

# Making Aquadex the Standard of Care for Fluid Management

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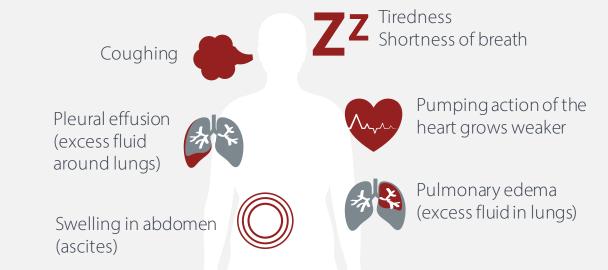
# **Our Mission**

Nuwellis is dedicated to transforming the lives of patients suffering from Fluid Overload through science, collaboration, and innovation.



# What is Hypervolemia (Fluid Overload)?

Hypervolemia is an excess of fluid in the bloodstream, vital organs and interstitial space that results in an array of patient symptoms



Fluid Overload presents a significant public health challenge that impacts both patient outcomes and hospital resources







# 6.7 million US adults with Heart Failure and ~50% will die within five years of their diagnosis,

With Fluid Overload as a leading cause of HF readmissions, it also presents a considerable economic burden on hospitals

# Over 1 million HF hospitalizations occur annually in the US¹ Efficacy of diuretic use in HF & CV surgery patients 10-40%<sup>5</sup> are refractory 68%<sup>5</sup> show sub-optimal response Decompensated HF admission drives economic loss per admission High readmission rates lead to Medicare penalties<sup>4</sup>

#### The Healthcare Burden of Heart Failure/Fluid Overload

90%

of Heart Failure (HF) hospitalizations are due to signs and symptoms of Fluid Overload  $^{\rm I}$ 

Unresolved congestion

Poor clinical outcomes<sup>1</sup>



### Long Lengths of Stay & High Costs of Care



8 Days

Average HF Length of Stay<sup>2</sup>

\$**24,027** 

Total True Inpatient Cost per Encounter<sup>2</sup>

#### **Low Reimbursement**

#### **High Loss** per HF Hospitalization









#### **High Readmission Rates**



**24**%

**30-Day** Readmission rate<sup>1</sup>

**50**%

90-Day Readmission rate1

#### **Related Costs/Penalties**

\$**24,027** 

Non-reimbursable cost estimate for readmission encounter<sup>2</sup>

Opportunity Cost of occupied bed

Up to 3%

of ALL Medicare reimbursements<sup>4</sup>

1. Costanzo MR, et al. JAm Coll Cardiol. 2017 May 16;69(19):2428-2445. 2. From Premier Applied Sciences database. 3. 2021 DRG National Average Payment Table Update 4. <a href="https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AcuteInpatientPPS/Readmissions-Reduction-Program">https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/AcuteInpatientPPS/Readmissions-Reduction-Program</a> 5. Testani, Circ Heart Failure, 2016;9:e002370.6. Kazory A, Sgarabotto L, Ronco C: Extracorporeal Ultrafiltration for Acute Heart Failure.



# **Differentiated Solution**

# Aquadex®

A clinically superior solution for Fluid Overload

The <u>only</u> device of its kind in the market



### **Aquadex**

A proven and predictable solution for Fluid Overload.



At one year after Aquadex therapy treatment, compared to 2.14 before treatment

12.4% readmission rate

Compared to the 24% national average at 30 days<sup>1</sup>

\$3,975 in average savings

Reduces length of hospital stay when initiated early, resulting in average savings of  $\$3,975 (14\%)^{6-7}$ 

Over \$2B addressablemarket



#### Reintroduced in 2016

- An estimated 25,700 patients treated across all three of our customer categories<sup>9</sup>
- From proprietary technology to unmatched advantages in Fluid Overload therapy, Aquadex has the potential to be the standard of care for diuretic resistant patients

#### **Product Strategy & Differentiation**

- More effective in decongesting resulting in stabilized or improved cardiac hemodynamics<sup>2-5</sup>
- Easier to set-up than CRRT; built-in Hematocrit sensor allows realtime measurement of blood volume changes
- Designed for multiple settings: ICU, Stepdown Unit, Telemetry Unit, HF Floor, and Outpatient – versus ICU only for CRRT
- Predictably removes excess isotonic fluid (water and sodium)<sup>8</sup>
- No significant changes to kidney function<sup>1</sup>

