents clot formation by blocking blood flow and thus reducing the risk of strokes.

"We are excited to have a new and growing business in the incubator," said HBDC Director, Keith Nakoff. "Flow MedTech has a lot of potential and we look forward to seeing what's in store for them."

Flow MedTech is not only expanding their office space, but their team as well. They recently announced the appointment of Senthil Thambidorai, MD, FHRS, as Vice President of Medical Affairs. Dr. Thambidorai completed a Cardiac Electrophysiology Fellowship at Cleveland Clinic and a Cardiology Fellowship at the Creighton University-Department of Medicine in Nebraska. He received his Doctor of Medicine, Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery from Kilpauk Medical College in India. He plans to lead Flow MedTech's efforts by providing clinical input and vision during the research and development phase. He will also facilitate strategic partnerships to strengthen and further Flow MedTech's position in the market.

"With Dr. Thambidorai's extensive training and experience, he is an incredible addition as well as a strong asset for our team," said Arnab Chakraborty, Chief Product Officer and Chairman, Flow MedTech.

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The teams plans to continue growing this year with the help of the Holston Business Development Center (located at 2005 Venture Park in Kingsport), and the local entrepreneurial accelerator, AccelNow, to expand their business. For more information, visit [HBDC.org](http://HBDC.org) and [Accelnow.com](http://Accelnow.com).

To learn more about Flow MedTech, visit [www.flow-medtech.com](http://www.flow-medtech.com).

### **About FLOW MEDTECH**

Flow MedTech, Inc. is a Health Wildcatters portfolio company developing an innovative therapy to reduce the chance of strokes in patients with atrial fibrillation by preventing clot formation in the left atrial appendage. The aim of the company is to design, develop, and commercialize novel catheter-based devices to reduce stroke risk. Founded by two graduates from the Georgia Tech Biomedical Engineering Program, Flow MedTech™ was first introduced to the problem in November 2013 and began testing prototypes using heart models by May 2014. Flow MedTech continues to focus on product development and preclinical testing to de-risk the device and achieve the next step of the regulatory pathway.

### **About the HOLSTON BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

The Holston Business Development Center opened in August 2003 and has since worked toward providing entrepreneurial support for start-up companies as a small business incubator. The Holston Business Development Center is a public and private partnership that works to support and nurture an entrepreneurial spirit to create diverse businesses and jobs, which benefit the citizens of the Greater Kingsport and Hawkins County area. Visit [HBDC.org](http://HBDC.org) for more information.

### **About ACCELNOW**

AccelNow provides resources to entrepreneurs to help them start up successful businesses and create jobs and wealth in the Northeast Tennessee region. They are called a “business accelerator” because they help entrepreneurs speed up the process of refining their ideas and developing them into a viable, investable business model. Visit [Accelnow.com](http://Accelnow.com) for more information.

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