

## Passing of John C. Martin, Ph.D. Media Coverage

March 31, 2021

### Notable Twitter and LinkedIn Posts

- [Gilead Sciences \(@GileadSciences; followers: 67.2K\):](#)



**Gilead Sciences** @GileadSciences · 9h

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of John Martin, who served as our chief executive officer for more than 20 years. We remember him for his many contributions, and we extend our condolences to his family: [bit.ly/3umiAVR](https://bit.ly/3umiAVR)

#### In Memoriam

**The scientific vision and leadership of John Martin helped transform the lives of millions of patients and shape Gilead into the company that it is today. John's legacy will be felt for generations to come, living on through the scientific progress made under his leadership and the programs he championed that expanded access to medications for people around the world.**



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**Merck** @Merck · 8h

On behalf of everyone at Merck, we extend our condolences to John Martin's family, friends and colleagues.

**Gilead Sciences** @GileadSciences · 10h

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- [Kronos Bio \(followers: 4,831\):](#)



Kronos Bio, Inc.  
4,839 followers  
10h • 🌐

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We are deeply saddened by the passing of John C. Martin, Ph.D., a member of our board of directors and early investor in our company. John was an exceptional scientist and business leader who leaves a legacy that will benefit patients around the world for years to come. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family and all who were fortunate to have known him. <https://bit.ly/3doC454>



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#### Reactions



Dolatrai "Dinesh" Vyas • 3rd+  
Board Director at Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

1h ...

Very sad news indeed. I have fond memories of him as a colleague at BMS in Syracuse and Wallingford sites. Has left a stellar legacy of discovery of HIV and HCV drugs under his leadership at Gilead. May his soul RIP.

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Ram Agharkar • 3rd+  
President

3h ...

Very sorry to read this shocking news!

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Gene Dubowchik • 2nd  
VP Chemistry, Research and Development at Biohaven Pharmaceuticals

1h ...

My deep condolences to John's family. I was lucky enough to overlap with him at Bristol Myers in Wallingford for a few years. He was an inspirational scientist and a special person

Like | Reply



Devan Krishnamoorthi • 3rd+  
CIO & SVP at Ultragenyx Pharmaceutical Inc.

9h ...

What a loss to the scientific community...he was a great philanthropist, as well. Never felt this was imminent when I saw you in the virtual Friends of Liver Foundation of a West Bengal meeting.

RIP John, we will miss you deeply.

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- [Norbert Bischofberger \(followers: 2,199\):](#)



**Norbert Bischofberger** • 1st  
President and CEO at Kronos Bio, Inc.  
11h •



I am shocked and deeply saddened by the passing of my dear friend and mentor John Martin. It's difficult to sum up more than thirty years of friendship in a single post. However, when I reflect on John's legacy, I take comfort in knowing that patients around the world will benefit for years to come. When John and I joined Gilead Sciences in 1990, we had high aspirations but never imagined that together we'd lead an era of innovation that would transform the treatment paradigm for HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis, earning us the title of "virus hunters." I am thankful that we continued our work together at [Kronos Bio, Inc.](#), this time setting our sights on cancer. It's been an honor to have been on this journey with John, and I will miss him terribly.

<https://lnkd.in/gASmu9j>



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Reactions



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**Paul Carter** • 2nd  
Non Executive Chairman at Evox Therapeutics Ltd  
Beautiful words Norbert. RIP John.

10h •

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**Dirk Calcoen** • 2nd  
Strategy and Management Advisor for Biopharmaceuticals and Global He...

10h •

Norbert -  
John, you and the Gilead team have done amazing things. Productively. Honorably. Without fanfare. Laser-focused on patient impact through science. It has been a real privilege to team up with you all at many critical junctures. Dirk.