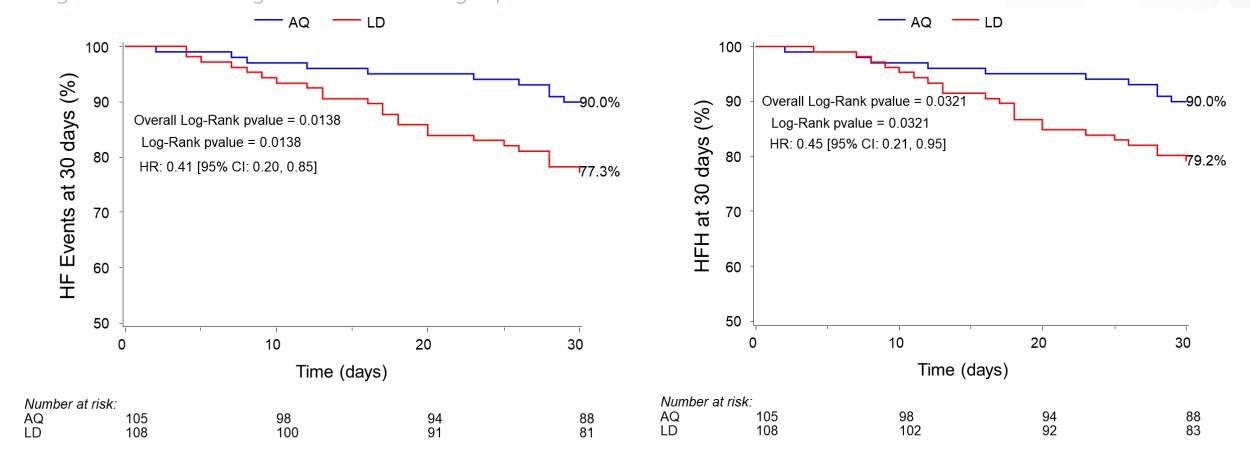
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# At a Recent Late Breaking Clinical Trials, Significant Reduction in HF Events and HF Hospitalization

Present at THT 2024 in early March, a re-appraisal of a 224-patients control randomized trial (AVOID-HF) demonstrated significant statistical significance when using Aquadex

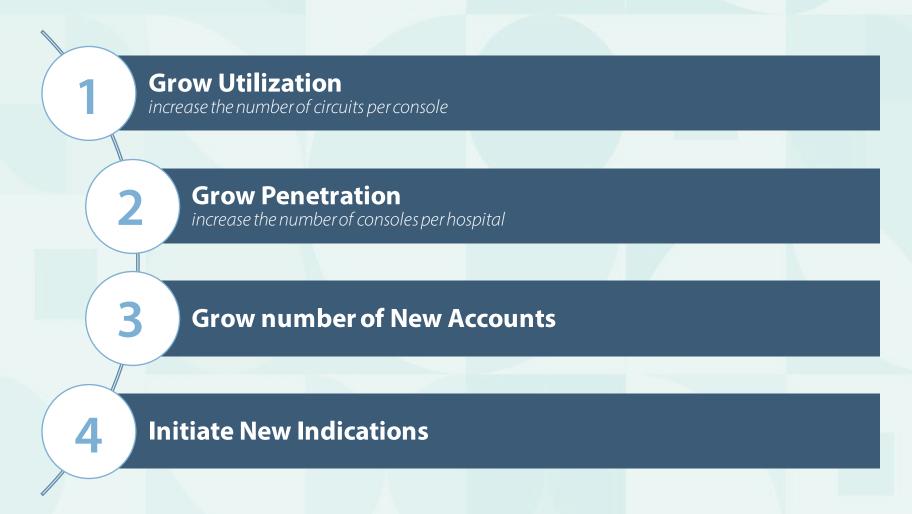


THT Boston 2024 – Featured Late-Breaking Clinical Science Abstract III – Aquapheresis for Management of Decompensated Heart Failure: A Re-appraisal of AVOID-HF



