

W. Douglas Boyd, M.D.

Clinical Interests

Dr. Boyd is recognized for his pioneering work in cardiothoracic surgery and for his use of robotic-assisted surgical systems. He specializes in minimally invasive cardiac and robotic-assisted heart surgery. He completed the world's first closed-chest, beating-heart coronary artery bypass surgery using a robotic system in 1999 and performed the first human extracellular matrix xenograft implant for cardiovascular repair several years later. Prior to his appointment as a professor of surgery at UC Davis Health System, Dr. Boyd served as chair of the Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic in Florida. As the author of more than 50 peer-reviewed, journal articles, Dr. Boyd's research interests include cardiac tissue regeneration using extracellular matrix/stem cells, new techniques for robot-assisted minimally invasive coronary artery revascularization, valve surgery and telesurgery. He is a graduate of Carleton University and obtained his medical degree the University of Ottawa.

Title Professor, Department of Surgery

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Department Surgery

Division Cardiothoracic Surgery

Center/Program Affiliation Cardiovascular Services

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Education M.D., University of Ottawa, Ottawa, 1984

B.Sc., Carleton University, Ottawa, 1980

Professional Memberships American Heart Association

Bay Area Society of Thoracic Surgery





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California Medical Association

Canadian Cardiovascular Society

Canadian Medical Association

Florida Medical Association

International Society for Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery

Ontario Medical Association

Society of Thoracic Surgeons

Honors and Awards

California Super Doctors, 2011

Florida's Top Doctors, Cardiothoracic Surgery, 2009

America's Top Doctors, Cardiothoracic Surgery, 2008

Good Housekeeping Top Cardiovascular Surgeon for women in the Nation, 2004

Best Scientific Presentation, International Society of Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery - Munich, Germany, 2001

Smithsonian Institute/Computer World Honours Award - Washington, DC 2001, 2001

Best Scientific Presentation, International Society of Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery - Atlanta,

Georgia, 2000

American Medical Association, James S. Todd Memorial Grant For Highest Ranked Grant In Research Competition, 1999

Best Clinical Research Paper, International Society of Minimally Invasive Cardiac Surgery - Paris, France, 1999

Educating Future Physicians for Ontario Fellowship, to pursue formal training in Medical Education, 1993

University of Ottawa, Department of Surgery Award, for Outstanding Resident Teaching, 1991 University of Ottawa Department of Surgery Award,, for Excellence in Teaching, 1989 American College of Chest Physicians Award, for the Outstanding Presentation at the ACCP Affiliate forum; 53rd Annual - Atlanta, Georgia, 1987

E.I. Dupont Award, for the Outstanding Housestaff Presentation; American Medical Association Education and Research Foundation, Eastern Research Forum. University of Miami School of Medicine - Miami, Florida, 1987

C.H. Hand Memorial Scholarship, Carleton University, Ottawa, 1980

Select Recent Publications

W. Douglas Boyd, MD, William E Johnston III, MD., Parvez K. Sultan, MD, Thomas F Deering, MD, FACC, FACP, FHRS, Robert G. Matheny, MD, FACS Pericardial Reconstruction Using an Extracellular Matrix Implant Correlates with Reduced risk of Postoperative Atrial fibrillation in Coronary Artery





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