

Massachusetts General Hospital awards \$10k prize and acceleration support at Gun Violence Prevention Demo Day

BOSTON, Mass – June 15, 2018 – During the [Gun Violence Prevention Demo Day](#), the [Consortium for Affordable Medical Technologies](#) (CAMTech) at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) awarded Team Good Guy with a Gun \$10k and six months of acceleration support for innovating an app-based educational tool that trains gun owners about safe firearm storage. A multidisciplinary panel of judges selected Team Good Guy with a Gun after four teams pitched their solutions with the potential to curb the gun violence epidemic and improve the lives of survivors.

Team Good Guy with a Gun includes Dr. Peter Greenspan of Massachusetts General Hospital, Kaleigh Killoran of Harvard Business School, Zoe Wolszon of Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Christian Paxson, a Special Forces Weapons Sergeant and firearms instructor. The team also won a \$1,000 Communications Strategy Award during CAMTech’s Gun Violence Prevention Hack-a-thon and received the grand prize at the Gun Violence Prevention Demo Day for making the most progress 60 days after the Gun Violence Prevention Hack-a-thon. Team Good Guy with a Gun is the twelfth innovation to enter the [CAMTech Accelerator Program \(CAP\)](#).

“What really matters is the people in this room who start a conversation across disciplinary lines,” said Dr. Kristian Olson, Director of CAMTech. “We don’t want an echo chamber, but we want an action step.”

CAMTech’s Gun Violence Prevention Challenge Summit, Hack-a-thon & Demo Day convened over 150 experts in public health, clinical medicine, engineering, design, business, government and community organizing to generate innovations to improve gun violence prevention. At the Edward M. Kennedy Institute on April 13, the Gun Violence Prevention Challenge Summit facilitated a discussion of challenges and provided critical insight into gun violence prevention. The Gun Violence Prevention Hack-a-thon on April 14 – 15 at the MGH Simches Research Center served as an open innovation platform for a diverse community to co-create solutions over a 48-hour period.

Through cross-disciplinary collaboration, mentorship and award incentives, teams fostered ideas into novel innovations with the potential to curb the epidemic of gun violence and improve the lives of survivors. Participants with diverse backgrounds and skill sets pitched over 34 challenges related to gun violence prevention, formed cross-disciplinary teams and presented 10 innovations.

Through the [Consortium for Affordable Medical Technologies](#) (CAMTech), MGH brings important domain and innovation process expertise to gun violence prevention. CAMTech is known for its open innovation platform, including past initiatives to identify needs and source and accelerate solutions to address the [Opioid Epidemic](#), [Zika](#) and [Ebola](#) outbreaks and chronic illnesses like [diabetes](#) and [Global Cancer](#). CAMTech spurs sustainable solutions from ideation to patient impact.

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[The Consortium for Affordable Medical Technologies \(CAMTech\)](#) has a mission to build entrepreneurial capacity and accelerate medical technology innovation to improve health outcomes in low- and middle-income countries. CAMTech's approach enables co-creation, where innovators across public health, engineering, and business engage with end-users to develop disruptive medical technologies to achieve widespread public health impact. CAMTech's initiatives, including its newly launched [CAMTech Innovation Platform](#) and existing [CAMTech Accelerator Program](#), help connect and support a global community of innovators working to improve health for vulnerable populations in low-resource settings.

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