

*Translational Cardiovascular  
Bioengineering Research at  
the University of Pittsburgh*



Photo: Center for Bioengineering







University of Pittsburgh



William Pitt Union





# Two Organizations – Working together



University of Pittsburgh

- Department of Bioengineering ranked 14<sup>th</sup> nationally, and 6<sup>th</sup> among public institutions
- McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine
- Six nationally ranked schools of health sciences
- Over \$603M research funding in 2005
- Ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in NIH funding
- **Exceptional history of fostering multi-disciplinary bioengineering-clinician research teams**
- Developing sophisticated intramural and extramural entrepreneurial support



UPMC | University of Pittsburgh  
Medical Center

- \$5.4B revenues
- 19 hospitals + a network of care facilities
- 40,000+ employees  
(Largest employer in Commonwealth of PA)
- One of the country's fastest growing health insurance plans
- Financially healthy
- Recruitment growth of 10%/year
- Biotechnology venture fund
- Diversified, entrepreneurial and willing to invest in the future

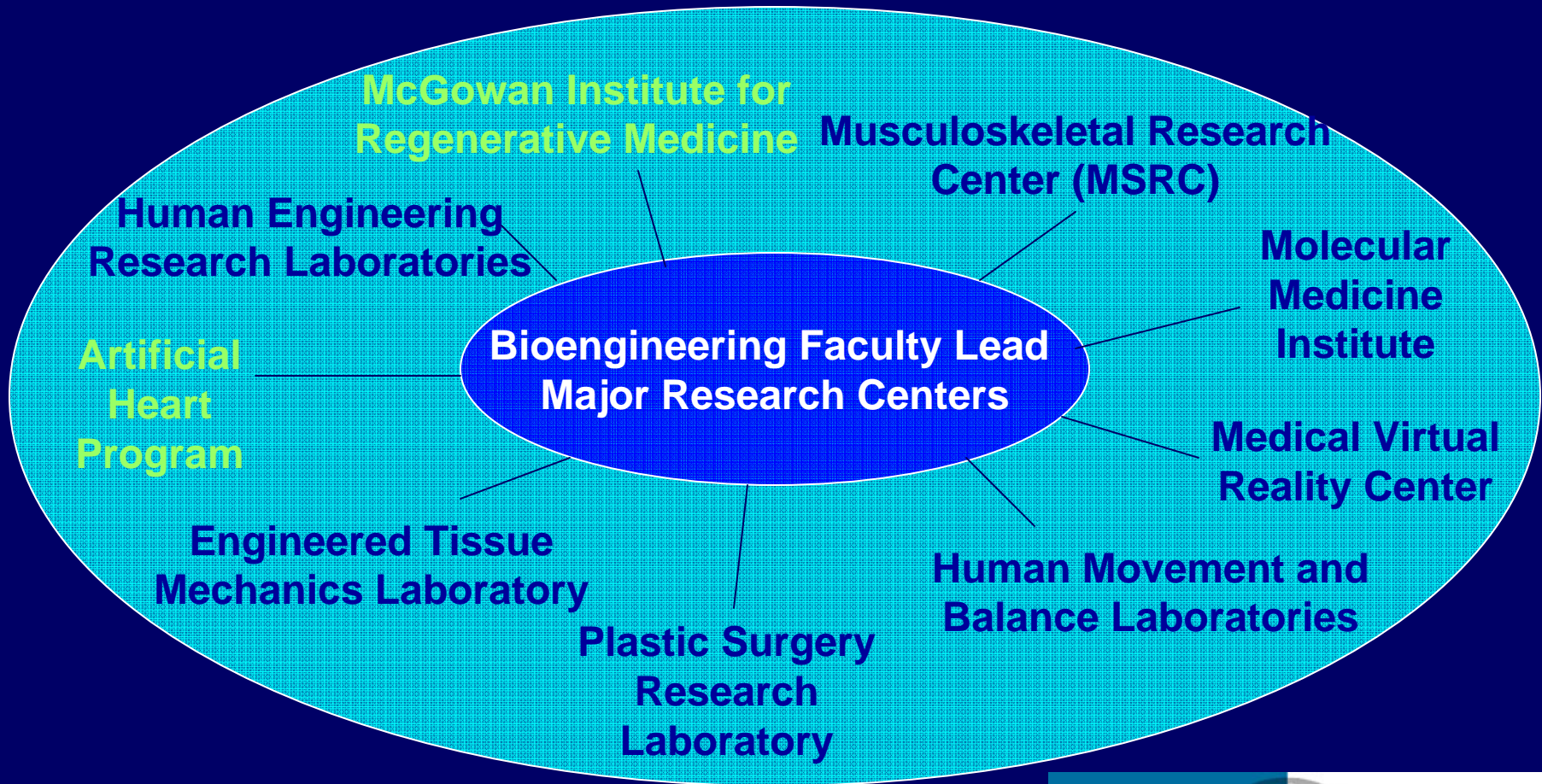
**...to create a nationally and internationally renowned center of biomedical excellence**

Source: 2004 NIH Awards to Domestic Institutions of Higher Education

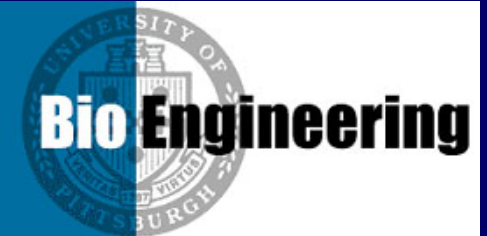
US News and World Report 2005 Academic Rankings of US Institutions



