



Dr. Christopher Lee

Co-Founder, President and CEO, Vertera (acquired by NuVasive)

Chairman, Woodbridge Foundation

2012 Emory Laney Graduate School & Georgia Tech PhD, Biomedical Engineering

Chris Lee is the co-founder, Chairman and CEO of Huxley Medical, Inc., a startup commercializing medical wearables for diagnostic and remote patient monitoring applications. He is also a serial entrepreneur and has seeded eight healthcare and technology startups. Most notably, he was the co-founder, President, and CEO of Vertera, Inc., which was acquired by NuVasive, Inc. (NASDAQ: NUVA) in 2017 (40x TTM revenue, 16x total capital raised). Prior to the acquisition, Vertera developed, manufactured, and sold the first FDA-cleared load bearing porous polymer device that mimics the mechanics and structure of bone. These porous implants have improved the lives of over

10,000 patients around the world who previously suffered from chronic neck and back pain and received a unique ICD-10-PCS code series from CMS. Chris has been awarded the Emory Entrepreneur and Georgia Bio Deal of the Year awards, inducted into the Council of Outstanding Young Engineering Alumni at Georgia Tech, and received 40 under Forty recognitions from both the Emory and Georgia Tech Alumni Associations. In his spare time, Chris founded and serves as Chairman of the Woodbridge Foundation, a nonprofit that has provided donations and mentorship to doctoral students and post doctoral fellows that aspire to commercialize their medical research. He is also the Entrepreneur in Residence of the TI:GER (Technology Innovation: Generating Economic Results) Program at the Scheller College of Business at Georgia Tech, an external advisory board member of the Wallace H. Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering at Georgia Tech and Emory University, a mentor for Creative Destructive Lab Atlanta, and a board advisor for the Emory Impact Investing Group. Chris received his B.S. in Materials Science and Engineering from Cornell University in 2007 and his Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology and Emory University in 2012.



Dr. Christopher Hermann

Founder and CEO, Clean Hands – Safe Hands

2019 Emory School of Medicine MD; 2012 Georgia Tech PhD, Bioengineering; 2010 MS, Mechanical Engineering

Dr. Chris Hermann is the Founder and CEO of Clean Hands Safe Hands (CHSH). He has over 16 years of experience working in medical technology design and healthcare. His background, as a physician and engineer, has given him a unique perspective to bridge the gap between engineering and medicine. His in depth technical and clinical knowledge have allowed him to lead multi-disciplinary teams to

address complex clinical problems. These teams have created several medical devices, biologic therapies, and electronic sensors that are used clinically or are in clinical trials. Dr. Hermann started and led the multi-institution research collaboration that developed the core technology utilized in the CHSH system. The research team included investigators from Children’s Healthcare, Georgia Tech, Emory School of Medicine, the GA Tech Research Institute, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Over the last 12 years the research team has secured and executed more than eight state and federal research grants totaling over \$3.2M. Unlike most clinical research grants, these projects were heavily focused on rapid iteration engineering development and completely driven by the real world needs of clinicians. Dr. Hermann is the lead inventor for the patents related to the CHSH technology and serves as the connection between the clinicians and engineers. Outside of his clinical experience, Dr. Hermann has over twelve years’ experience in a variety of leadership development training, experiential education, and team building roles. These include running and facilitating high ropes/challenge courses, climbing leadership development programs, and high adventure sailing programs. He has a PhD in Bioengineering, a MS in Mechanical Engineering, a BS in Biomedical Engineering with High Honors from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and an MD from Emory School of Medicine. He is married with three children.