

Thermo Fisher Scientific and University of California, San Francisco to Open Cell Therapy cGMP Manufacturing and Collaboration Center

New facility will provide end-to-end solution to accelerate cell therapy development and manufacturing

WALTHAM, Mass. and SAN FRANCISCO, May 19, 2021 /[PRNewswire](#)/ -- Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc. (NYSE:TMO), the world leader in serving science, and the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) today announced they have formed a strategic alliance to accelerate the development and manufacturing of cell-based therapies.

Under the agreement, Thermo Fisher will build and operate a 44,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art cell therapy development, manufacturing and collaboration center in leased space on UCSF's Mission Bay campus, which includes biomedical research facilities and hospitals. The site will offer clinical and commercial cGMP cell therapy manufacturing services, along with associated technology development support, to UCSF and other partners.

Expected to open in 2022, the facility will also serve as a central location where customers and UCSF researchers will have access to Thermo Fisher's broad portfolio of [Cell Therapy Systems](#) (CTS) reagents, consumables, and fit-for-purpose instrumentation and compliant software. The CTS product portfolio is designed to work together, and seamlessly transition from research to clinical manufacturing to address cell therapy production workflow challenges.

"We are bringing together UCSF's leadership in the newest forms of cellular immunotherapy and Thermo Fisher's extensive capabilities in cell therapy instrumentation, manufacturing and distribution," said Mark Stevenson, executive vice president and chief operating officer of Thermo Fisher Scientific. "This powerful combination will provide customers – from emerging biotechs to large pharma companies – with integrated, end-to-end solutions to reduce costs and accelerate adoption of cell therapies, ultimately improving patient access to these transformative treatments."

Sam Hawgood, MBBS, chancellor of UCSF, said, "We expect breakthrough treatments for many different diseases and conditions to come from cell therapies. Establishing cell therapy manufacturing in such close proximity to our scientists, clinicians and patients will enable UCSF to catalyze innovation in living therapeutics and use the resulting discoveries to benefit our patients."

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