

Lars Svensson joins VXi Medical Advisory Board.

June, 2010. Denver - ValveXchange Inc. is pleased to announce that Lars G Svensson, MD, PhD, has joined the VXi Medical Advisory Board. Dr. Svensson obtained his medical degree in 1978, a MSc in 1983 and a PhD in 1986 from the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa. His cardiology, general and vascular surgery training was at the Johannesburg Hospital, followed by cardiovascular surgery training at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Cleveland, Ohio, and Baylor College of Medicine in Houston Texas, including cardiothoracic surgery residency. He is board certified in general, vascular, and cardiothoracic surgery. He was Chief of Cardiovascular Surgery at Houston VAMC and worked with Drs. DeBakey and Crawford at Baylor College of Medicine. He was Assistant Professor of Surgery at Baylor College of Medicine, and then Professor of Cardiothoracic Surgery at Tufts, and Instructor at Harvard Medical School while working at the Lahey Clinic in Boston. In 2005 he was made King James IV Professor of Surgery of The Royal College of



Surgeons of Edinburgh. He is on numerous committees, including the Society of Thoracic Surgery / American Association for Thoracic Surgery Government Relations Committee, STS Endovascular Task Force, AHA/ACC/AATS/STS Guidelines Committee for Aortic Disease, NHLBI Committee on Aortic Disease Research and Marfan Syndrome, Chairs the STS / AATS Endovascular Expert Opinion Committee, and Cleveland Clinic Surgery Committee. He is on the editorial board of several journals including the Journal for Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery and past Associate Editor of Annals of Thoracic Surgery. He is Director for the Aortic Surgery Center and Marfan Syndrome and Connective Tissue Disorder Clinic at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation. His interests are minimally invasive valve surgery, percutaneous cardiovascular surgery, and brain and spinal cord protection during cardiovascular surgery. His hobbies are photography and sailing.