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John Abele is a pioneer and leader in the field of less-invasive medicine. For more than four decades John has devoted himself to innovation in healthcare, business and solving social problems.

John is retired Founding Chairman of Boston Scientific Corporation. He holds numerous patents and has published and lectured extensively on the technology of various medical devices and on the technical, social, economic, and political trends and issues affecting healthcare. His major interests are science literacy for children, education, and the process by which new technology is invented, developed, and introduced to society. Current activities include Chair of the FIRST Foundation which works with high school kids to make being science-literate cool and fun, and development of the Kingbridge Centre ([www.kingbridgecentre.com](http://www.kingbridgecentre.com)) and Institute, a conferencing institution whose mission is to research, develop, and teach improved methods for interactive conferencing: problem solving, conflict resolution, strategic planning, new methods for learning and generally help groups to become "collectively intelligent."

He is a Fellow in both the Society of Interventional Radiology and the American Institute for Medical and Biomedical Engineering, and received honorary Doctors of Science from Northeastern University and Wentworth Institute of Technology. Other awards include Gold Medal Awards from the Society of Interventional Radiology and the Cardiovascular and Interventional Radiological Society of Europe, the 2007 Pioneer in Endoscopy Award from the Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, the Distinguished Career Award in 2006 from the International Symposium on Endovascular Therapy, the 2003 BMES Distinguished Lecture Award presented by the Biomedical Engineering Society.

He lives with his wife and two dogs in Shelburne, Vermont.