# Our strategic growth plan emphasizes four key efforts

We've structured our sales and marketing team to ensure seamless execution



# Diuretics, the current standard of care, have significant limitations leaving a gap in clinical care

Diuretics provide insufficient symptom relief and are associated with in hospital worsening heart failure and increased mortality after discharge<sup>1</sup>

- High risk of readmissions <sup>1</sup>
- Long-term use of diuretics is associated with kidney damage<sup>1-4</sup>
- Efficacy of diuretic use in HF & CV surgery patients
  - **10-40%**<sup>5</sup> have poor diuretic response
  - **68%**<sup>5</sup> show sub-optimal response

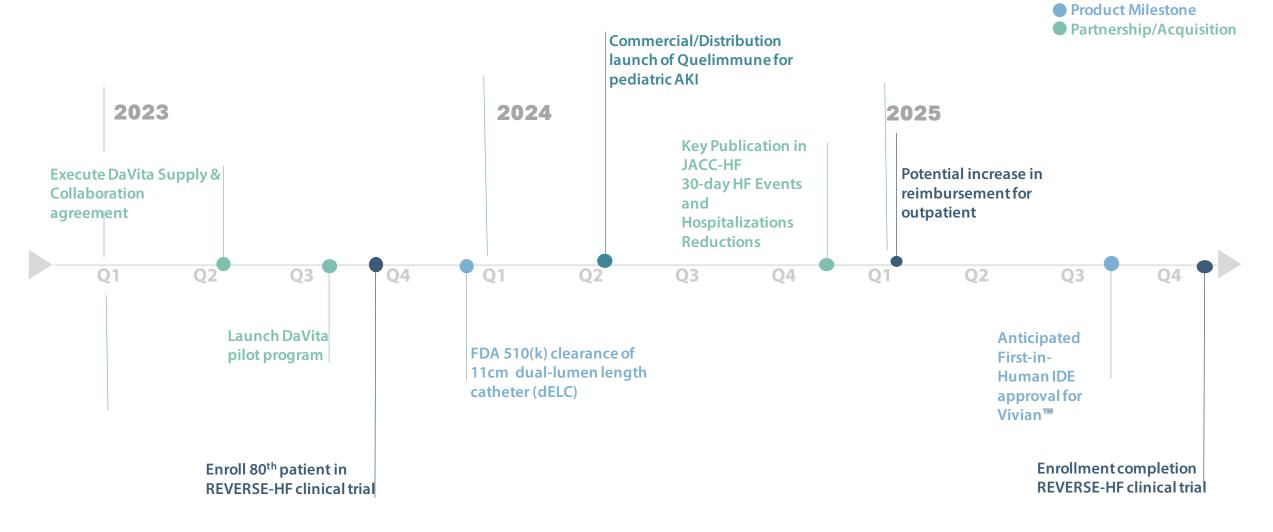
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**"Extracorporeal Ultrafiltration for Acute Heart Failure"**Cardiorenal Medicine Journal

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### **Key milestones**



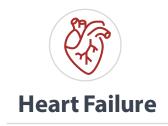


Legend:

Clinical Milestone Commercial Milestone

# The market faces an urgent challenge as three patient categories grapple with the debilitating impact of Fluid Overload across multiple hospital specialty units

Fluid Overload is a leading cause of hospital readmission 30 days following cardiac surgery<sup>2</sup>



90% of all heart failure hospitalizations are due to symptoms of Fluid Overload <sup>1</sup>



For critically ill patients in the ICU, Fluid Overload was associated with a markedly increased risk for 90-day mortality<sup>3</sup>



**Pediatric** 

In pediatric patients, Fluid Overload is associated with **significant increases** in mortality<sup>4-5</sup>

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# **Differentiated Solution**

