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Board-certified Interventional Cardiologist

Dr. Heuser is one of the early pioneers of coronary and peripheral angioplasty in the United States and is an internationally recognized opinion leader in cardiovascular care. He treats people from all over the world with complex cardiovascular problems. Dr. Heuser is credited with performing and describing the treatment of angioplasty for shock in patients who present with a heart attack. His series was among the first presented at a major international cardiology meeting.

Dr. Heuser developed the first catheter treatment for leakage of the mitral valve, which has presaged the catheter treatment that is now available routinely for narrowing or leakage of the mitral valve. His hydrophilic, or “water loving” wire, co-developed with an engineer, is utilized in 20 percent of the angioplasty procedures worldwide. The covered stent that Dr. Heuser co-invented is currently used in every cath lab worldwide that performs angioplasty and stenting.

Dr. Heuser has published more than 400 medical articles, including four dozen textbook chapters, more than 100 original medical manuscripts, and he has edited four textbooks in cardiovascular care. Two of his textbooks have been listed in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology* as one of the top textbooks in 2000 and 2005. Dr. Heuser has nearly 30 patents or pending patents.

Frequently listed as a “Top Doc” in national publications, Dr. Heuser had the honor of previously being named by the Columbia HCA System, the largest hospital system worldwide, as Top Cardiologist in 1999. He is the former president of the Arizona Chapter of the American Heart Association.

Dr. Heuser has been fortunate to represent Arizona as the only practicing cardiologist frequently invited to international meetings to present his work developed in Phoenix. Some of those meetings include the American College of Cardiology, American Heart Association, TCT, EuroPCR, as well as meetings in the Asian Pacific region. Frequently cited in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*, he has been invited to give talks at major institutions in the United States, including Johns Hopkins Hospital, Brigham and Women’s Hospital and George Washington Hospital in Washington, D.C. Dr. Heuser is also on the editorial board of virtually all of the major interventional cardiology journals and is frequently asked to present his latest findings on the NBC affiliate and Fox affiliate in Phoenix, Ariz., and has been featured on Lifetime Television nationally.

Dr. Heuser was named a 2010 Health Care Hero by the *Phoenix Business Journal* in Arizona and was honored for his achievements in the health care industry in education. In addition, he was named Top Cardiologist in Phoenix, Ariz., by the International Association of Cardiologists (IAC) and the Leading Physicians of the World 2011.

Dr. Heuser is a member of various honor societies, including Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Omega Alpha, the Gruentzig Society, and is a clinical professor of medicine at the University of Arizona College of Medicine.

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