

Paul Underwood MD, FACC, FSCAI, RAC is an interventional cardiologist with over 30 years experience in the private practice setting. His clinical experience began in the halls of the nation's most respected medical establishments. He completed medical school and residency at the Mayo Clinic and completed cardiology training at the Cleveland Clinic. He learned interventional cardiology at Iowa Heart Center and practiced interventional cardiology in Phoenix, AZ. There he has been an influential member of cardiology society through the Society for Cardiac Angiography and Intervention and the American College of Cardiology (where he sat on the Arizona Board of Councilors). Most notably, he is a life member and former president of the Association of Black Cardiologists.

In addition to patient care responsibilities, Dr. Underwood is passionately committed to elevating the health of communities. During the last 15 years he has served in various leadership positions with the Phoenix Metro American Heart Association. This includes the formation of the South Mountain board, co-chairing Operation Heartbeat (which placed AEDs (automated external defibrillators) in Phoenix Sky Harbor airport and all public buildings). Operation Heartbeat transformed into Cultural Health Initiatives, which spearheaded popular campaigns such as Power to End Stroke and the Barbershop Hypertension Screening Program. Through the Women and Minorities Leadership Committee and the Scientific Advisory Coordinating Council he also provided leadership to AHA on a national level. In 2007 he collaborated to establish the Center for African American Health AZ (CAAHAz).

Dr. Underwood's career interest has focused on the development and dissemination of therapeutic technology to improve patient care. In 2000 his involvement in clinical research led to founding of the clinical research company, Eclipse Clinical Research Associates. In 2009 he joined Boston Scientific Corporation as a medical director for Interventional Cardiology/Structural Heart. Dr. Underwood is committed to making ideas become reality with particular emphasis on benefits of minority participation in clinical research.

In addition to his clinical responsibilities at Boston Scientific, he also serves as the medical director for *Close the Gap*, Boston Scientific's health equity education initiative. His professional interest has been on the creation of collaborative clinical, community and educational approaches to health promotion and translation of technological advances into the lives of patients.

Facilitate strategic alliances

Most of what I do is based on the frequency and consequences of an occurrence.