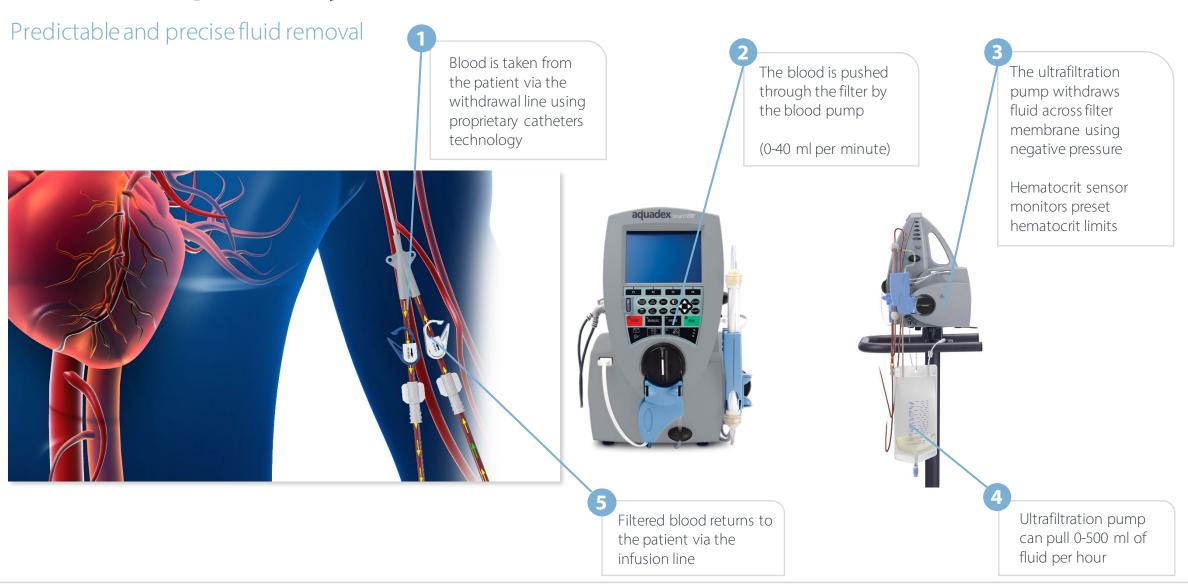
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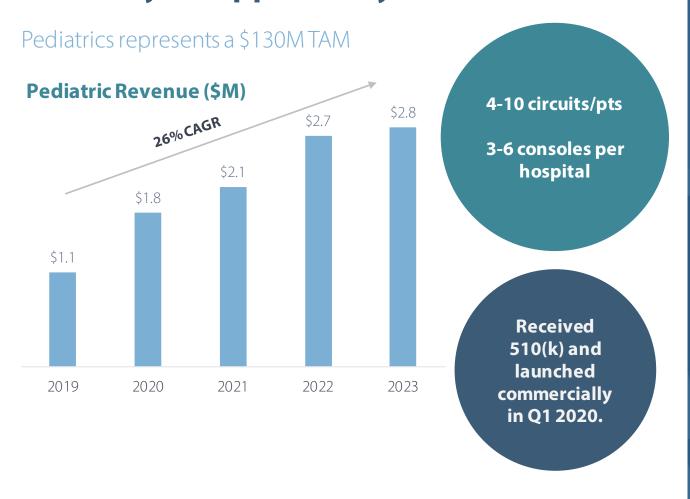
# **How the Aquadex system works**





https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RnODf5uL9ol

### We've seen a steady increase in our pediatric business, providing patients with high mortality an opportunity at life



### Improved patient survival at end of treatment

Attributes	Group 1:	Group 2:	Group 3:	
	<10kg	10-20kg	>20kg	
# of Patients	N = <b>72</b>	N = <b>13</b>	N = <b>34</b>	
Primary disease	43% kidney	54% kidney	38% kidney	
	29%	31%	28%	
	cardiac	other	cardiac	
Survival at end of treatment (Aquadex)	43 <b>(60%)</b>	13 <b>(100%)</b>	33 <b>(97%)</b>	

Group 1 patients traditionally do not receive any kind of therapy

"For our babies born with diseased or absent kidneys, Aquadex has given them a chance at life because in the past, there were no options to treat these patients."

Kara Short MSN, CRNP, NICU nurse practitioner at Alabama Children's Hospital



<sup>1.</sup> Source: Menon S, et al. CJSN, 2019; 14: 1432-40. Aquadex is currently cleared for use in pediatric patients weighing 20 kg or more.

