

NeuroVascular Research Foundation Board of Directors
Bios

J. J. (Buddy) Connors III, M.D.

Dr. J. J. (Buddy) Connors received his medical school education and radiology residency at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, where he is in the Medical Center Hall of Fame. After completing his fellowship in Interventional Neuroradiology at the Semmes-Murphy Clinic/Baptist Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., he became Director of Interventional Neuroradiology at Louisiana State University Medical Center in New Orleans, LA. During his six years at LSU he completed his textbook Interventional Neuroradiology: Strategies and Practical Techniques, the first text in the world describing interventional stroke therapy, carotid stenting, and intracranial angioplasty.

Dr. Connors held numerous offices and is now past president of the Society of NeuroInterventional Surgery (SNIS). In 2000, he founded and became CEO and medical director of the non-profit 501(c)3 NeuroVascular Research Foundation and created the first clinical outcomes registry for emergency endovascular stroke therapy in the world (**INSTOR**, the Interventional Stroke Therapy Outcomes Registry), hosted at www.strokeregistry.org. He founded the largest multidisciplinary neuroscience organization in the world, the NeuroVascular Coalition (comprising the medical societies of Interventional Neuroradiology, Neurosurgery, Neurology, Interventional Neurology, and Interventional Radiology) and was elected first chair. Other society appointments included the American Stroke Association (Scientific Oversight Committee), NeuroCritical Care Society (Board of Directors), and the American Society of Neuroradiology (Chair: Stroke Task Force, Chair: FDA committee).

Dr. Connors is principal author or co-author on numerous official medical society documents as well as many American Stroke Association papers including: “Metrics for Measuring Quality of Care in Comprehensive Stroke Centers”; “Guidelines for the Early Management of Patients with Acute Ischemic Stroke”, “Recommendations for Imaging of Acute Ischemic Stroke”, and “An Updated Definition of Stroke for the 21st Century”. He is also a principal author on the international “Multisociety Consensus Quality Improvement Guidelines for Intra-arterial Catheter Directed Treatment of Acute Ischemic Stroke”. He is currently a professor of Radiology, Neurology, and Neurological Surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Nashville, TN.

David Sacks, M.D.

Dr. Sacks received his undergraduate degree in Chemistry from Princeton University, his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and completed his residency in diagnostic radiology and fellowship in interventional radiology at the University of

Pennsylvania. He has been active in the Society of Interventional Radiology where he served as chair of the Technology Assessment Committee, Councilor for the Standards Division, Secretary, President elect, and President. He is President of the board of the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Carotid Stenting Facilities and is a member of the board of directors of the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission. He has authored or co-authored over 120 scientific publications and book chapters, and has been the site principal investigator for multi-institutional trials of treatment of deep vein thrombosis, vertebral compression fractures, and peripheral arterial angioplasty. In the field of stroke he has authored or co-authored numerous papers on physician training and performance standards, is co-director of a national intra-arterial stroke training course, and lectures on the use of intra-arterial stroke revascularization techniques.

Barry Buzogany, Esquire

Mr. Buzogany is an accomplished C-level executive (CEO/COO/CLO) for the past 25 years with both public and private companies, ranging from early stage to multinationals. He has a record of high achievement at each of the pharmaceutical, medtech, life sciences, and contract research organizations that he has served. He has held executive positions at Battelle Memorial Institute, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma, Centocor, and Gene Logic. Recent companies include Icoria, Inc. (formerly Paradigm Genetics), a publicly traded biotech where he served as VP, General Counsel and then Chief Operating Officer; and as President and CEO of Jenken Biosciences, Inc., an early stage drug development company. He currently serves Chairman of Pillguard Medication Delivery Systems, a privately held medical device company, and is on the Boards of T3D Therapeutics, Inc. and Easter Seals/UCP of NC and VA, a not-for-profit with a \$90 million annual budget.

Bill Simmons

A graduate of the University of Mississippi with a degree in psychology and political science, Simmons began his career in social services. In the late 1970's, he turned his attention to the music industry when he met Paul Davis and moved to Atlanta to work at Bang Records. This led to artist management where Simmons became a partner at The Fitzgerald Hartley Co. For the past 20 years, he has managed the careers of Brad Paisley, Jerrod Niemann, Restless Heart, Brett James, The Kinleys, and others. While continuing to pursue his business career, he also currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Country Music Association.