

# Subcutaneous ICD: A lesson in FDA approval

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This morning, a nice article in the Boston Globe [appeared](#) [1] on Boston Scientific's subcutaneous implantable cardiac defibrillator (S-ICD) that recently [received](#) [2] FDA approval. It was a fairly balanced article, one that touched ever-so-briefly on the pros and cons of a subcutaneous device to treat life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias using a medical device that does not require an internal wire inside the heart, but rather a sensing and shocking lead that is tunneled across the chest under the skin (see my prior post on the details [here](#) [3]).

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[1] <http://bostonglobe.com/business/2012/11/27/brigham-and-women-doctors-implant-new-boston-scientific-cardiac-device-three-patients/26M3XzQjohSBN2GFQEpURL/story.html>

[2] <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/boston-scientific-receives-fda-approval-of-first-in-class-s-icd-system-for-patients-at-risk-of-sudden-cardiac-arrest-171853071.html>

[3] <http://drwes.blogspot.com/2012/06/some-thoughts-on-subcutaneous.html>