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Medical device company lands \$2.15M in angel funds

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Pulse Health, a company that helps consumers measure their health status by testing their exhaled breath, has secured \$2.15 million in Series A financing, thanks to angel investors from California, Washington and Oregon.

Portland-based Pulse Health will use the funds to market its first products and fund development. The company is best known for a product that measures health markers through a simple breath test.

The company expects to attain commercial delivery of its products in 2008, said Chris Marsh, Pulse Health CEO and formerly the top executive at the hiring software company Unicru in Beaverton.

Pulse has offices in Portland, Philadelphia and Dallas, Texas, and employs fewer than 10 workers. The company acquired the breath technology from a pharmaceutical lab called Pulse Lab, where the noninvasive breath test technology was developed over a 10-year period. Pulse Health began development of the specific free radical application after it was founded in 2006.

The company's handheld breath device detects free radicals through a colorimetric reaction, and reactions are measured using a consumer-accessible spectroscope. Such health markers have traditionally been measured through blood or urine tests.

The free radicals measured by Pulse technologies are associated with premature aging, stress and disease states. This system allows consumers to measure their metabolic baseline, which can guide them in the creation of an individually tailored health and wellness program.

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