

Michael Mack joins VXi Medical Advisory Board.

September, 2009. Denver – ValveXchange Inc. is pleased to announce that Michael J. Mack, M.D., has joined the VXi Medical Advisory Board. Dr. Mack, was born in 1947 in Syracuse, New York. He obtained his undergraduate degree in Philosophy from Boston College in 1969 and his Medical Degree from St. Louis University in 1973. He completed a residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Minnesota in 1976, and completed his training in General Surgery and Thoracic Surgery at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, Texas in 1982. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, General Surgery, and Thoracic Surgery. He began practice in cardiothoracic surgery in 1982 in Dallas, Texas, being a founding member of Cardiothoracic Surgery Associates of North Texas (CSANT). The practice currently has 60 physicians in the fields of cardiac surgery, thoracic surgery, cardiology, and vascular surgery. He also co-founded the Cardiopulmonary Research Science and Technology Institute (CRSTI), a not for profit research organization in 1996. He currently holds the position of Director of Cardiovascular Research and Cardiovascular Medicine of the Heart Hospital Baylor Plano. He is Director of Cardiovascular Surgery for the Baylor Healthcare System.



Dr. Mack has over 250 peer reviewed medical publications. He is a member of the Editorial Board of the Annals of Thoracic Surgery and is a reviewer for over 10 medical journals. His current areas of interest include minimally invasive surgery and percutaneous heart valve therapy. He has been a Visiting Professor at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Northwestern University, Emory University, and the University of Virginia. He has performed surgery in over 10 foreign countries including China, Egypt, Taiwan, Sweden, Germany, and Brazil. Dr. Mack holds a number of positions in national organizations. He is the President of the Thoracic Surgery Foundation for Research and Education (TSFRE) and is currently the President of the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association (STSA). He is Second Vice President (President–elect 2011) of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) and is Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Joint Committee for Thoracic Surgical Education (JCTSE). He is also the Co-Chairman of the Industry Alliance Committee of the STS/AATS.

Dr. Mack is a founding organizer of the [Dallas-Leipzig International Valve Conference](#) and is considered today to be the most noted authority on the emerging field of transcatheter valves.