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Dr. Matthew Budoff is at the forefront of the medical community's efforts to develop early detection methods for cardiac disease, the number one cause of death in the U.S. Given that approximately 50 percent of U.S. heart disease victims learn of their illness by experiencing a sometimes fatal heart attack, Dr. Budoff has devoted much of his time over the past 20 years to advancing procedures that can help doctors identify cardiac patients early, and place them on a therapeutic path to prevent a heart attack.

Dr. Budoff works on at least 20 active medical research trials at any given time, and is a frequent lecturer on topics of cardiology at symposia, congresses and annual conferences on every continent. He has authored or co-authored over 800 research papers, seven books, and 45 book chapters.

Dr. Budoff has been listed among *America's and Los Angeles' Top Doctors* every year since 2005. In the past two years alone, Dr. Budoff has been honored with multiple awards recognizing his professional skills and accomplishments. Of particular note is his receipt of the Einstein Award for Scientific Achievement from the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, U.K.; being named to the US News list of Top Doctors for 2011; and, most recently, named to "Worlds Most Influential Scientific Minds" in 2014. In 2015, he was named the Endowed Chair of Preventive Cardiology at his institution and was awarded the *Arthur S. Agatston Cardiovascular Disease Prevention Award*. In 2016, he was inducted into the European Union Academy of Sciences and honored with the prestigious Gold Medal Award by the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography.

Dr. Budoff graduated *cum laude* from the University of California, Riverside. He graduated with distinction and a member of Alpha Omega Alpha from the George Washington University School of Medicine, in Washington, DC, then completed an internship and residency in internal medicine, and a fellowship in cardiology, at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, where he currently acts as Program Director for the Cardiology Fellowship and Director of Cardiac Computed Tomography.