



## **PANDEMICTECH**



### **Andrew Nerlinger MD; Co-Founder, PandemicTech**

#### **Biography:**

Dr. Andrew Nerlinger is a physician, venture capital investor, and social impact innovator. He is the Co-founder of PandemicTech, an Austin-based virtual technology incubator launched in 2016 that supports health security innovators on the front lines of fighting pandemic infectious disease threats. He is also a Venture Partner at Bill Wood Ventures, an Austin-based family office that invests in early stage technology companies. He is a graduate of the Yale University School of Medicine (MD, 2006) and the University of Notre Dame (BS, 2002).

### **PandemicTech: Scaling Local Innovations to Fight Global Outbreaks**

#### **Abstract:**

The challenges of fighting pandemics look different in every community, meaning that solutions to these challenges will also be different for each community. Local innovators are often best equipped to solve these local challenges. While innovators in established “innovation ecosystems” like Silicon Valley, Beijing, Berlin, or Austin have access to the resources needed to create and scale these solutions, innovators in less developed ecosystems often lack access to these resources and can face insurmountable barriers in solving local challenges. This session discusses innovation ecosystems and their role bridging the gap between the global health and technology communities. PandemicTech, the session presenter, is an Austin-based venture philanthropy leading global health security innovation by building the world’s first innovation ecosystem dedicated to global health security. The session also describes how the PandemicTech ecosystem - a community of innovators backed by a global network of resources - is supporting local innovators on the front lines of fighting global infectious disease outbreaks.