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- The nonprofit Global Wellness Institute (GWI) supports a
- wide range of collaborative Initiatives that bring together
- wellness leaders to drive meaningful change across key
- sectors of the global wellness economy.

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- Executive Summary of GWI's 2026
- Initiative Trends Report
- What 27 Initiatives and 153 Initiative Trends Reveal About Where
- Wellness Is Heading
- By Vishal Patel, MD, PhD, Vice Chair of GWI's Men's Wellbeing Initiative
- **The body's regulatory systems are becoming wellness's central organizing principle.**
- **Longevity has been redefined.**
- **The built environment is being reimagined as health infrastructure**
- **Social connection has moved from convenience to clinical variable.**

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- 🌸 the focus is shifting towards optimizing biological age and long term health.
- 🌸 More brands will begin to offer treatments that improve sleep, recovery, stress resilience and cellular repair.
- 🌸 Longevity aesthetics asks a different question: How old are your cells biologically?
- 🌸 Skin is increasingly viewed as a window into internal health..
- ❖❖ ***Future longevity aesthetics*** will use biological data to guide treatments. Epigenetic age testing, microbiome analysis and wearable health monitors
The future will be more about looking young through improved health than relying on procedures to hide ageing.

Resources:

- Longevity cosmeceuticals as the next frontier in cosmetic innovation
[//pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC12137348/](https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC12137348/)

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- **Hot Springs Initiative Trends**
- **TREND 1: From Relaxation to Measurable Health Outcomes**
- **TREND 2: Energy-Smart Thermal Destinations**
- **TREND 3: Longevity and Structured Recovery Programs**
- **TREND 4: Heritage as a Strategic Asset - Historic Hot Springs Revitalization**
- **TREND 5: Multi-Day Hot-Spring-Based Wellness Retreats**

- Initiative Co-Chair: David Dronet, Owner, The Springs Resort & Spa, United States
- Initiative Co-Chair: Marcus Coplin, Nerouphos Consultation, United States

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- **Hydrothermal Initiative Trends**
- Hydrothermal bathing has deep cultural roots in many parts of the world, from the thermal traditions of
- Europe and Asia to Nordic sauna rituals and global spa cultures built around water, heat and recovery. In recent years,
- What was once confined largely to traditional bathing destinations is
- now expanding into cities, hotels and purpose-built wellness environments around the globe.
- Across these settings, hydrothermal experiences are becoming more intentional, immersive and
- economically significant. Designers and operators are rethinking how heat, cold, water and rest work
- together—integrating multisensory environments, guided rituals and more diverse cooling strategies,
- Initiative Chair: Don Genders, Founder & CEO, Design for Leisure, United Kingdom
- Initiative Vice-Chair: Cassandra Cavanah, Founder, Cavanah Communications, USA

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- **Inclusive Wellness Initiative Trends**
- The trends emerging in 2026 reflect this expanding perspective. From the redesign of workplaces and the integration of neurodiversity into wellness practices to the growing longevity economy and community informed architecture, the industry is beginning to recognize that inclusive wellness requires both cultural ,awareness and structural change.
- Together, these trends highlight an important shift. Inclusive wellness is no longer only about providing access to services.
- It is about designing systems, environments and practices that support the health,dignity and resilience of diverse populations.
- Initiative Chair: Jackie Roby, Relationship Mindset Coach, Inspired Journey Consulting, United States
- Initiative Vice-Chair: Cherrie Catresse, Wellness Practitioner with Catreese & Co Wellness



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