# University of Pittsburgh Department of Bioengineering



**15 FT faculty collaborate with >90 2ndary faculty from 20 departments and 4 schools**





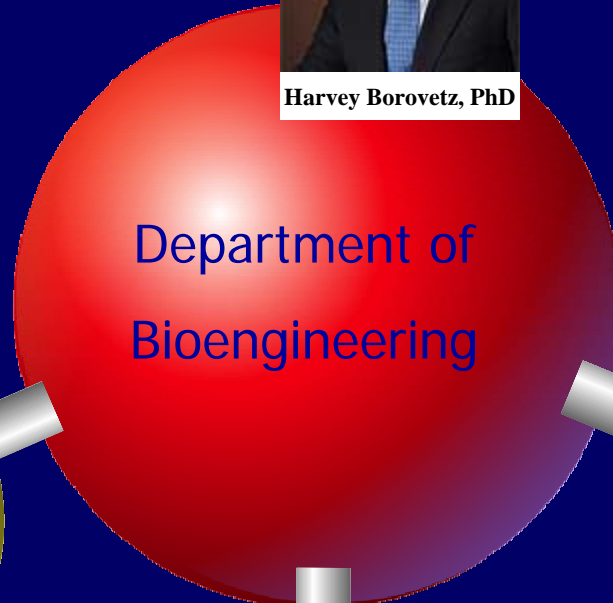
# Our Team



Harvey Borovetz, PhD



Mike Lovell, PhD



Department of  
Bioengineering



Department  
Of  
Surgery



Swanson  
Center for  
Product  
Innovation



McGowan  
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For  
Regenerative  
Medicine



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*Funding*

Photo: Bridge Side Point, home of Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse

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- **15 Phase I/II SBIR awards**
  - **Two NIH 5-year contracts**
    - 1995-2000: Innovative Ventricular Assist Program (HM II)
    - 2004-2009: Pediatric Circulatory Support (PediaFlow™)
  - **Two DOD 5-year contracts**
    - Intravenous Membrane Oxygenator (Hattler Catheter)
  - **Significant volume of industry supported work**
    - Arrow International
    - Baxter Healthcare/Novacor/World Heart
    - Levitronix
    - Medtronic
    - Sarns 3M
    - Thermo Cardiosystems
    - Thoratec Corporation
    - Travenol Corporation
    - US Surgical
    - Vascor

Photo: Bridge Side Point, home of Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse

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"It IS all about the patients"



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# The Pittsburgh Press

Vol. 102, No. 123 Twenty Five Cents

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1985

Latest Stocks 10.

## City's 1st Jarvik heart implanted

By Jeffery Fraser

The Pittsburgh Press

Thomas Gaidosh, Pittsburgh's first artificial heart recipient, suffered minor bleeding problems this morning and was returned to surgery at Presbyterian-University Hospital.

Gaidosh, a 47-year-old retired factory worker who lives on Cherry Street in Sutersville, Westmoreland County, received the Jarvik-7 artificial heart yesterday as an emergency measure to keep him alive until a donor is found.

He remained in critical condition in the intensive care unit of the hospital following the second operation, which began at 6 a.m. and lasted about one hour.

Dr. Bartley Griffith, leader of the surgical team, said the second operation was necessary because of an "unacceptable accumulation of blood" in the patient's

chest. Thomas Chakurda, hospital spokesman, described the bleeding problem as minor, but offered no further details.

Surgeons removed Gaidosh's diseased heart and implanted the mechanical device in a six-hour operation which began around 4 p.m. yesterday. Hospital officials said the implant was operating "beautifully."

Gaidosh had been transferred to Presbyterian four weeks ago from West Penn Hospital. He had been waiting 2½ weeks for a heart transplant before he became gravely ill yesterday.

He suffered from idiopathic cardiomyopathy, a virus of unknown origin which attacks and weakens the heart muscles. His condition deteriorated yesterday and doctors did not expect him to survive the day without a new heart, a hospital spokesman said.

The artificial heart was implanted so Gaidosh could survive long enough to undergo transplant surgery,

which doctors consider to be the best treatment for irreversible heart disease.

As soon as an acceptable donor heart becomes available, doctors would immediately transplant the natural organ into Gaidosh, Chakurda said.

Doctors were not available for comment following the implant. Assisting Griffith in surgery were Drs. Robert Hardesty and Alfredo Trento, all of whom are members of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine faculty. After the implant, members of the surgical team took part in a heart transplant at the hospital, sources reported.

The implant marks the first time an artificial heart was used by a Pittsburgh hospital.

Last Friday, surgeons at the Hershey Medical Center implanted a mechanical heart in Anthony Mandia, a 44-year-old Philadelphia recreation department worker. He is reported to be in critical but stable condition as he be-

gins his second week with an artificial heart developed by Pennsylvania State University.

Mandia's mechanical heart, which is similar to Jarvik-7, is also intended to be temporary. Both devices are powered by air, which is pumped into the polythene heart chambers through hoses that penetrate patient's chest.

Gaidosh was described as a large man who stands about 6 feet, 5 inches tall and at times weighed as much as 220 pounds. Because of his size, doctors said he would not be competing with Mandia for the same type of device.

The Jarvik-7 and Penn State heart can be used with permanent life-support systems, if necessary.

About 2½ years ago, Gaidosh's heart condition forced him to take a disability retirement from Ena-

Please see Heart.



