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# Device Week, 14 November 2019 – Medtech Leaders Look To The Future At XMed 2019; Abbott Names New CEO

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In this week's podcast, *Medtech Insight* managing editor Marion Webb summarizes her recent interviews with Ted Tanner, CTO of IBM Watson Health, and Catherine Mohr, president of the Intuitive Foundation, during the Exponential Medicine conference in San Diego. And deputy editor Reed Miller discusses the appointment of Robert Ford as the new CEO of Abbott Laboratories, the latest in a recent series of high-profile CEO appointments in medtech.

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