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Dr. Kuntz joined Medtronic in October 2005, as Senior Vice President and President of Medtronic Neuromodulation, which encompasses the company's products and therapies used in the treatment of chronic pain, movement disorders, spasticity, overactive bladder and urinary retention, benign prostatic hyperplasia, and gastroparesis. In this role he was responsible for the research, development, operations and product sales and marketing for each of these therapeutic areas worldwide.

Dr. Kuntz brings to Medtronic a broad background and expertise in many different areas of healthcare. Prior to Medtronic he was the Founder and Chief Scientific Officer of the Harvard Clinical Research Institute (HCRI), a university-based contract research organization which coordinates National Institutes of Health (NIH) and industry clinical trials with the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Dr. Kuntz has directed over 100 multicenter clinical trials and has authored more than 200 original publications. His major interests are traditional and alternative clinical trial design and biostatistics.

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