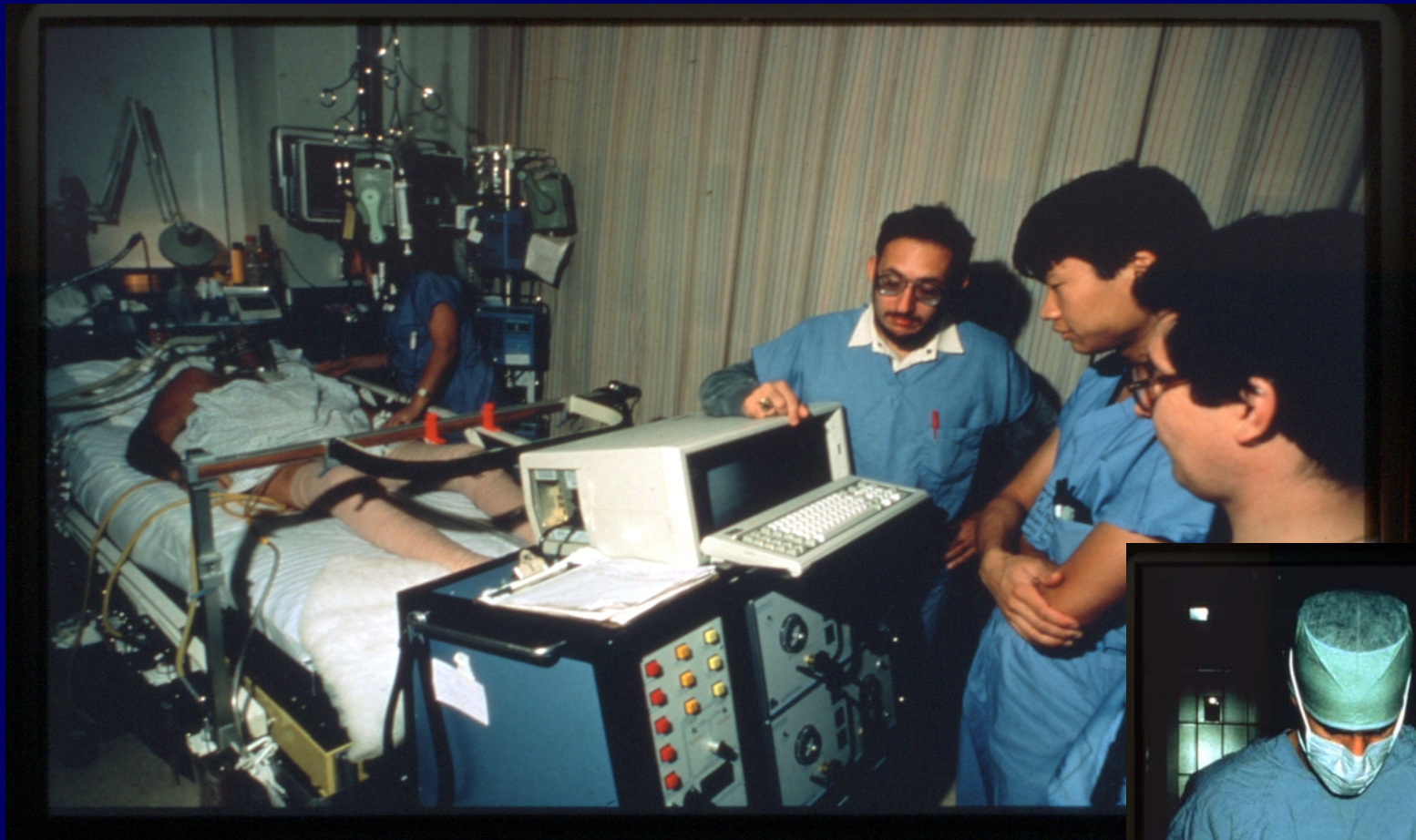


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**A Gala Celebration**

Saturday, October 14, 2006  
Heinz Field, West Club Lounge  
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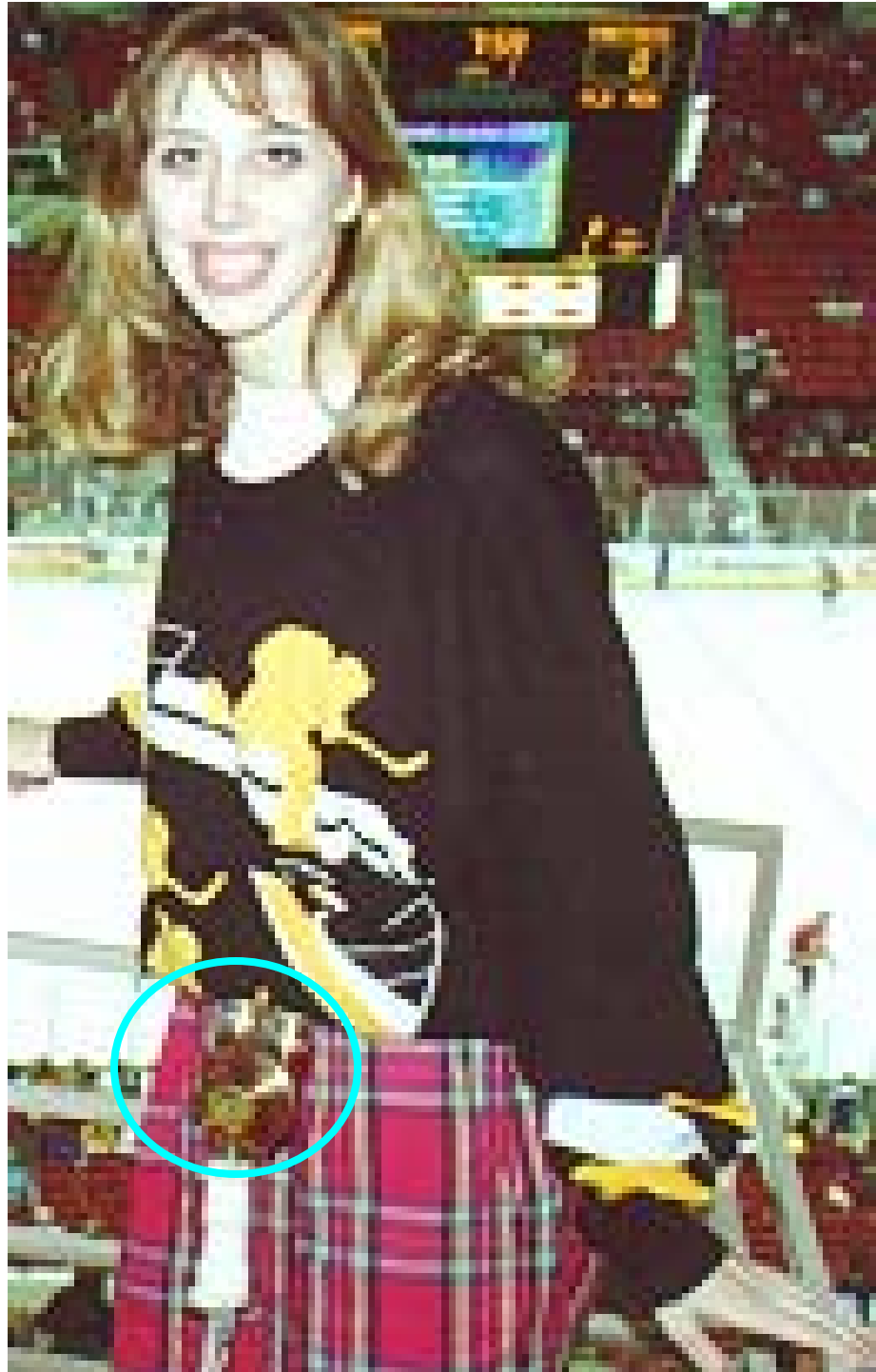
**Jarvik Total Heart - 1986**



