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## ***15-40 Connection Announces Three New Board Members***

WESTBOROUGH, Mass. – 15-40 Connection announces the appointment of three new members of its Board of Directors, as well as the full slate board and advisory members for 2019.

Joining the Board of Directors are Peter Deckers, MD, Michael Davin and William “Bill” Durgin. *“All three of our newest Board members are passionate about saving lives by teaching people how to detect cancer early. Their collective talent, expertise and energy will help us bring 15-40 Connection’s lifesaving programs to wider audiences. Our goal is to teach all in the U.S. how to recognize cancer symptoms and how they can play a role in saving their own lives. We are very fortunate to have them on our team.”* -Tricia Laursen, Executive Director.

**Peter Deckers, MD**, is a highly respected surgeon with a focus on breast and gastrointestinal tumor surgery. He is dean emeritus of the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and former executive vice president of UConn Health. During his 15-year tenure as dean, he was responsible for a major transformation at the medical school by supporting the development of a new educational curriculum. He oversaw a dramatic increase in patient care provided by John Dempsey Hospital and the UConn Medical Group; and spearheaded strong growth in public and private research awards to biomedical scientists and clinicians.

Joining UConn Health in 1987, Peter assumed the top administrative position on an interim basis in 1999 and, then, permanently in 2000. He helped engineer a turnaround that achieved \$74 million in cost reductions and revenue enhancements; focused resources on areas of excellence; stepped up recruitment of nationally prominent physicians and researchers; and brought more patients to the health center.

Peter has published more than 150 scholarly contributions and served as president of the New England Cancer and New England Surgical societies. A Boston University School of Medicine graduate, he received top awards as a student and resident, and completed his fellowship training in the surgical branch of the National Cancer Institute at the National Institutes of Health.

He continues to be involved with UConn Health, sees patients, teaches and assists with philanthropic and outreach efforts. Over the course of his illustrious career, Peter has garnered many awards and honors. Peter and his wife, Barbara, live in Avon, Conn.

**Michael Davin** has had a long and accomplished career in the medical device and aesthetics industry. He served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Cynosure from 2003 to 2017. Cynosure is engaged in the development and manufacture of light-based aesthetic and medical treatment systems. During this time, sales growth went from \$20 million to \$430 million including significant international expansion. Michael led the company’s initial public offering and listing on the NASDAQ and executed key acquisitions. Under his leadership, Cynosure became one of the largest and most profitable companies in the aesthetic industry. Cynosure was sold to Hologic for \$1.65 billion in March 2017.

Prior to joining Cynosure, Michael co-founded Cutera, a global medical device company, based in California, engaged in the design, development, manufacture, marketing and servicing of laser and other energy-based aesthetics systems for practitioners.

He was the 2008 recipient of Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year Award in the Medical Devices category in New England.

Michael received his BSBA from Southern New Hampshire University. Michael and his wife, Ellen, live in Boston, Mass.

**Bill Durgin** retired in 2010, following a very dedicated and successful 26-year career at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Mass., and is currently a self-employed management and investment consultant. He works with senior management teams and boards on strategic and tactical financial, general management and investment management strategies and operational improvements.

While at Holy Cross, he held the positions of VP, Business Affairs/Treasurer and then Chief Investment Officer. Under his stewardship, the College's endowment grew from a few million dollars to more than \$550 million. He also oversaw the day-to-day management of financial assets and worked with the Board of Trustees to make long-term investment decisions for the College. During his tenure, he oversaw 19 campus construction and renovation projects—including six new buildings. Prior to Holy Cross, he was with Tufts University.

In 1978, Bill received his MBA from Babson College. He and his wife, Linda, live in Whitinsville, Mass.

*15-40 Connection is saving and improving lives by teaching people how to detect cancer early.*

For more information about 15-40 Connection call 508-869-5209 or visit **15-40.org**

The slate of board members for 2019 is listed below.

#### **Board of Directors**

Karen H. Albritton, MD  
James W. Coghlin Sr.  
Christopher J. Coghlin  
Eric B. Coghlin  
Peter Deckers, MD  
Michael Davin  
William "Bill" Durgin  
Christopher Palermo

#### **Board of Advisors**

Nancy M. Coghlin  
Jill C. Conant  
Matthew Cote  
John M. Heald  
Justin A. Maykel



*Dr. Peter Deckers*



*Michael Davin*



*William "Bill" Durgin*