

Executive Biography: Dr. John A. Pacey, President of Verathon Medical Canada ULC



John A. Pacey, MD, FRCS(C) is the President of Verathon Medical (Canada) ULC, the co-founder of Saturn Biomedical Systems, which was acquired by Verathon® in January 2006, and the inventor of the GlideScope® Video Laryngoscope.

Verathon designs, manufactures and distributes reliable, state-of-the-art medical devices and services that offer a meaningful improvement in patient care to the healthcare community. The GlideScope Video Laryngoscope, introduced in late 2001, provides a clear view of a patient's airway on a color monitor, enabling healthcare providers to place an endotracheal tube quickly and easily to enable respiration when the patient is going under anesthesia. The GlideScope GVL® is clinically proven to provide a Cormack-Lehane (C/L) Grade I or II view 99% of the time.¹ The GlideScope provides significant benefits to Anesthesiology, Critical Care, Emergency and EMS markets.

Dr. Pacey has more than twenty five years of medical and surgical experience and is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada (FRCSc), Cert. Vascular Surgery (1985). He

earned his medical degree from the University of British Columbia (UBC) Medical School in 1967. He subsequently received specialization training in General Surgery at the UBC Medical School. Upon completion of the FRCSc examination, he took a 3 month education sabbatical visit in London, England at the Royal Marsdon Hospital and Hammersmith Hospital.

In addition to developing the GlideScope, and a host of related airway management devices at Verathon Medical Canada. Dr. Pacey has researched and produced innovations in surgical operating systems and patch designs. His inventions include a laparoscopic surgical cannula, a treatment method for urinary incontinence, a proprietary hernia repair method and apparatus, a surgical clip, a method of esophageal lengthening in pediatric surgery, and a video airway monitor.

Dr. Pacey is a member of a number of respected medical organizations, including the Canadian Medical Association, the British Columbia Medical Association (BCMA), the British Columbia Surgical Society, and the Society of Airway Management (SAM). He served on the Board of the BCMA from 1979-1981. He was Chief of Surgery from 1980-1982 and ICU committee chairman from 1990-1994 at Burnaby Hospital. Since 2003, he has served as an adjunct member of the Department of Anesthesia at the University of British Columbia Medical School.

Verathon develops and manufactures the GlideScope at its Canadian facility in Burnaby, BC. Verathon distributes GlideScope worldwide via its own domestic sales force, its international sales force, and a network of international distributors.

Dr. Pacey was born in Natal, British Columbia, and currently resides in British Columbia with his wife, Dorothea. They have two children.

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