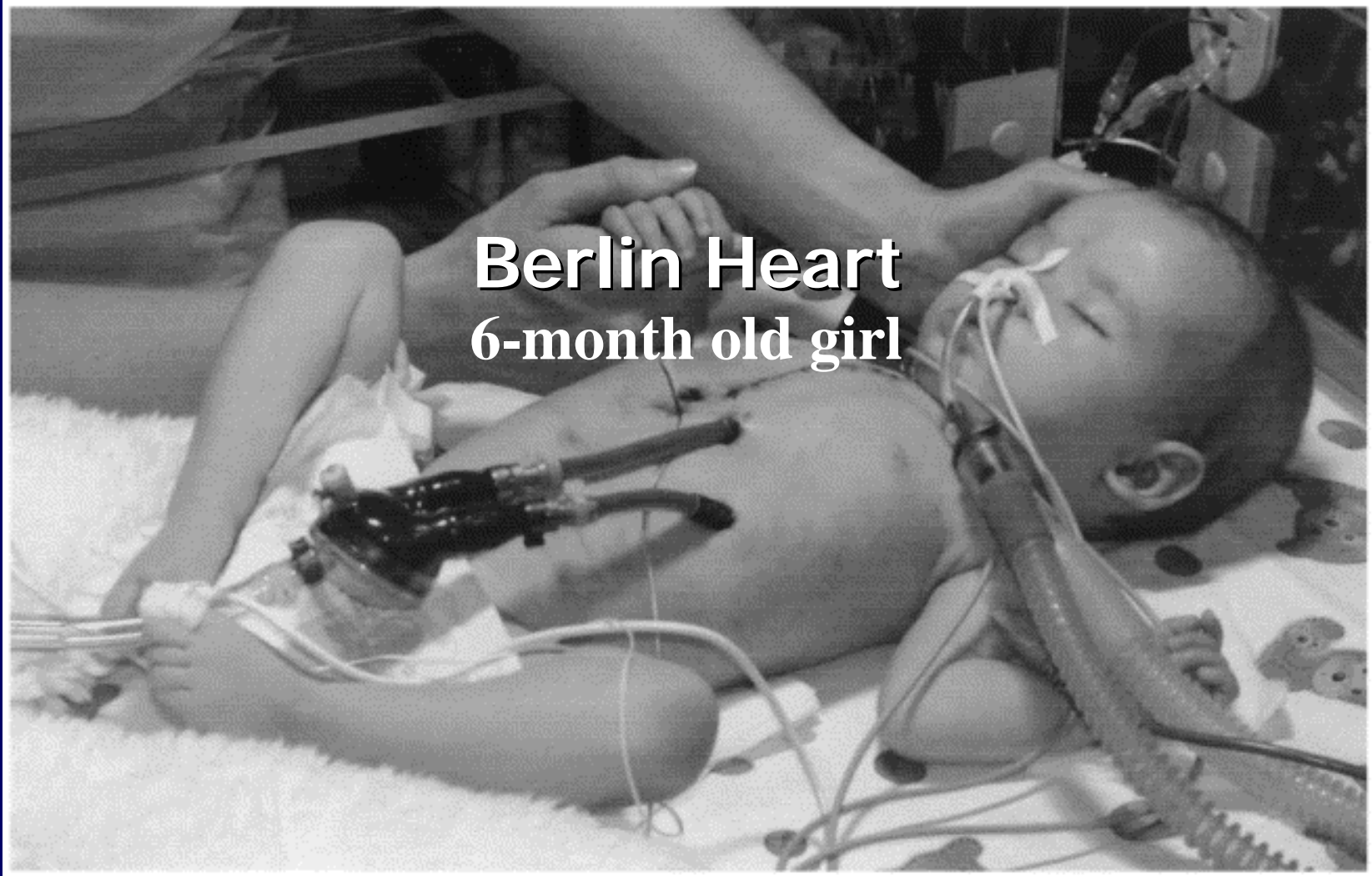












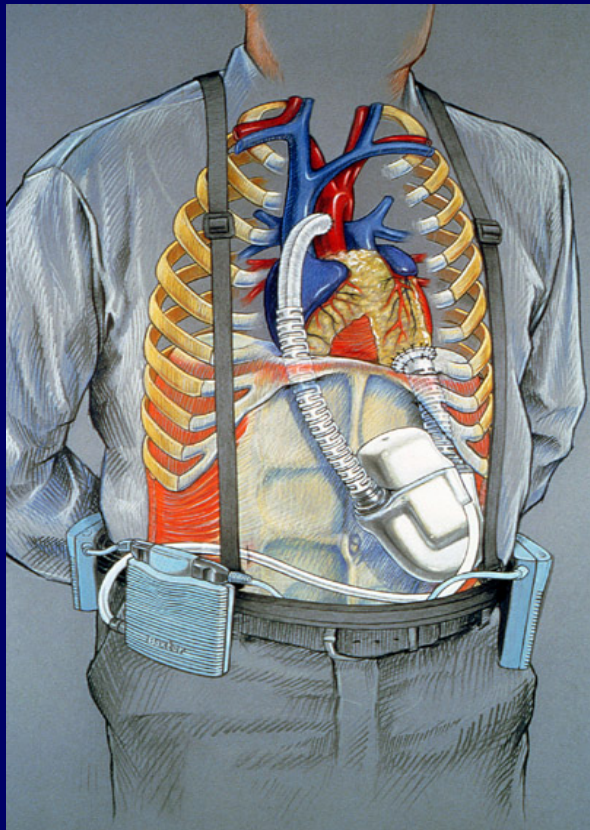
**J Heart Lung Transplant. 2003 Nov;22(11):1201-8**

