

Tirone David joins VXi Medical Advisory Board

March, 2009. Denver – ValveXchange Inc. announced that [Dr. Tirone E. David](#) has joined the VXi Medical Advisory Board. Dr. David is [recognized world-wide](#) for his pioneering work in valve sparing surgery, his remarkable surgical skills and his commitment to teaching. Doctor David is a Professor of Surgery at the University of Toronto, Chief of Cardiac Surgery at Toronto General Hospital, and the holder of the Melanie Munk Chair at the Peter Munk Cardiac Centre. He was born in Brazil and educated in his native country and in North America. His postgraduate training in surgery was at the State University of New York, The Cleveland Clinic, and the University of Toronto. He joined the academic staff of the University of Toronto and Toronto General Hospital in 1978, and has become one of the leading cardiac surgeons in the world. Hundreds of heart surgeons from around the globe visit his operating theatre every year. Doctor David has published more than 250 peer-reviewed scientific papers, tens of chapters in medical textbooks as well as five surgical textbooks. He has developed numerous operative procedures to treat patients with heart valve disease, complications of myocardial infarction, and thoracic aneurysms. One of these operations, a procedure designed to preserve the aortic valve in patients with aortic root aneurysms, is known the [David Procedure](#). He is the developer of a [stentless bioprosthetic heart valve](#) and co-developer of a stented valve. He has been a member of the editorial board of the Annals of Thoracic Surgery, Journal of Heart Valve Disease, Journal of Cardiac Surgery and the Asia Pacific Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery. He was President of the American Association for Thoracic Surgery in 2004-2005. Doctor David is a member of numerous surgical and medical societies and honorary member of the European Cardio-Thoracic Association, the Brazilian Cardiovascular Society, Italian Society for Cardiac Surgery, German Society for Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, and the Southern Thoracic Surgical Association of the United States, and the Society of Cardiac Surgeons. He received the Order of Ontario in 1993 and the [Order of Canada](#) in 1996. He was elected University Professor in 2004, the highest honor the University of Toronto bestows to its professors. He received the Humanitarian Award of the Brotherhood of Beth Sholom Synagogue in 2005.

