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Dr. Nuss is the inventor of the Minimally Invasive Nuss procedure which changed the paradigm for the treatment pectus excavatum deformities from radical resection of the anterior chest wall to a minimally invasive internal bracing technique, which requires no resection of any chest wall structures. When Dr Nuss demonstrated that the chest wall is malleable and flexible, surgeons from other parts of the world used the information to develop non-surgical methods to treat both mild excavatum and up to 80% of carinatum patients using suction or pressure braces. In 2003 Doctor Nuss and his colleagues at the Children's Hospital of the Kings Daughters started an Annual Advanced Pectus Teaching Conference and Workshop which has served as the prototype for Pectus conferences around the world. In addition, Dr. Nuss has travelled to numerous medical centers in Europe, Asia, Africa, North and South America to teach the Minimally Invasive Nuss Procedure, and he continues to participate in International Conferences virtually and in-person. In 2019 Dr Nuss was awarded the Robert E. Gross Award, by the American Pediatric Surgical Association (APSA), "for excellence in Pediatric Research and Achievement and recognition of a seminal contribution by an individual who has made a major impact on pediatric surgery" and this year he has been selected to receive the William E. Ladd Medal, the highest award given by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), in recognition for his "significant contributions to the care of infants and children".