# **Industry Partnerships**

**Blood Pump Development**

# Baxter Healthcare

## Novacor® LVAS



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## Fluorescent Image Tracking Velocimetry

### R & D Magazine 100 Award

Jointly with Frank Shaffer, DOE and John Woodard, Novacor Division, Baxter Healthcare Corporation

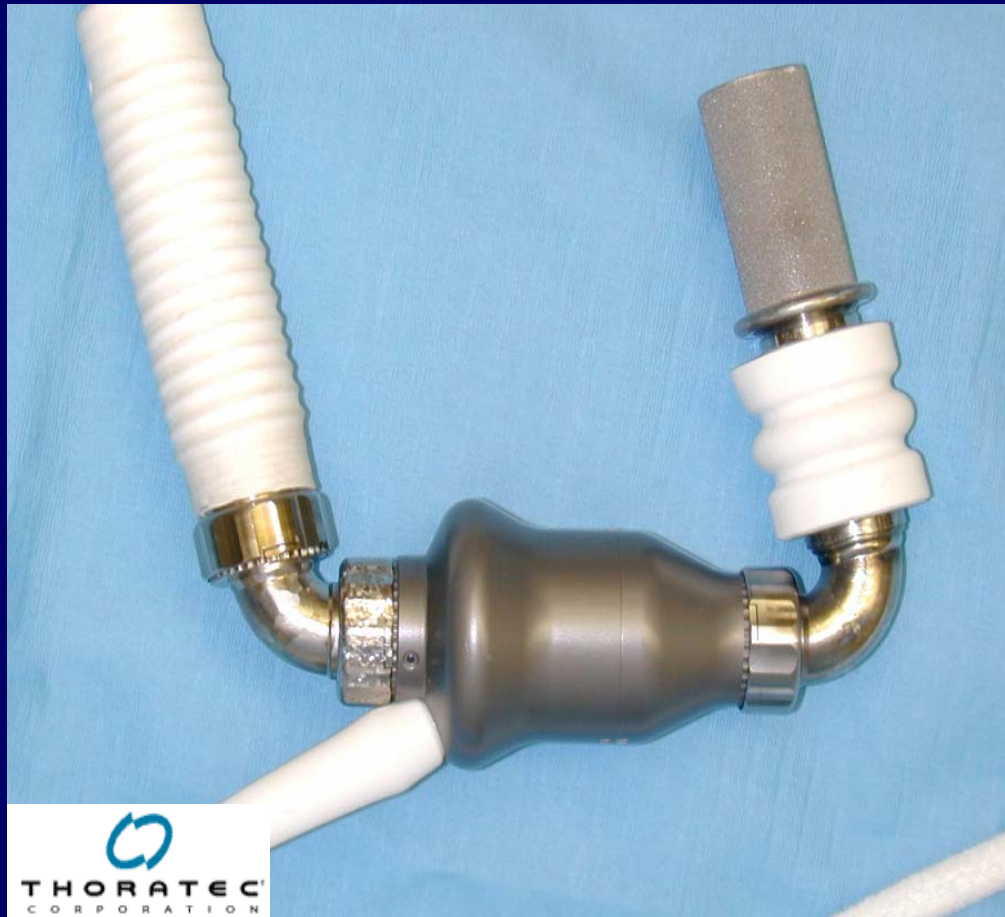
"One of the 100 Most Technologically Significant New Products of the Year."  
1992



"The Oscars of Invention"- *The Chicago Tribune*

# Thoratec Corporation

**1<sup>st</sup> Clinical Implant—July 27, 2000  
Sheba Medical Center  
Tel Aviv, Israel**



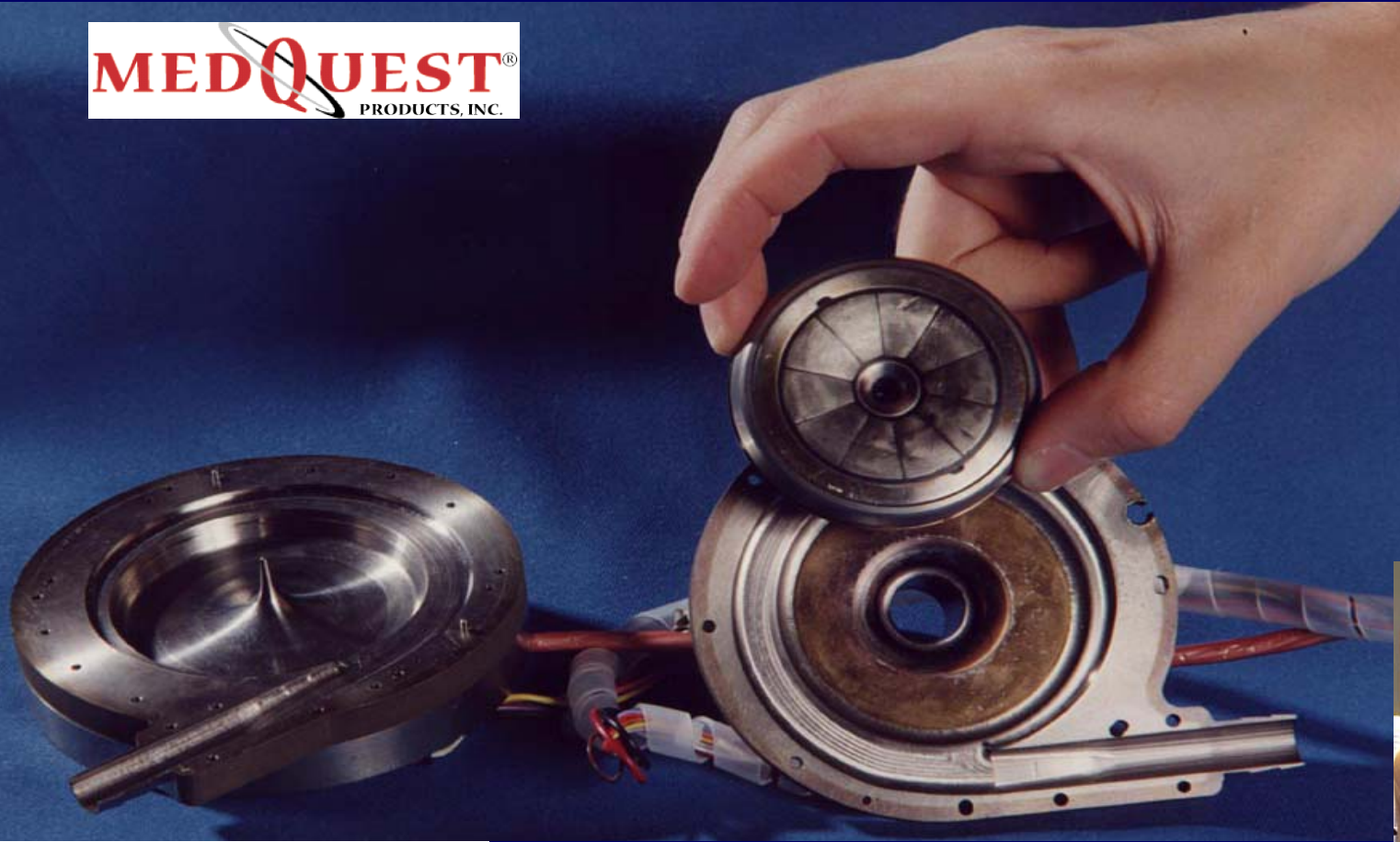
**HM II Blood Pump & Cannulae  
(NIH IVAS)**





