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Developers of drug to offset menopause effects headline May 9 Tech Council event in Wauwatosa

WAUWATOSA, Wis. – Hear from a promising drug company that was founded by medical researchers from three Milwaukee-area universities at the **Thursday, May 9** luncheon meeting of the Tech Council Innovation Network in Wauwatosa.

Formed in 2018, Estrigenix Therapeutics has patented a small molecule drug that acts like estrogen to reverse the adverse symptoms associated with menopause, such as hot flashes. It also has potential to counter long-term onset dementia and memory decline in post-menopausal women between 55 and 65 years old.

Panelists are Estrigenix Therapeutics founders **Dr. Karyn Frick** of the [UW-Milwaukee](http://www.uwmilwaukee.edu) and **Dr. Daniel Sem** of [Concordia University Wisconsin](http://www.concordia.edu). Along with a professor from Marquette University, the trio brings interlocking expertise in dementia and menopause, medicinal chemistry and drug development.

The company is a finalist in the 2019 Wisconsin Governor's Business Plan Contest, which culminates June 4-5 at the [Wisconsin Entrepreneurs' Conference](http://www.wisconsinentrepreneurs.com) at Milwaukee's Venue42.

The May 9 event will take place at UW-Milwaukee's [Innovation Accelerator](http://www.innovationaccelerator.com), 1225 Discovery Parkway. Registration, networking and hors d'oeuvres start at 11:30 a.m. and the presentation at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$10 for students and returning veterans, \$25 for individual members, \$35 for non-members and included for Tech Council corporate members. [Click here to register.](#)

“Not only is the Estrigenix drug a promising candidate to help women everywhere, but the story of how three universities have collaborated on research and company formation is instructive for other academic researchers in many fields,” said Tom Still, president of the Wisconsin Technology Council.

The meeting is sponsored [UW-Milwaukee](http://www.uwmilwaukee.edu) and [UWM Research Foundation](http://www.uwmresearchfoundation.com). The UW-Milwaukee is hosting an “open house” for its new Lubar Entrepreneurship Center May 8-9.

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