# Coming soon:

# Vivian

Our pediatric solution

On track for H1 2025 launch



# **Introducing Vivian**<sup>™</sup>

Therapy to fill crucial gaps, offering a lifeline to critically ill neonates and children



Ultrafiltration Hemofiltration Hemodialysis

8.5X mortality

Fluid Overload drives pediatric morbidity and mortality riskin critically ill patients

Children with >20% fluid overload had an odds ratio for mortality of 8.5 compared to children with <20% FO 1.2

**60%** survival to end therapy

Providing renal support and hemodynamic stability can be life-saving

In patients <20 kg who primarily received Slow Continuous Ultrafiltration (SCUF)<sup>3</sup>

\$130m addressable pediatric market

### Launch best-in-class pediatric CRRT system, 1H 2025

Early feedback from pediatric nephrologists: "This will be a game-changer for us." Nuwellis Pediatric Advisory Board member

### **Product Strategy & Differentiation**

- Integrates Ultrafiltration with Hemofiltration and Hemodialysis capabilities
- Expected broadest weight indication: 2.5 kg +
- Safety features: lowest extracorporeal blood volume; builtin hematocrit sensor
- Clinician-driven UX design
- Product name: "Viv" Latin root means life; Vivian Lady of the Lake in King Arthur, allusion to Land of 10,000 Lakes

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# We are keenly focused on developing novel technology with a strong IP portfolio

### 11 novel patents with last to expire protection to 2043

- Robust and evolving portfolio of patents circling the technology
- 20 Nuwellis patent applications (US & EU) in addition to licensed IP from Baxter
- Wide technology scope coverage

### Console

Transport Mode Self-loading/

Self-emptying Bags

Open vs. Closed Loop

#### Circuit

Filter Clotting Prevention

Source Line Connection

### **Peripheral Access**

Peripheral Flow **Improvements** 

Dual Lumen Catheter

### **Accuracy & Safety**

External Pump Detection

Hemolysis/ Blood Leak Detector

Accounting for Density

Auto Clamp

### **Guided Therapy**

Plasma and Blood Volume Measurement

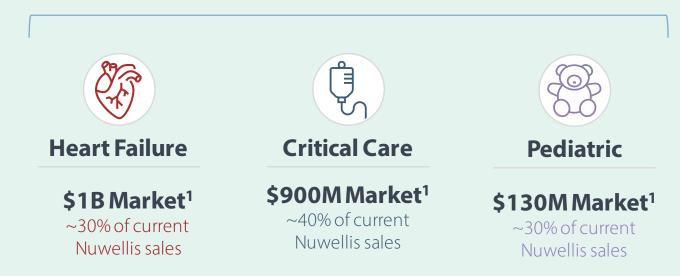
Physiological Parameters Guidance



# With a large and expanding addressable market, Nuwellis stands at the forefront of a transformative healthcare opportunity

Outpatient market opportunity adds \$500M+ to addressable market (heart failure and advanced liver disease)

\$2B+ TAM



Across our three strategic patient categories, we have an enormous opportunity to improve outcomes for Fluid Overload patients across multiple hospital specialty units

<sup>.</sup> See Appendix

<sup>2.</sup> Approved for use in pediatric patients weighing 20 kg or more.

