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Dr. Heywood has served on a variety of boards including the Advisory Council to Improve Outcomes Nationwide in Heart Failure Consensus Recommendations for the Management of Chronic Heart Failure, the Board of Directors, American Heart Association, Inland Empire Chapter, and Board of Directors, Loma Linda Veterans Administration Research and Education among others. He has been a principle investigator in many pivotal heart failure trials and is very active in clinical heart failure research. He is the author of numerous articles, abstracts and book chapters on congestive heart failure. In 2011, he was co-editor for the book "The Cardiorenal syndrome: A Clinician's Guide to Pathophysiology and Management" with John Burnett, MD, of Mayo Clinic.

Dr. Heywood received a degree in Theology at Loyola University, Chicago and a medical degree from the University of California, San Diego. He completed a residency in Internal Medicine in San Diego followed by a cardiology fellowship at Loma Linda University Medical Center. After his cardiology fellowship he spent a year as a cardiovascular research fellow at the University of Zurich in Zurich, Switzerland.