# Heart Quest MagLev Pump

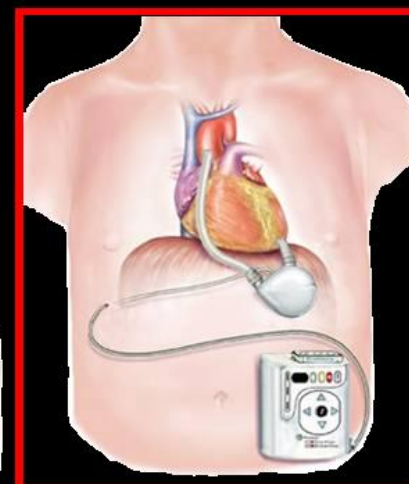
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# Circulatory Support Devices for Infants/Toddlers

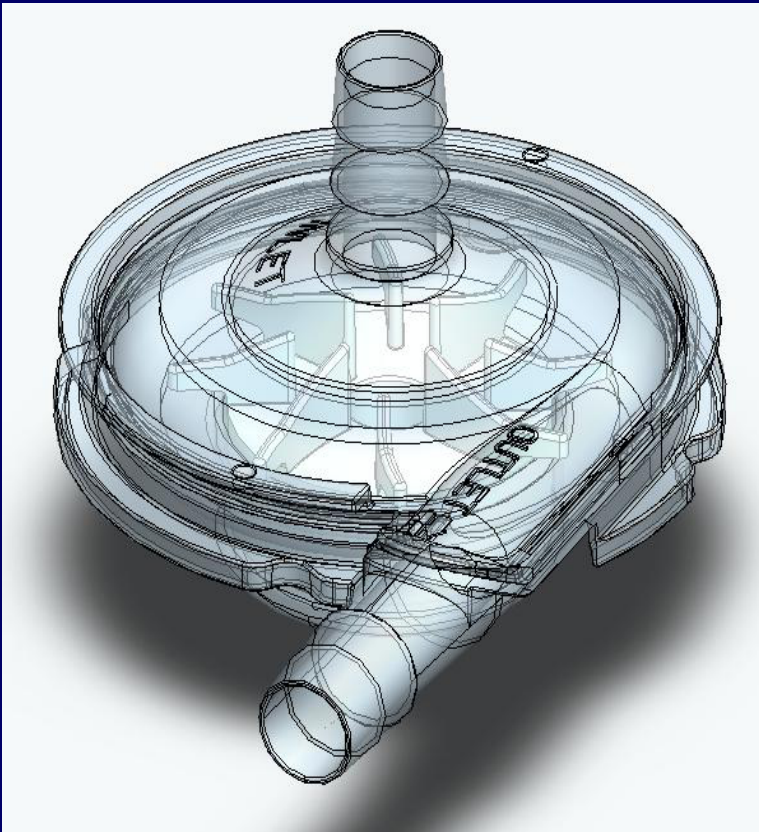


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# Levitronix

## Development of a New Pediatric VAD



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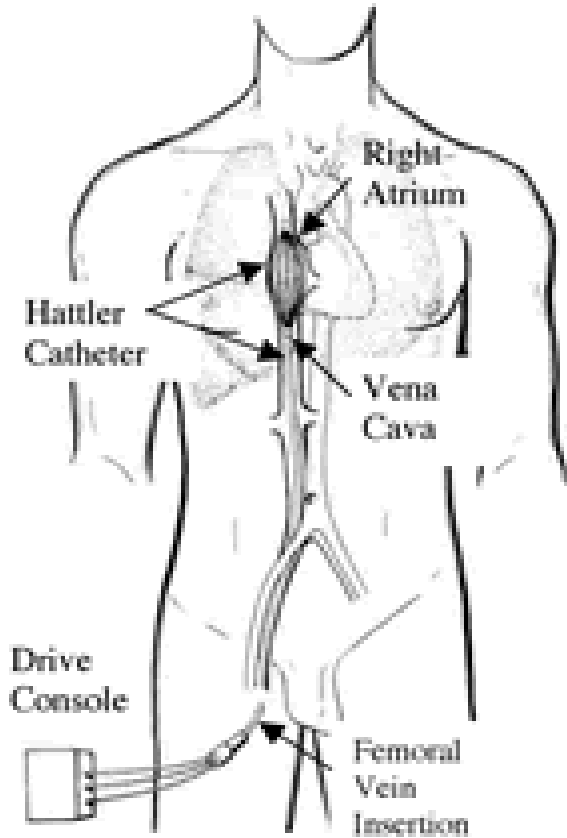
# Arrow, Int'l



STAT MedEvac helicopter landing on the helipad at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Insert shows IABP configuration in the back of an EC-135 helicopter.

