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Astrotech doing more research in space

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Austin-based [Astrotech Corp.](#) (Nasdaq: ASTC) is conducting vaccine research on the space shuttle Atlantis' November flight.

The company's biotech unit, [Astrogenetix](#), is using the microgravity environment in space to find a vaccine for salmonella and other diseases.

The flight, which is scheduled to launch Nov. 16, will be the background for a study involving methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) microbes,

This is the fourth collaboration between [NASA](#)'s Shuttle fleet and Astrogenetix this year.

In all, the nearly two-year-old Astrogenetix has flown on six shuttle missions, focusing on developing vaccine and therapeutics, and is slated to fly on all remaining shuttle missions.

Astrogenetix is a biotechnology company formed to commercialize biotechnology projects processed in microgravity environments.