

# Biography: Physician Trainer

**Gerald A. Beathard, M.D., Ph.D.** joined Lifeline Vascular Access in 2000 as Vice President Provider Development. He has been practicing medicine for over 40 years and is widely regarded as the pioneer of Interventional Nephrology. Dr. Beathard began performing interventional vascular access procedures in 1987 after becoming frustrated with the outcomes demonstrated by his patients. He found that many of his patients were spending hours, even days, waiting for vascular access procedures to be performed, causing patients to miss dialysis treatments, visit emergency rooms and be admitted into the hospital.

As Vice President Provider Development, Dr. Beathard works with providers across the country to develop dedicated vascular access centers, drives the training and development programs for these centers and serves as a member of the Lifeline Vascular Access Medical Advisory Board.

Dr. Beathard received both his M.D. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas and is board certified in Internal Medicine, Nephrology, Allergy and Clinical Immunology and Pathology. He is also a founding member and the first president of the American Society of Diagnostic and Interventional Nephrology (ASDIN). As the author of more than seventy-five articles on vascular access including *Interventional Nephrology: A Part of the Solution and Functions of a Dedicated Vascular Access Facility Promoting AVF Use*, he is a recognized leader in the field. Dr. Beathard is a fellow of the American Society of Nephrology (ASN).

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*“Whether the Nephrologist assumes the role of Interventionist or utilizes a dedicated access center, they will be providing optimal vascular access care to help ensure the best patient outcomes.”*