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**VENTUREWIRE****EndoGastric Solutions Names Industry Veteran Skip Baldino CEO**

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**EndoGastric Solutions** Inc., developer of treatments for digestive diseases, said Skip Baldino has been named president and chief executive.

Mr. Baldino brings nearly three decades of health-care experience to EGS, including four years as president, Americas, for **Given Imaging** Ltd., a gastrointestinal diagnostics and imaging company that **Covidien** acquired for \$860 million in March 2014.

Prior to his four years at **Given Imaging**, Mr. Baldino served as a divisional vice president for Abbott Laboratories for eight years.

**EndoGastric Solutions**, headquartered in San Mateo, Calif., focuses on Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease (GERD), a condition caused by anatomical changes where the muscle at the base of the esophagus relaxes between swallows, allowing corrosive stomach acid to wash back up into the esophagus.

The company's EsophyX device, which it says used surgically can correct the root cause of GERD, was FDA-cleared in 2007 and is commercially available in the U.S.

In June 2012, the company closed its Series F round at \$43 million from investors including **Advanced Technology Ventures**, **Canaan Partners**, **Chicago Growth Partners**, **De Novo Ventures**, **Foundation Medical Partners**, Oakwood Medical Investors and **Radius Ventures**, VentureWire records show.

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