

Bill Hawkins

Mr. Hawkins is retired Chairman and CEO of Medtronic and currently a corporate director serving on public and private boards as well as non for profit boards. He was recently elected to the National Academy of Engineering and is an AIMBE Fellow.

Mr. Hawkins currently serves as Lead Director and previously served as President and CEO of Immucor (a private equity backed company) from October 2011 to July 2015. Prior to Immucor, Mr. Hawkins served as Chairman and CEO of Medtronic, one of the worlds' largest and most innovative medical technology companies. Mr. Hawkins assumed the role of CEO in 2007 and became Chairman of the Board in 2008. He joined Medtronic in 2002 as SVP and President of Medtronic Vascular. He served in that role until June 2004. From 2004 until August 2007 he was President and Chief Operating Officer of Medtronic.

Prior to Medtronic, Mr. Hawkins served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Novoste Corp. Nasdaq (NOVT) and held senior leadership positions at American Home Products, Johnson & Johnson, Guidant Corp., and Eli Lilly & Co. He began his medical technology career with Carolina Medical Electronics in 1977.

Mr. Hawkins received his bachelor's degree in electrical and biomedical engineering from Duke in 1976, where he also conducted medical research in pathology. He then went on to earn an M.B.A. from the Darden School of Business, University of Virginia, in 1982.

He is a Senior Advisor to EW Healthcare Partners, a leading private equity firm investing in life sciences. Mr. Hawkins serves as a Director of Avanos Health NYSE: AVNS. He is Chairman of the Board of Bioventus, and 4Tech; a cardiology startup in Ireland, and on the Board of Virtue Labs, Baebies, Cereius, AskBio, Cirtec Medical, Biogen (BIIB: NASDAQ) and Tissue Tech. Mr. Hawkins is the past Chairman and Co-Founder of the Medical Device Innovation Consortium ("MDIC") and past-president of the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering ("AMIBE"). Mr. Hawkins was elected to the Duke University Board of Trustees in 2011 and currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Board. He is on the Executive Committee and the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee. Mr. Hawkins is Chair of the Board of the Duke University Health System. He is a member of the NC Biotech board and serves on the Board of the Focused Ultrasound Foundation Society.

Mr. Hawkins also serves as a Member of the Advisory Boards at Arboretum Ventures, Hatteras Venture Partners, HealthQuest Ventures, and past member of A*STAR SERC Cluster Advisory Board in Singapore, and the Biomedical Research Council of Singapore.