

Senate Institutional Sustainability & Innovation Committee Hearing

Testimony Ryan Pruchnic, Managing Vice President, Cook MyoSite

- Our company is Cook MyoSite, located in Pittsburgh, PA
- Cook MyoSite is a part of Cook Incorporated, based out of Bloomington, Indiana
- We were incorporated in 2002 and currently operate out of two Cook-owned facilities
- Our technology is based on using a patient's own muscle cells to treat their muscle disorders
 - Our focus is on muscle disorders of the Urinary and GI track, with a specific attention towards Women's Health
- We have been in clinical trials and product development for 23+ years and have several indications that have the opportunity to gain FDA approval
- Our lead indication, treatment of Stress Urinary Incontinence, has been in clinical development since 2004
 - In 2019, FDA recognized this disorder as a serious, unmet, clinical need
 - Even with that, the final study has been ongoing since 2018, with a goal of concluding in July of 2027
- We currently employ ~220 people, with most located in Pittsburgh with a near-term goal of increasing staff
- While an unofficial tally, the investment has been approximately a half a billion dollars to date
- Cook Incorporated has been financially supportive, but the R&D tax credit has played a substantial role in funding our research
- Our goal is to make Pittsburgh the world leader in this technology