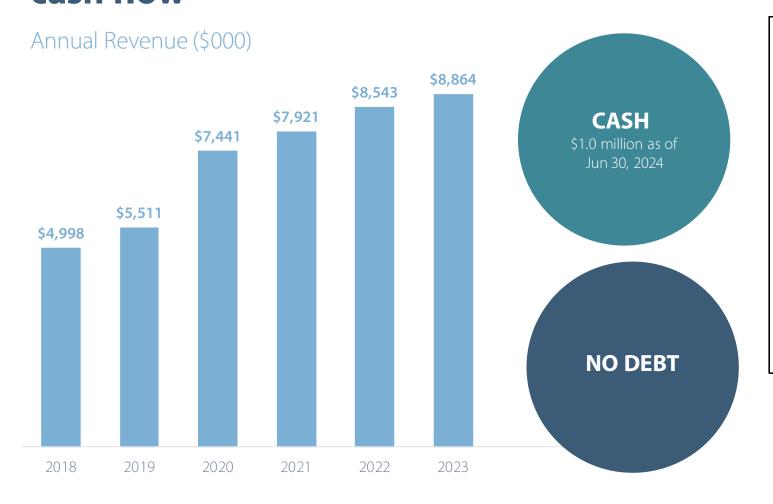
# **Investment Highlights**

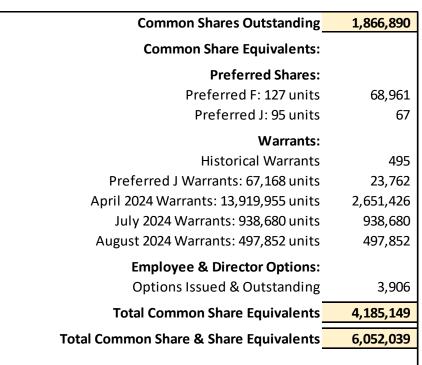
We're confident that the key catalysts we will pursue in 2024 should support a valuation of 3-5x revenue.

\$2B+ TAM	Positive ROI	Clinical Evidence	Scalable Consumables	Commercial Infrastructure	Product Pipeline	Leadership Team
\$2B+ and growing addressable market in critical need	Attractive clinical + economic benefits to hospitals and healthcare system	Robust body of clinical evidence demonstrating the success of our products	Scalable consumables driven growth	Commercial infrastructure leverage	Novel product pipeline along with an expanding IP Portfolio for continued expansion	Highly experienced leadership perfectly positioned to drive our growth strategy



## With a track record of consistent financial success, we're confident that our growth strategy will lead to meaningful revenue expansion and cash flow





Capitalization Table as of August 31st, 2024

# Our diverse leadership team boasts extensive industry experience and a successful history of commercialization



Nestor Jaramillo, Jr. President & Chief Executive Officer

Senior Vice President of

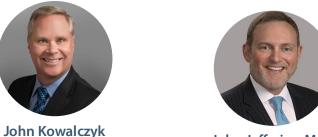
Sales & Marketing



**Rob Scott** Chief Financial Officer



**Megan Catts** Vice President of Clinical Research and Reimbursement



John Jefferies, M.D. Chief Medical Officer



**Sandra Eayrs** Chief Human Resources Officer

**Seasoned Leadership:** Over 200 years' collective experience in clinical practice and the medical device industry, with significant tenures at industry leaders such as Medtronic, Boston Scientific, and Abbott/St. Jude Medical.

