

Life Sciences Good News stories | Expansions & Announcements Ireland 2022



Since late 2021 and throughout 2022 there have been several good news stories within the Life Sciences sector across the country. Ireland continues to boom across Biotechnology, Pharmaceutical, Medical Devices and Diagnostics. We continue to pioneer as we lead the way in Research & Drug Development, Manufacturing and Supply Chain and operate state of the art Centres of Excellence. Below, we look at some of the investments, expansions, product / drug announcements and exciting acquisitions that have taken place in recent months.

INVESTMENTS & EXPANSIONS:

- Global packaging giant **Amcor** will upgrade its healthcare packaging facility in Sligo, Ireland, as it looks to support growth in the medical device arena creating **75 new jobs**. 
- Global Biotech group **Amgen** are investing to invest \$100 million (€88.7 million) in the **construction of a new vial filling line** at its South Dublin facility. 
- **AstraZeneca** are **investing €65 million** into their Dublin Blanchardstown & Athlone manufacturing sites. 
- Medical device company **Arrotek** to create **100 jobs in Sligo**. 
- **BD (Becton, Dickinson and Company)** - plans to create more than **130 new jobs and invest €70 million over five years** in BD's R&D Centre of Excellence in Limerick. 
- **Biomerics**, a leading medical device contract manufacturer, have announced the opening of a 2,000 sq. ft. Balloons & Balloon Catheters Centre of Excellence in Galway which in turn will create approx, **40 jobs over the next five years**. 
- **Bluecrux**, a provider of process and technology solutions, continues their expansion here in Ireland with **50 jobs across their Galway and Dublin offices**. 
- Global Medical device leader **Boston Scientific** announced a **new €100 million expansion of its operations at Ballybrit Galway - expected to enable 300+ jobs** in the coming years and includes over 40,000 square feet of medical device manufacturing space that will be powered by renewable energy. 
- **CERENOVUS**, an emerging leader in neurovascular care and part of Johnson & Johnson Medical Devices Companies announced a **€50M investment over the next three years at its site in Galway - over 30 new specialised roles are expected to be created**. 

- **Croom Medical** a Limerick based medical device company - will create **80 new jobs** by the end of 2022 - opened a €12m manufacturing facility. 
- Global healthcare and biopharmaceutical leader **Eli Lilly and Company** plans to invest over **€400 million** in a brand-new manufacturing facility in Limerick – expected to create more than 300 new jobs for highly skilled workers. 
- **Gilead Sciences** announced the opening of a **Centre of Excellence for Global Paediatric Drug Development** in the Dublin Docklands which will create **33 new jobs**. 
- Leading Irish digital therapeutics company **HealthBeacon plc** launched its **Green Labs** facility in Dublin- that develops products for managing injectable medications for patients in the home. 
- **Horizon Therapeutics plc** expects to employ up to 100 additional employees **between Waterford and Dublin** in the coming 18 months. 
- **Hovione** are expanding its Cork site in Loughbeg and will create up to 100 jobs **over a three-year period**. 
- **Janssen Sciences Ireland** - part of Johnson & Johnson announced an **expansion of its biopharmaceutical supply chain facility** in Ringaskiddy, Co. Cork. The €150m investment in the facility has the potential to create **180 new full-time jobs**. 
- **Johnson & Johnson Vision** (part of Johnson & Johnson MedTech) announced a **€35 million investment** in its facility in Limerick, with the potential to create up to 200 new jobs over the next three years, including roles specific to the construction phase of the project. 
- **Kneat Solutions** to create up to **100 jobs** at the National Technology Park outside Limerick city across sales, marketing, R&D and customer success. 
- **Legato Health Technologies Ireland Ltd.** announced the creation of a further **80 jobs** at its R&D Hub in the National Technology Park, Limerick. 
- Global medtech giant **Medtronic** announced **200 R&D roles** as part of a **€30m investment** to celebrate their 40 year anniversary in Galway. 
- **Merck** is expanding its membrane and filtration manufacturing capabilities in Ireland. The company will invest approximately **€440 million** to increase membrane manufacturing capacity in Carrigtwohill and to build a new manufacturing facility at Blarney Business Park, both in Cork, Ireland. The investment, which is the largest in a single site ever for the Life Science business, will create more than **370 permanent jobs** by the end of 2027. 
- **MSD Dunboyne** – BioNX facility in Dunboyne, Meath will create 140 new jobs by 2025. 
- **MSD Carlow** – pharma giant part of Merck plan to build a manufacturing facility in Carlow, could create over **100 long-term jobs**.
- **Meissner Filtration Products Limited Ireland**, a Castlebar, Co Mayo, subsidiary of the US-headquartered medical technology company, plans to **invest \$100m (€95m) and create 250 jobs**. 

- Global Manufacturing group **Siemens** will create **25 new jobs** in Shannon with new R&D group. 
- Leading U.S. value-based healthcare platform **Signify Health** announced the opening of a new technology centre that is expected to create more than **125 new technology innovation roles** in Galway during the next two years. 
- Pharmaceutical manufacturer **SK Biotek Ireland** is investing **\$35m to expand its plant in Dublin**. 
- **STERIS** - plans for the **construction of a new X-ray radiation processing facility** in Tullamore, Ireland. 
- **Takeda** Ireland **100 new jobs** to be filled over the next three years at their cell therapy facility. 
- Global leader in the development and production of respiratory diagnostic devices **Vitalograph** announced an **investment of €10M** as it expands its operations in the Mid-West and creates **200 new roles over the next two years**. 
- **Normax Biomed** announced its **first mRNA facility in Cork with 200 new jobs** coming on stream. 

PRODUCT / DRUG DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Rare disease Biopharmaceutical company **Amryt Pharma** receives **EU approval for Filsuvez for the treatment of Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) – the first ever therapy** for patients suffering from this rare genetic skin disease. 
- **Novus Diagnostics** start up are developing a revolutionary new clinical diagnostics technology; have **won a mentorship with Global leader Roche diagnostics**. 

EXCITING ACQUISITIONS:

- Cork-based life sciences design company **BioPharma Engineering** has been acquired by global workplace strategy, design and experience business **Unispace** – planning a new Centre for Excellence. 
- **EirGen Pharma** acquired a new building in the IDA Industrial Estate in Waterford which will facilitate an expansion of its Oral Solid Dose manufacturing and packaging - €12 million invested locally. 
- Animal healthcare leader **Zoetis** – acquired Basepaws, a genetic company. 

To summarise, there has been lots of positive news across Ireland and we are only half way through the year. Ireland is such an important contributor to the Life Sciences sector globally. It's a really exciting time to work in the sector and we anticipate more announcements across investments, expansions, developments and acquisitions. If you are a Life Sciences company and would like recruitment support, please reach out to the Life Sciences team in Brightwater. We offer tailored solutions to your specific needs across a range of recruitment services. We would be more than happy to share our market insights and partner with you.



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