



In Memoriam of John C. Martin

- John C Martin, a brilliant scientist, industry leader and philanthropist passed away on March 30th, 2021
- John joined Gilead Sciences in 1990 and led the company (1996-2018) during its golden age and transformed it from a fledgling antisense company into a leading antiviral company whose drugs turned HIV into a manageable chronic disease, developed highly effective treatment to suppress HBV and regimens that led the path to cure HCV
- Under the directive of John Martin, Gilead established access program to provide life saving drugs to patients with HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis and visceral leishmaniasis around the world.
- He expanded access program through free licenses to generic manufacturers in India and other countries.
- Under his leadership, Gilead supported the building of a biomedical research institute in Dakar, Senegal, infectious disease hospital in Dakar, and the Indian Institute of Liver and Digestive Science (IILDS) in Kolkata, India



- 2014, he established The John C Martin Foundation which has provided funding for 34 grants dealing with HIV and viral hepatitis around the world.
- His foundation has also supported the build out of IILDS and The John C Martin Liver Research Center
- John was not only a brilliant scientist and leader, he was a wonderful man and a great friend to a number of us. He will be sorely missed.