

# Lungpacer Medical Inc.

>>> The *weaning solution* for mechanically ventilated patients

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## **David Christie Joins Lungpacer Team as President and COO**

Dr. Andy Hoffer, Founder/CEO/CSO of Lungpacer Medical Inc., is pleased to announce that Mr. David Christie has joined the management team as President and Chief Operating Officer.

Mr. Christie is a global medical device executive and consultant with broad and deep experience in all areas of the industry. He has an MBA from The University of British Columbia, a Bachelor of Science from The University of Montana and 23 years of experience in medical devices sales, sales management, operations, general management, regulatory affairs and quality assurance, reimbursement, manufacturing, marketing, product and business development, intellectual property protection, financing, mergers and acquisitions, and executive leadership. In the past decade, Mr. Christie was COO for a publicly-traded medical device start-up, President/CEO for a privately-held medical device start-up and President/CEO/Director for a publicly-traded medical device company which he turned around from no-growth/no-profit to high growth and profit in two years.

Lungpacer Medical Inc. is an early-stage medical device company founded in May 2009 and currently headquartered at the Simon Fraser University (SFU) Campus in Burnaby, British Columbia. The objective of the company is to develop and commercialize a novel therapeutic solution that addresses five significant issues associated with mechanical ventilation of critically ill patients.

Intravenously inserted Lungpacer™ electrodes rhythmically activate the diaphragm. In critically ill patients who may fail to wean and would become ventilator-dependent, pacing is expected to prevent diaphragm muscle-disuse atrophy, resulting in faster patient recovery, a shorter stay in intensive care, improved health outcomes and lower hospitalization costs. Faster weaning will also increase other patients' access to scarce mechanical ventilators, particularly during major emergencies such as flu pandemics.

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