

# Bay Area is rich in biotech companies

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## Bay Area's diverse biotech firms are all over the map

If you live in the Bay Area, chances are good that you're close to a company with biotechnology ties.

The Bay Area, where the biotech industry was born in the 1970s, remains the world's largest cluster of biotech enterprises.

Alongside the well-known biotech companies that sell remedies for cancer and HIV

are old-style pharmaceutical pillmakers that evolved into producers of complex biological drugs, engineering firms making biochips to diagnose diseases, and homeland security contractors that make bioweapons detectors.

Rounding out the region's rich industrial ecosystems are top academic centers of life sciences research; training

centers for biotech workers; drug development and medical device companies; manufacturers of research tools; biofuels inventors; consumer genome-testing services; and biotech financial backers such as venture capital firms.

The map below is just a sample of that biodiversity.

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**Bay Area's biodiversity**

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- Corporations with over \$10 billion market cap
- Corporations with over \$1 billion market cap
- Smaller corporations and VC firms
- Pharmaceutical companies
- ▲ Institutions and research

- 1 **Beigold Laboratories**  
1000 Alfred Nobel Drive, Hercules  
The company manufactures and distributes a broad range of products for the life science research and clinical diagnostic markets.
- 2 **Celera Corp.**  
501 Harbor Bay Parkway, Alameda  
The company makes diagnostic products for personal and disease management.
- 3 **Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory**  
7000 East Ave., Livermore  
The lab uses biotech and genomics to make advances in national security, birth-defect detection, toxicology, cancer research, biodefense and bioinformatics.
- 4 **UCSF's Mission Bay campus**  
2001 Mission St., San Francisco  
A lab-scale facility devoted to biomedical research, which has attracted drugmaker Pfizer's biotech research unit. Mission Bay hopes to become a major biotech hub.
- 5 **Genentech**  
1 DNA Way, South San Francisco  
The biotech pioneer, with a strong franchise in cancer treatments, is branching out into brain diseases including Alzheimer's. Roche recently acquired the company.
- 6 **Gen**  
230 Constitution Drive, Menlo Park  
In January, it was approved from federal regulators to start the world's first trial of an mRNA-based therapy derived from human embryonic stem cells.
- 7 **Kieler Parkins Caulfield & Myers**  
2750 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park  
The veteran Silicon Valley venture capital firm that helped found the biotech industry by funding Genentech is now betting on technology related to adult stem cells.
- 8 **Genescan International**  
222 Page Mill Road, Palo Alto  
The company is part of a joint venture building an ethanol plant that will burn corn cobs and switch grass into fuel, using specially designed enzymes.