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- [Arie Beldegrun, MD FACS \(followers: 1,649\):](#)



**Arie Beldegrun, MD FACS** • 2nd  
Co Chairman at Breakthrough Properties  
10h • 🌐



John was a brilliant life science leader and trusted advisor to many. Our bond was formed through a shared passion for science, but it grew deeper as our families grew in friendship. The hole that now exists in our family by his absence is vast, but we'll seek to fill it with gratitude for his remarkable life and work to honor him in all we do. On behalf of Rebecka, myself and the entire Beldegrun/Funt family, you will be greatly missed, my friend.

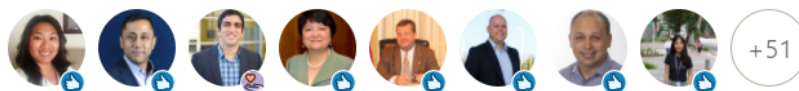


**Kronos Bio Comments on the Passing of Board Member John C. Martin, Ph.D.**

globenewswire.com • 3 min read

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### Reactions



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**Shalini Gidwani** • 2nd  
Vice President, Regulatory Affairs at Allogene Therapeutics

7h ...

Agree with your comments Arie! John's legacy in the life Sciences is immense and he instilled in so many of us at Gilead that sense of purpose and urgency.  
RIP!

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**Omri Casspi** • 3rd+  
Professional Basketball Player at Maccabi Tel-Aviv Basketball Club

8h ...

Sorry for your loss. May he Rest In Peace 🙏

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- [Chris Garabedian, CEO of Xontogeny \(@cngarabedian; followers: 2,472\):](#)



**Chris Garabedian**  
@cngarabedian

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John was an amazing leader, my most influential mentor and embodied a biotech success culture that fueled Gilead's success. I'll always remember his frequent visits to my office (2 doors down from him) at 6:30am to hear his insights. You'll be sorely missed, John! 🙏😭



**John Carroll** ✓ @JohnCendpts · 13h

Biotech pioneer and startup investor John Martin, who built Gilead into a powerhouse player, has died  
[endpts.com/biotech-pioneer...](https://endpts.com/biotech-pioneer/)

6:31 AM · Mar 31, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

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- [Joe Grogan, former Head of Federal Affairs at Gilead and senior fellow at USC's Schaeffer Center \(@RealJoeGrogan; followers: 364\):](#)



**Joe Grogan**  
@RealJoeGrogan

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John Martin was one of the few truly great men I have ever met. It was an honor to work with him and an honor to work for him. He saved millions of lives and taught me so much. Gilead Sciences Comments on the Passing of John C. Martin, PhD



**GILEAD**  
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Gilead Sciences Comments on the Passing of John C. Martin, PhD  
Gilead Sciences, Inc. (Nasdaq: GILD) today released the following statement on the death of John C. Martin, PhD, who served as the company's chief executive officer.  
[businesswire.com](https://www.businesswire.com)

3:14 AM · Mar 31, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

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- [Carlos del Rio, executive associate dean for Emory at Grady, foreign secretary of NAM \(@CarlosdelRio; followers: 39.5K\):](#)



**Carlos del Rio** ✓  
@CarlosdelRio7

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Incredibly sad to hear of the passing of John Martin, former CEO of @GileadSciences John was a visionary leader and a good friend and most recently worked with him in the Country of Georgia HCV eradication programs. He will be missed.



Biotech pioneer and startup investor John Martin, who built Gilead into a power...  
John C. Martin, who led Gilead to greatness in developing a hugely profitable HIV drug franchise, has died. His death at the age of 70 was flagged by the compan...  
[endpts.com](#)

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- [Vivek Ramaswamy, founder of Roivant Sciences \(@VivekGRamaswamy; followers: 18.7K\):](#)



**Vivek Ramaswamy**  
@VivekGRamaswamy

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John Martin was one of those rare industry leaders who actually said what he believed, rather than what others wanted to hear. He cared about solving problems, regardless of how he would be perceived. Getting to know him personally was one of the great privileges of my career.