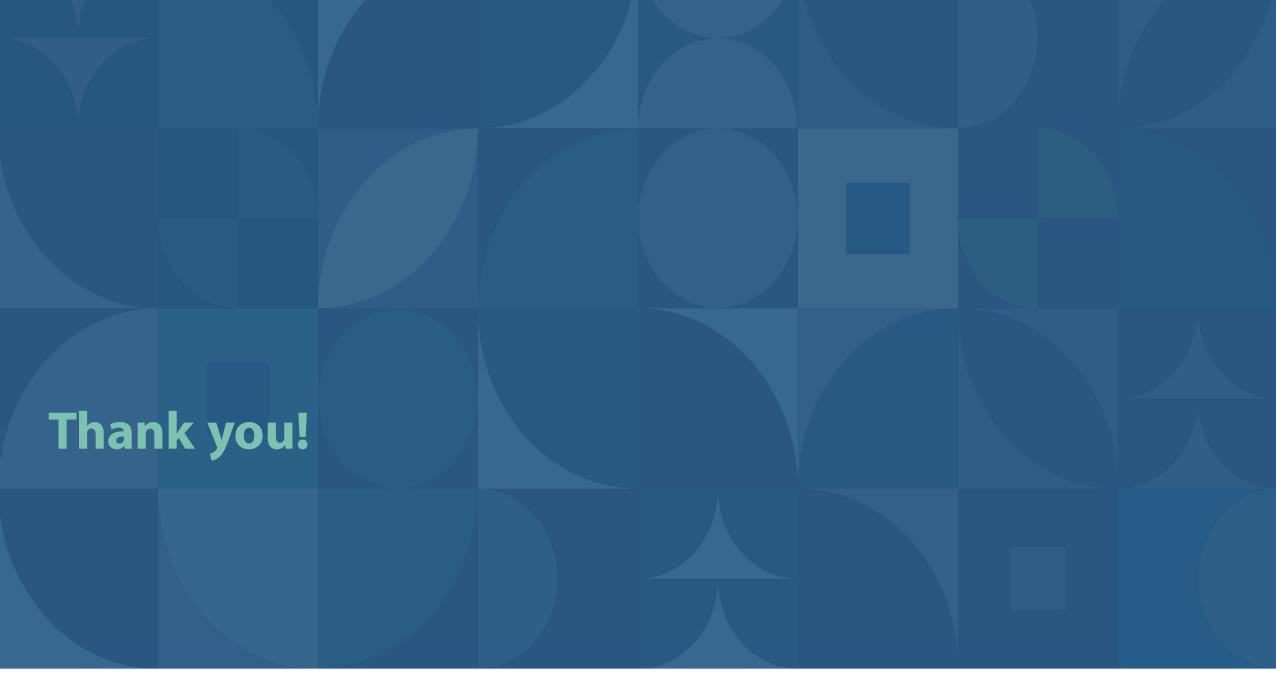
**Commercialization Prowess:** Demonstrated success in commercializing various therapies, showcasing the team's ability to bring innovative medical devices to market effectively.

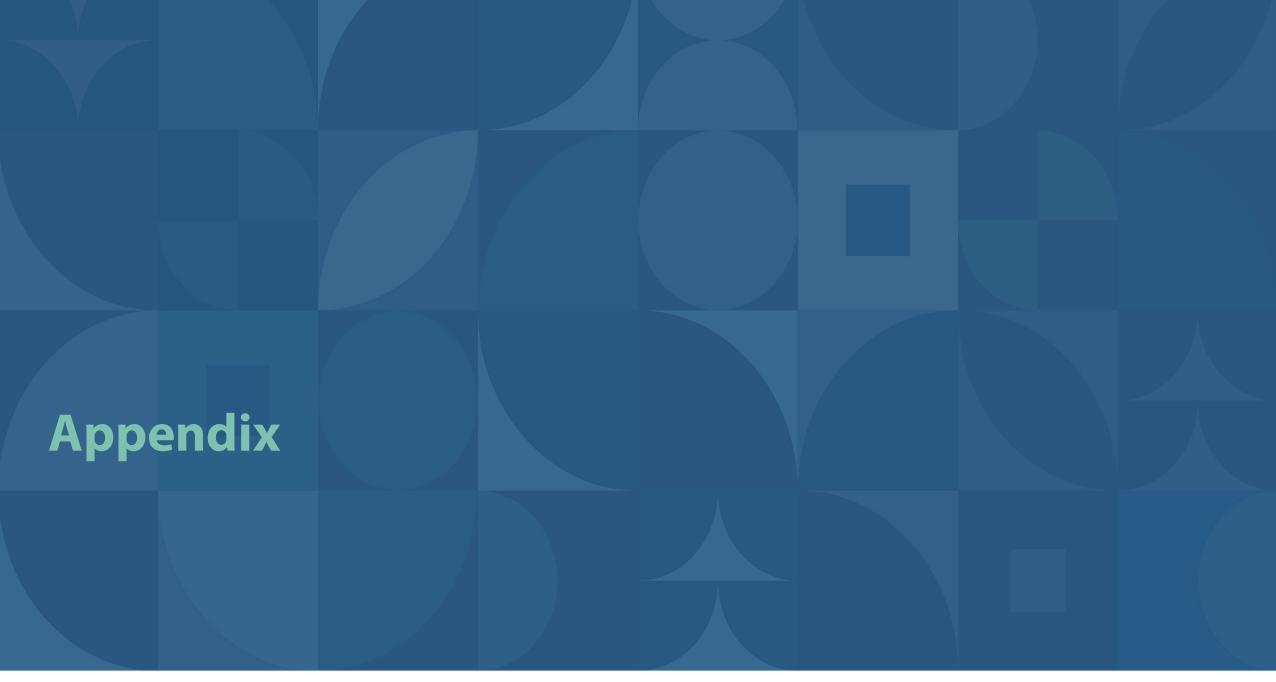
Strategic Industry Involvement: In-depth industry knowledge and strategic insights gained from working with major players in the medical device sector

**Adaptive Management:** Dynamic management style with a history of successfully navigating challenges and adapting to evolving market dynamics.