# Industry Partnerships

**Artificial Lung Development**



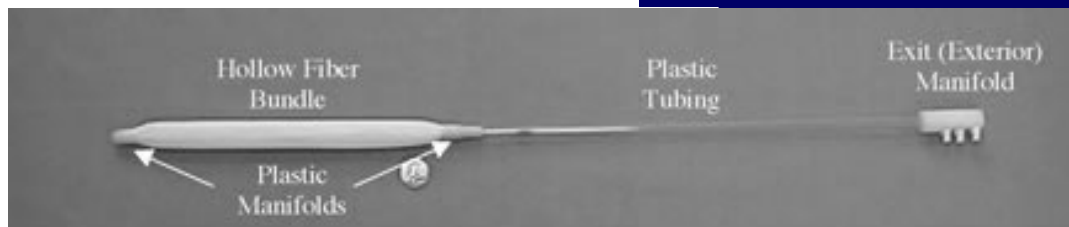
*The Hattler Respiratory Catheter positioned in the human venous system.*



**Patient on a ventilator**

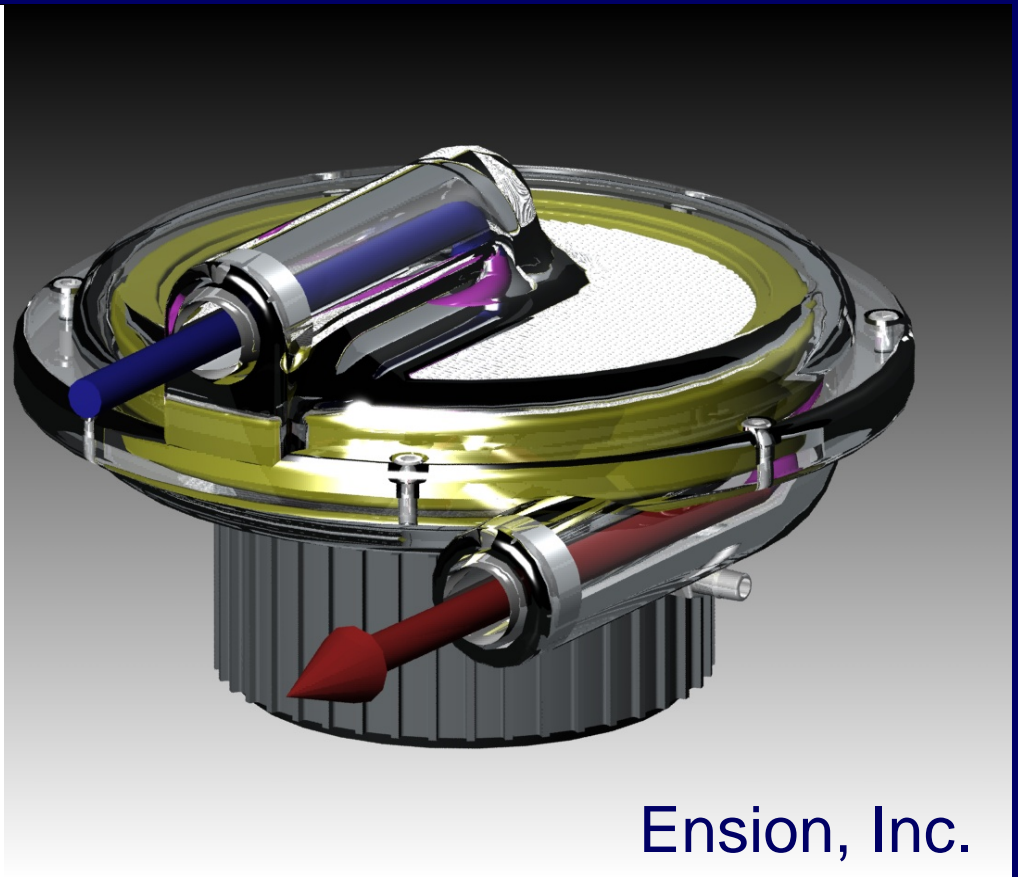
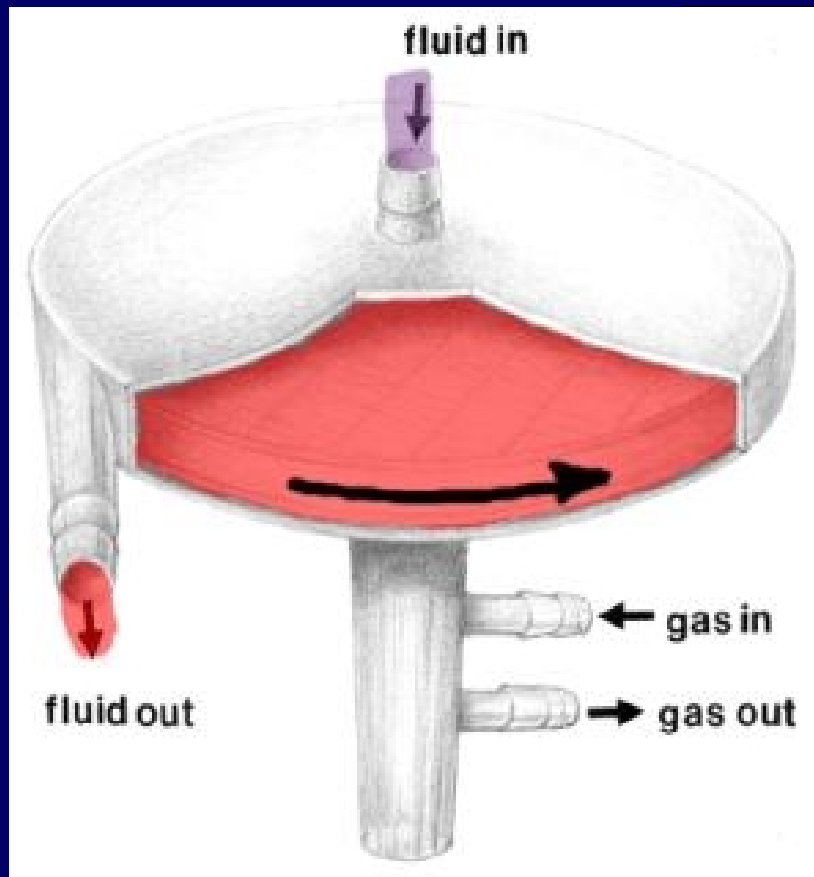


