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Dr. Peter Derks of the University of Toronto identified possible cancer stem cells in brain tumors.

In the past two years, cancer stem cells have gone from a theory on the fringe of biology to an idea that is attracting money and talent in cancer research. Last year a scientist at the University of Michigan announced the discovery of stem cells in breast tumors. In the past few months, a form of leukemia and two types of brain cancer were both linked to cancer stem cells, and scientists familiar with the work said it could indicate that cancer cells can become stem cells.

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\textit{By Jeffrey Kramer}

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As cardiologists across the country began to report failures in which a patient died, or had a heart attack, and another needed open-heart surgery, the companies shipped thousands more.

During a conference call on Jan. 17, 2005, with advisors and business partners to discuss how to respond to the growing problems, Boston Scientific’s chairman and then-chief executive, Peter Neumann, portrayed the crisis in this way: “Going into 2004, the company predicted it would sell 1 million of the stents. By the end of the year, it had sold 1.5 million.”

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By Jim Hlavac

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