

# Ticker Talker

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## Without touching the Heart

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After a finished baseball career at the age of 19, I focused on my college pursuits. I took an EMT course and found it exciting, a way to help people. This is what I wanted to do, but I needed experience. In 1978, I enlisted in the United States Air Force as an ER medic. Then, moved on to work at Norton AFB and at Loma Linda Hospital which gave me my start. Those early foundations lead me to Mission Hospital where I worked in cardiology performing EKG's and treadmills. Four years later, I was recruited to work as a X-ray tech at University of New Mexico. A year later in 1986, I found myself back in California working at Saddleback Hospital's Cath Lab. After 16 years at Saddleback, I now work for Boston Scientific helping physicians implant the most sophisticated devices in the world. Boston Scientific has an array of devices that help to treat numerous heart rhythms, such as atrial fibrillation and/or flutter and the most dangerous one, ventricular fibrillation. Even before landmark studies found that inappropriate pacing could lead to increased heart failure hospitalization and death, Boston Scientific was committed to reducing instances of this potentially deadly problem. With innovations like AV Search Hysteresis, extended AV delays, AV Search + and now RYTHMIQ, Boston Scientific has been the industry leader in reducing inappropriate pacing for over a decade. Also Boston Scientific's Latitude Heart Failure Management monitors patient weight and blood pressure and has the option to alert of a weight change that may need clinical evaluation. Boston Scientific now offers the longest warranties for ICDs and CRT-Ds, with device longevity this means fewer replacements and the risk of complications are greatly reduced. Boston Scientific Subcutaneous-ICD system provides a new solution to protect patients from sudden cardiac arrest while leaving the heart and vasculature untouched. Yes, the world's first and only subcutaneous implantable defibrillator that provides protection from sudden cardiac arrest without touching the heart.

*Don't forget the program starts at 7:00 pm,  
Wednesday April 16th at the Conference Center.  
Come early for a seat as the program is always  
very popular and the public is invited.  
Refreshments start at 6:30 pm.*

#### **Location:**

**Mission Hospital Conference Center**  
26726 Crown Valley Parkway  
Mission Viejo, CA



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