**Patient on the Hattler Catheter (depiction)**

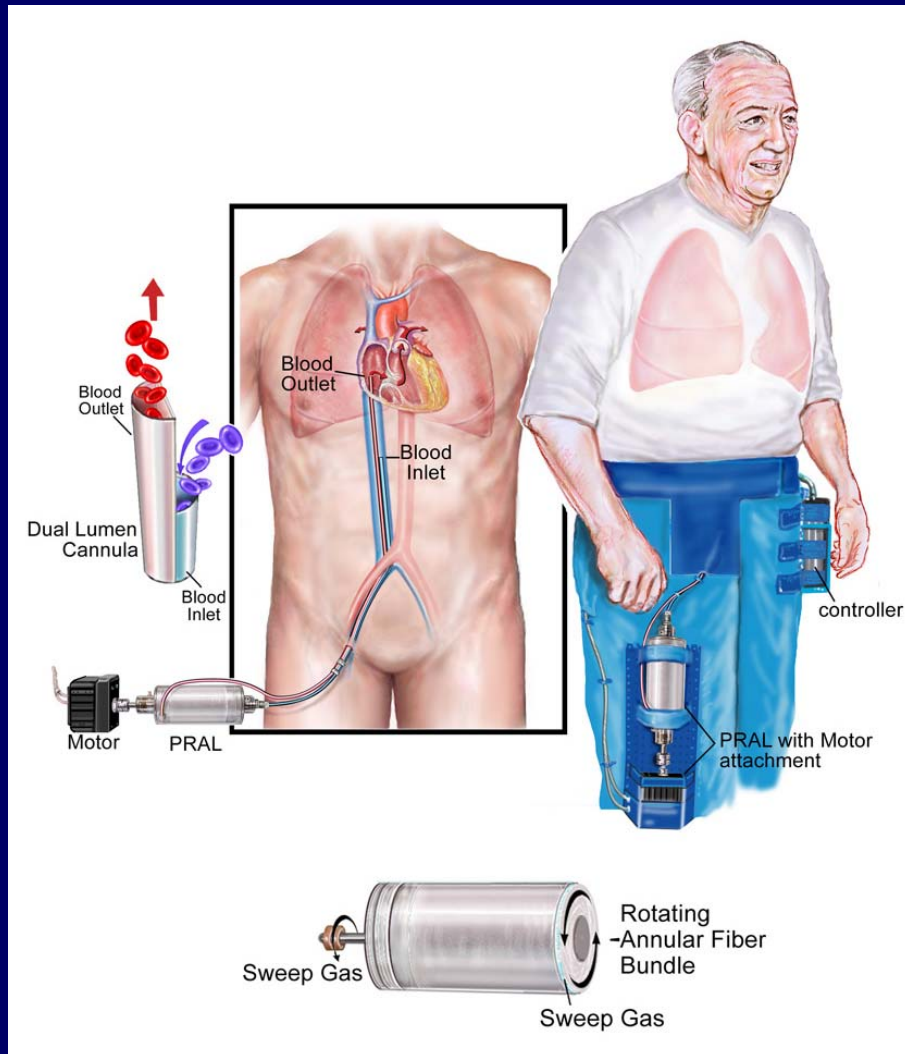


**Enson Inc.**

**pediatric Cardiopulmonary Assist System (pCAS)**



# Paracorporeal Respiratory Assist Lung





# Patient Partnerships

**Vital Engineering**

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*A program of the  
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center*



**The Vital Engineering  
Team includes dozens of  
Part-time Artificial Heart  
Bioengineers  
(Graduate Students)  
and Technicians  
(Undergraduates)**



**Great Ideas**

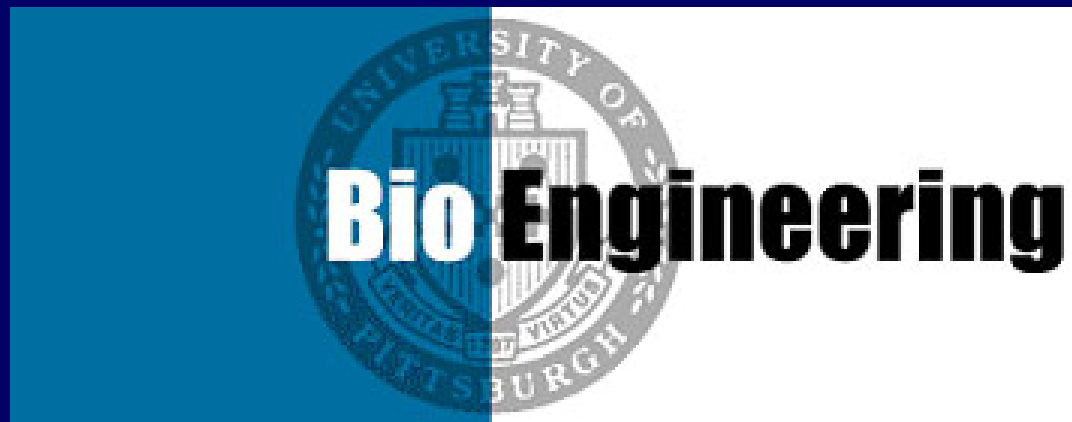
- ✓ Intellectual Property Protection
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- ✓ Cost vs. Price
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