**John Carroll** ✓ @JohnCendpts · 13h

Biotech pioneer and startup investor John Martin, who built Gilead into a powerhouse player, has died  
[endpts.com/biotech-pione...](#)

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- [California Life Sciences Association \(CLSA\) \(@CALifeSciences; followers: 11.7K\):](#)



**California Life Sciences Association (CLSA)**  
@CALifeSciences

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CLSA shares in the sadness over the unexpected passing of former Gilead CEO, Dr. John Martin. A true champion of the life sciences, John was Chairman of CHI and BayBio, which merged to create CLSA. We extend our condolences to John's family and to those who called John a friend.

10:03 AM · Mar 31, 2021 · Twitter Web App

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- [John Maraganore, CEO of Alnylam \(@JMaraganore; followers: 5.6K\):](#)



**John Maraganore** @JMaraganore · 13h

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SO sad about passing of John Martin. As @GileadSciences CEO he changed lives of people with HIV and HCV, and built a top 5 biotech. I was just getting to know him better. R.I.P. John.



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- [Adam Feuerstein, senior writer, STAT News \(@adamfeuerstein; followers: 96.6K\):](#)



- [John Carroll, founder and editor-in-chief of Endpoints News \(@JohnCendpts; followers: 55.4K\):](#)





### **Full-Text Articles**

- Endpoints News, by John Carroll, "[UPDATED: Biotech pioneer and startup investor John Martin, who built Gilead into a powerhouse player, has died](#)," March 31, 2021
  - Newsletter: "Gilead HIV pioneer John Martin has died; Neil Kumar bags a \$2.4B deal for late-late-stage drug," March 31, 2021
- BioSpace, by Alex Keown, "[Former Gilead Sciences CEO, Chairman John Martin Dies at 70](#)," March 31, 2021
- FiercePharma, by Angus Liu, "[Longtime Gilead captain John Martin, mastermind of lifesaving HIV, hep C drugs, has died](#)," March 31, 2021
- BioCentury, by Jeff Cranmer, "[Remembering Gilead's John Martin, whose therapies saved 'millions'](#)," April 1, 2021

### **Additional Twitter Posts**

- Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw, executive chairperson, Biocon Limited (@kiranshaw; followers: 1.5M): [Biotech pioneer and startup investor John Martin, who built Gilead into a powerhouse player, has died – Deeply saddened by the sudden n \[sic\] untimely demise of an inspiring Biotech leader who made a huge impact on global health. RIP.](#)
- Jonathan Rockoff, health and medicine editor, Wall Street Journal (@jonathanrockoff; followers: 19.7K): [RIP John Martin, who turned Gilead into an antiviral powerhouse and one of the industry's biggest drugmakers](#)
- Donna Young, senior reporter, S&P Global (@DonnaYoungDC; followers: 10.4K): [John Martin, who served as @GileadSciences \\$GILD CEO from 1996 to 2016 & chairman from 2008 to 2019, has died. https://t.co/yjzhZ0GuMi?amp=1 #HIV #HIV/AIDS #HepatitisC](#)
- Patricia Farrell, Ph.D. (@drpatfarrell; followers: 9.6K): [Longtime Gilead captain John Martin, mastermind of lifesaving HIV, hep C drugs has died | FiercePharma](#)
- Until There's A Cure, a national foundation dedicated to eradicating AIDS (@UntilOrg; followers: 6.6K): [UPDATED: Biotech pioneer and startup investor John Martin, who built Gilead into a powerhouse player, has died](#)
- Dr. Timos Papagatsias, CEO of LucidQuest (@\_timos\_; followers: 3K): [Biotech pioneer and startup investor John Martin, who built Gilead into a powerhouse player, has died https://t.co/kyrcbVtKi4?amp=1 #strategy #competitiveintelligence #marketing #biotech #pharmaceutical #pharma #healthcare #productmarketing](#)
- Allogene Therapeutics (@AllogeneTx; followers: 1,510): [We're deeply saddened by the sudden loss of our friend John Martin, PhD. John brought us life-changing medicines and his contributions to the scientific community were truly immeasurable. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family and all who knew him. http://bit.ly/3dqA2kS](#)
- Vida Ventures, a next-generation life sciences investment firm (@Vida\_Ventures; followers: 653): [We're deeply saddened to hear that John Martin, PhD, passed away. John was an exceptional scientist and business leader. He helped millions of people around the world through the life-changing medicines he developed, and his legacy will never be forgotten. https://t.co/Xqh7touPc4?amp=1](#)
- Raymond Schinazi, an organic medicinal chemist (@drugbuster21; followers: 561): [I am shocked and at a loss for words. John Martin former CEO and Chairman of Gilead passed away from a freaky fall walking home from his office. He was a giant and visionary in antiviral agents and cancer. Our sympathies and prayers go out to his family and to our dear Lily Lou.](#)
- Angus Liu, reporter for FiercePharma and FierceBiotech (@Angus\_Fierce; followers: 383): [John Martin shaped Gilead into the antiviral giant we know today. The company made several landmark achievements in antivirals under his leadership. R.I.P.](#)
- Breakthrough Properties (@bt\_prop; followers: 25): [We're deeply saddened that John Martin, Ph.D., a member of our SAB, passed away. An outstanding scientist and business leader, John](#)

