

Antonio Calafiore joins VXi Medical Advisory Board.

November, 2009. Denver – ValveXchange Inc. is pleased to announce that Antonio Maria Calafiore, M.D., has joined the VXi Medical Advisory Board. Since May of 2009 Dr. Calafiore has been the Head of the Department of Adult Cardiac Surgery at Prince Sultan Cardiac Center in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. From 1985, Dr. Calafiore was Associate Professor of Cardiac Surgery at the University of Chieti. He was Full Professor from 2001 until 2003. From 2003 to 2005, Dr. Calafiore was Full Professor at the University of Torino, and from 2006 to 2009 he was Full Professor at the University of Catania. He was also the Chief of the Division of Cardiac Surgery at the University of Chieti from 1987 to 2003, at the University of Torino from 2003 to 2005, at the European Hospital in Rome from 2005 to 2006 and at University of Catania from 2006 to 2009).



Prof. Calafiore is internationally recognized as an extremely talented and creative surgeon. He pioneered (i) off-pump coronary artery bypass grafting, (ii) the LIMA to LAD via a left anterior small thoracotomy (LAST operation), (iii) the use of intermittent antegrade warm blood cardioplegia for myocardial preservation which is now referred to as “Calafiore technique”, (iv) strategies for using all the arterial conduits (internal mammary arteries, radial artery, epigastric artery and gastroepiploic artery) in single or composite grafting, (v) multiple vessel revascularization on a beating heart, (vi) left ventricular surgical remodeling, and (vii) surgery for functional mitral and tricuspid valve regurgitation.

After a productive career at the Universities of Chieti, Torino and Catania, all in Italy, Prof. Calafiore has recently moved to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia as the director of the Prince Sultan Cardiac Center. He is Vice President of the Italian Society of Cardiac Surgery and Member of the European Society of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, Society of Thoracic Surgeons and American Association of Thoracic Surgeons.