

# News Release

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## **MEDEC ANNOUNCES NEW CHAIR AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

(Toronto, June 2009) MEDEC is pleased to announce that Mr. James Wilson, Vice President, Clinical Research and Government Affairs, Biomet International Inc. has been appointed Chair of the MEDEC Board of Directors. Mr. Wilson is an accomplished executive with over 30 years experience in the medical technology industry. He has been an active member of the MEDEC Board and has worked vigorously on MEDEC's sector committees over many years, including chairing both the Orthopaedic Committee and the Value of Technology Committee, and participating actively on other committees such as the Code of Conduct Committee. He is also a founder of the Canadian Orthopaedic Care Strategy Group.

During his acceptance speech at the recently held AGM, Mr. Wilson said, "I feel honoured to be placed in this position of leadership at MEDEC," adding that the work MEDEC has undertaken in its existence is impressive and as Chair he will seek to extend and continue that work. He also applauded David Cameron, St. Jude Medical, for his leadership during his two years as Chair of the Board.

Six new Board members were also elected at the AGM including:

- Gerry Stefanatos - Vice-President, Canada & Latin America, Hospira Healthcare Corporation (2nd term);
- Vafa Jamali – Vice President, General Manager, COVIDIEN;
- Doug Grant, Vice President Public Policy & Communications, Bayer Healthcare;
- Paul Bradley, Vice President, Strategic Affairs, Johnson & Johnson Medical Products;

- Scott Kadwell, Director, Business Development, Sorin Group Canada and
- John Simmons, General Manager, KCI Medical Canada Inc.

To view a complete listing of the MEDEC Board of Directors, go to [http://www.medec.org/medec\\_board](http://www.medec.org/medec_board).

MEDEC is the national association representing the medical technology industry in Canada. MEDEC is the primary source for advocacy, information and education on the medical technology industry for members, the greater healthcare community, industry partners and the general public. Our 150 industry members are committed to providing safe and innovative medical technologies that enhance quality patient care and advance patient outcomes. The medical technology industry in Canada employs over 35,000 Canadians in close to 1,500 corporate facilities, and has sales of nearly \$7 billion per annum. We are committed to ensuring that Canada has a strong and vibrant medical technology industry in Canada.

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