[helped millions of people worldwide through the transformative medicines he developed, and leaves behind a lasting legacy. https://bit.ly/3cDtWym](https://bit.ly/3cDtWym)

#### **Additional LinkedIn Posts**

- Sarepta Therapeutics (followers: 43K): [We are deeply saddened to learn news of the passing of Sarepta board member and renowned biotech leader, John C. Martin, Ph.D. In the passing of Dr. John Martin we have lost a giant but his impact on the world endures. Our thoughts are with his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched.](#)
- Allogene Therapeutics (followers: 25,000): [We are profoundly saddened by the tragic loss of our friend John Martin, Ph.D., a legendary scientist, business leader, and crusader for improving healthcare of underserved populations around the world. John helped millions of people around the world through the medicines he helped develop and deliver to people with devastating diseases. His contributions to the scientific community are truly immeasurable and his legacy will continue to benefit patients around the world for years to come. We extend our deepest sympathies to John's family and all who knew him. We share your heartbreak and will miss John deeply.](#)
- California Life Sciences Association (CLSA) (followers: 5.4K): [CLSA shares in the sadness over the unexpected passing of former Gilead CEO, Dr. John Martin. John was a true leader and a champion of the life sciences. He was Chairman of both CHI and BayBio, which were the two organizations that merged to create CLSA, and has received numerous industry awards during his career including the 2014 Lifetime Achievement Award for Public Service from the University of Maryland School of Medicine, the 2014 CEO of the Year award by Morningstar and in 2017, he received the Biotechnology Heritage Award from the Biotechnology Innovation Organization and the 2017 Life Sciences Leadership Award at CLSA's annual Pantheon event. We extend our deepest condolences to John's family and to those who called John a friend.](#)
- Fierce Pharma (followers: 3K): [John Martin, Gilead's CEO for 20 years, spun the company into an antiviral powerhouse with lifesaving HIV and HCV drugs—and a \\$100 billion market cap. #gileadsciences #coronavirus #coronavirustreatment #remdesivir #hiv #hepatitisc #antivirals #pharmaceo #pharmaindustry](#)
- Vida Ventures, LLC (followers: 2.1K): [We are deeply saddened to hear that John Martin, Ph.D., passed away. John was an exceptional scientist and business leader – but more than that – he was an exceptional human being. John helped millions of people around the world through the life-changing medicines he helped to develop, and his legacy will never be forgotten. We extend our heartfelt condolences to John's family and all who knew him. We will miss him dearly. https://bit.ly/3m6jCIT](#)
- Breakthrough Properties (followers: 1.4K): [We are deeply saddened by the news that John Martin, Ph.D., a member of our scientific advisory board, passed away on March 30. An outstanding scientist and business leader, John helped millions of people around the world through the transformative medicines he helped develop and deliver. He leaves behind a lasting legacy in the scientific community. We will miss John dearly and will continue to be inspired by his work and vision. We extend our deepest sympathies to John's family and everyone who was fortunate enough to know him.](#)