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Top Skills

380+ Issued US Patents
Medical Devices
FDA

Hanson Gifford

Managing Partner, The Foundry LLC - Partner, Lightstone Ventures
Redwood City, California, United States

Experience

The Foundry
CEO / Managing Partner
June 1998 - Present (26 years 7 months)
Menlo Park, CA

Serial entrepreneurship in medical devices

Lightstone Ventures
Partner
2013 - Present (11 years)
Menlo Park, California, United States

Apreo Health, Inc.
Co-Founder and Board Member
January 2021 - Present (4 years)
Menlo Park, California, United States

Mavericks Endo, Inc.
Co-Founder and Board Chairman
August 2021 - Present (3 years 5 months)
Menlo Park, California, United States

Half Moon Medical (The Foundry)
Founder, Founding President and CEO, Board Chairman
2017 - Present (7 years)
Menlo Park, California, United States

Transcatheter Mitral Valve Repair

FIRE1 Foundry
Founder, Founding President and CEO, Board Member
2013 - Present (11 years)
Dublin, Ireland

Implantable heart failure monitoring

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Neurent v. Foundry
IPR2024-00669

Tangible Science
Board Member

2015 - Present (9 years)
Redwood City, California, United States

Better contact lenses

Reprieve Cardiovascular
Board Member
July 2020 - Present (4 years 6 months)
Milford, Massachusetts, United States

Contego Medical, LLC
Board Member
2020 - Present (4 years)
Raleigh, North Carolina, United States

Carotid stenting with integrated embolic protection

Allay Therapeutics
Co-Founder, Board Member
2016 - September 2020 (4 years)
Menlo Park, California, United States

Sustained-release local analgesia for post-operative pain

Cotera, Inc.
Co-Founder, Founding President and CEO, Board Member
2010 - 2018 (8 years)
Menlo Park, California, United States

Implantable force realignment devices for joint osteoarthritis

NUVAIRA, Inc.
Co-Founder and Board Member
2010 - 2017 (7 years)

Transbronchial lung denervation for COPD and asthma

Miramar Labs
Co-Founder, Board Member
2006 - 2017 (11 years)
Santa Clara, California, United States

MiraDry transcutaneous microwave therapy for hyperhidrosis

Acquired by Sientra

ForSight VISION5 (now Allergan)
Co-Founder, Board Member

2010 - 2016 (6 years)
Menlo Park, California, United States

Helios onlay for sustained release of glaucoma medication

Acquired by Allergan

ForSight VISION4, Inc.
Co-Founder, Board Member
2009 - 2016 (7 years)
Menlo Park, California, United States

Sustained-release posterior segment ocular drug delivery of Lucentis for AMD

Acquired by Genentech/Roche

Twelve
Co-Founder, Founding President and CEO, Board Member
2009 - 2015 (6 years)

Intrepid transcatheter mitral valve replacement

Acquired by Medtronic

ForSight Labs, LLC
Co-Founder, Partner
2005 - 2015 (10 years)
Menlo Park, California, United States

Ophthalmic company incubator

Nexis Vision, Inc.
Co-Founder, Board Member
2007 - 2014 (7 years)
Menlo Park, California, United States

Ocular surface technology for the corneal refractive correction market

Cabochon Aesthetics
Co-Founder, Board Member
2005 - 2014 (9 years)
Menlo Park, California, United States

Cellfina cellulite treatment device

Acquired by Ulthera / Merz

The Foundry, NewCo XI
Co-Founder, Board Member
2008 - 2013 (5 years)
Menlo Park, California, United States

Instruments and devices for hip arthroscopy

Devices acquired by Pivot Medical > Stryker

Ardian, Inc.

Co-Founder, Founding President and CEO, Board Chairman

2004 - 2011 (7 years)

Palo Alto, California, United States

Renal denervation for hypertension and heart failure

Acquired by Medtronic

Concentric Medical, Inc.

Co-Founder, Board Member

November 1999 - 2011 (12 years)

Mountain View, California, United States

First clot retriever (Merci, Trevo) for acute ischemic stroke

Acquired by Stryker

Evalve, Inc. [a wholly owned subsidiary of Abbott Vascular, Inc.]

Co-Founder, Board Member

October 1999 - October 2009 (10 years 1 month)

Menlo Park, California, United States

The Mitraclip for transcatheter mitral valve repair

Acquired by Abbott Labs

Transcend Medical

Co-Founder, Founding CEO

2005 - 2009 (4 years)

Menlo Park, California, United States

CyPass implantable shunt for glaucoma

Acquired by Alcon

Emphasys Medical

Co-Founder, Board Member

2000 - 2009 (9 years)

Redwood City, California, United States

Endobronchial Valves for emphysema

Acquired by Pulmonx

Forsight Newco II

Co-Founder, President and CEO

2006 - 2007 (1 year)

Menlo Park, California, United States

Punctal plug with sustained-release of bimatoprost for glaucoma

Acquired by QLT, now Mati Therapeutics

Cierra

Co-Founder, Board Member

2003 - 2007 (4 years)

Redwood City, California, United States

Radio-frequency Patent Foramen Ovale (PFO) closure device

Assets acquired by Terumo

XTENT, Inc.

Co-Founder

2002 - 2004 (2 years)

Menlo Park, California, United States

Catheter system to deliver multiple variable-length drug eluting stents

IPO 2007 Nasdaq:XTNT

Satiety, Inc.

Co-Founder

2001 - 2003 (2 years)

Palo Alto, California, United States

Transoral gastroplasty for obesity

Assets acquired by Johnson and Johnson

First To File

Co-Founder, Board Member

2000 - 2002 (2 years)

Menlo Park, California, United States

Cloud-based system for automating patent workflow

Acquired by Mark Monitor in 2002

HEARTPORT, INC.

Vice President of R&D

July 1993 - June 1998 (5 years)

Redwood City, California, United States

Catheters, instruments, devices, and methods for minimally-invasive heart surgery

IPO in 1996 Nasdaq:HPRT

Bavaria Medizin Technologie, GmbH
Cofounder, Managing Director
January 1992 - June 1993 (1 year 6 months)
Oberpfaffenhofen, Bavaria, Germany

Contract Manufacturer of stent delivery catheters and other products for interventional Cardiology

Cardiovascular Therapeutic Technologies, Inc.
Co-Founder, President
January 1991 - December 1991 (1 year)
Menlo Park, California, United States

Acquired by Eli Lilly

Team became the Technology Development Center, which became part of the Guidant Compass Group

Devices for Vascular Intervention Inc.
Engineer, Project Manager, Clinical Specialist, Marketing
January 1985 - December 1990 (6 years)
Redwood City, California, United States

Peripheral and coronary atherectomy catheters

Acquired by Eli Lilly

Oximetrix Inc
Design Engineer
September 1983 - December 1984 (1 year 4 months)
Mountain View, California, United States

Swan-Ganz catheter with oxygen saturation monitoring; hemostatic scalpel

General Dynamics
Landing Gear Design Engineer
September 1982 - September 1983 (1 year 1 month)
Fort Worth, Texas, United States

Education

Cornell University
BSME, Mechanical Engineering, Pre-med · (1978 - 1982)

Phillips Exeter Academy

· (1975 - 1978)