



SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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Joshua Makower, M.D. is the Founder & Chief Executive Officer of ExploraMed III, Inc., a medical device incubator based on the west coast and is also a Venture Partner with New Enterprise Associates. Dr. Makower serves as a Consulting Associate Professor of Medicine at Stanford University Medical School and is Co-Founder of Stanford's Biodesign Innovation Program. Prior to this, he was Founder, Chairman and Chief Technical Officer of TransVascular, Inc. a company focused on the development of a completely catheter-based coronary bypass technology, which was acquired by Medtronic, Inc. in 2003, and Founder and Chairman of EndoMatrix, Inc., a company focused on the development of a novel therapy for incontinence and GI Reflux, which was acquired by C.R. Bard in 1997. Up until 1995, Dr. Makower was Founder and Manager of Pfizer's Strategic Innovation Group, a group chartered to create new medical device technologies and businesses for Pfizer's medical devices businesses. Dr. Makower holds over four dozen patents for various medical devices in the fields of Cardiology, General Surgery, Drug Delivery and Urology. Dr. Makower holds a Masters of Business Administration degree from Columbia University, a Doctor of Medicine degree from the New York University School of Medicine, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Makower also serves as Chairman of the Board for Acclarent, Inc. - a venture backed company focused on the treatment of ENT disorders, NeoTract, Inc and Vibrynt, Inc. - ExploraMed's most recent spin outs, and on the Board of Directors for Intrinsic Therapeutics, Inc. - a venture backed private company developing innovative spinal therapies.