**Innovative Contribution:** Track record of contributing to the growth and success of previous ventures through innovation and product development.







# **Market Validation**

Real-world testimonials and clinical studies provide meaningful validation for Nuwellis' products.



### Ultrafiltration: Positive ROI, clinical and economic benefits

81% reduction in heart failure hospitalizations per year

# 10-Year, real-world experience with ultrafiltration<sup>1</sup>



### **Abington Hospital Jefferson Health**

- Retrospective, single center analysis
- **334 consecutive** acutely decompensated heart failure patients
- Cohort of patients in study were sicker than those in other clinical trials
- Treated with adjustable-rate UF using Aguadex
- Weight loss due to fluid removal
- Unchanged kidney function



### **HF Hospitalizations**

Average 2.14 hospitalizations per year before Aquadex Ultrafiltration 1 Year after Aquadexultrafiltration Average 0.4 hospitalizations



### **Hospital Readmissions**

**National Average** 

**24%** at 30 days<sup>2</sup>

50% at 6 months

**12.4%** at 30 days

**14.9%** at 90 days

27.3% at 1 year

Significant quality of life improvement for the patients as well as savings to the healthcare system and to the individual hospitals

1. Watson R et al. J Cardiac Fail. 2020; 26(10): s56. 2. Costanzo MR, et al. JACC. 2017 May 16;69(19):2428-2445.



# Peer-reviewed publication advocates for early clinical application of ultrafiltration in diuretic resistant patients

# Diuretic shortcomings leave a gap in clinical care

"The efficacy of diuretics gradually decreases as (heart failure) progresses in a significance subset of patients."

"Diuretic resistance has been a well-known challenge in the care of these patients, and not surprisingly is tied to worse prognosis."



"Extracorporeal Ultrafiltration for Acute Heart Failure"

Cardiorenal Medicine Journal

Pooled data from seven randomized controlled trials of ultrafiltration, 771 patient participants

"Extracorporeal ultrafiltration has emerged as an option to overcome shortcomings of diuretics"



Predictable, adjustable, and more efficient fluid removal with ultrafiltration compared to diuretics



Applicability in other clinical settings, such as cardiac surgery, burn and other specialty units



Potential to expand use of ultrafiltration into outpatient centers and other ambulatory settings

Kazory A, Sgarabotto L, Ronco C: Extracorporeal Ultrafiltration for Acute Heart Failure. Cardiorenal Med 2023;13:1-8. doi: 10.1159/000527204.



## Proven superior outcomes with Aquadex in real-world clinical use

### "Outcomes of Ultrafiltration in community-based hospitals" Current Problems in Cardiology (October 2024)

Key findings from a retrospective analysis of 30 acute decompensated heart failure patients:



# Significant Volume Loss and Weight Reduction:

Patients experienced significant volume loss and weight reduction without adverse renal effects.



# Significant Reduction in Heart Failure Readmissions:

Statistically significant reduction in rehospitalization rates for heart failure at 60 days from the initiation of ultrafiltration therapy compared to the pre-ultrafiltration period (16.7% vs. 26.7%, p=0.013). The total number of ADHF readmissions in the 30 days following ultrafiltration therapy decreased by 40%, and by 59% in the subsequent 60 days.



### **Stable Renal Function:**

Serum creatinine levels at 72 hours postultrafiltration did not change significantly (-0.01 mg/dL, 95% CI -0.26, 0.23).

Chinta, Viswanath, et al: Outcomes of Ultrafiltration in community-based hospitals. Current Problems in Cardiology 49 (2024) 102716

