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NEW COMPANY BRINGS FASTEST CT SCANNING TECHNOLOGY DIRECTLY TO CARDIOLOGISTS

Partners Imaging offers turnkey services to deliver diagnosis in-office

DALLAS, June 30, 2005 – A new company, Partners Imaging, has formed to help cardiologists acquire the most powerful 64-slice computed tomography (CT) scanners available, announced Michael C. Zucker, FACHE, chief executive officer and co-founder.

Acting as a financial, business and marketing partner, Partners Imaging offers a turnkey approach to place cardiac CTs directly into physicians' practices while managing the entire process, from installation and staffing to reimbursement and regulatory guidance.

“With more than three million diagnostic cardiac catheterizations currently performed each year, we wanted to make this less invasive diagnostic technology more accessible to physicians and their patients,” said Stephen R. Puckett, Partners Imaging co-founder and founder of MedCath Inc. “Physicians who want to be part of the next generation of cardiac diagnostics, but do not want to assume the entire capital risk, hire the staff or manage the operations, can turn to our company to make it happen.”

In addition to financial partnership, Partners Imaging facilitates the equipment delivery, installation, build-out and implementation of the operation. All aspects of staffing and training, data storage and management, and marketing and business development are provided. Partners Imaging also offers technology planning, data transfer, and storage management solutions and leverages technology investments to optimize value to their partners.

“Currently, there are less than 100 of the 64-slice CT scanners in operation in the United States,” Zucker said. “We are the first company to work directly with cardiologists and physicians across the country to bring this new imaging technology into their practices. Our goal is to be the market leader in partnering with cardiologists to provide this service to their patients.”

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Derace L. Schaffer, MD, co-founder and chairman of Partners Imaging and founder of Radiologix Inc., said this model will allow cardiologists to pursue a new avenue for diagnosis of cardiac disease with a partner who can provide the clinical knowledge and business expertise to maximize the overall impact on their practice. This model will also allow the cardiologists to focus on what they do best – taking care of patients.

“This is a very exciting time for cardiac diagnostics,” Dr. Schaffer said. “This rapid CT could reduce the need for cardiac catheterizations, a more invasive and lengthy process that is currently among the most common procedures for diagnosing coronary artery disease.”

The 64-slice CT scan is the only non-invasive procedure that captures images of the heart and arteries in less than 15 seconds, resulting in the fastest and most advanced method of cardiac diagnosis.

Partners Imaging works with the four equipment manufacturers of 64-slice CT scanners: GE Healthcare, Siemens Medical Solutions, Toshiba America Medical Systems and Philips Medical Systems.

For more information, the public may contact Partners Imaging at 214-521-7900 or online at www.partnersimaging.net.

About Partners Imaging

Founded in March 2005 in Dallas, Texas, Partners Imaging provides turnkey CT solutions for cardiovascular imaging to health care providers. Partners Imaging acts as a financial, business and marketing partner to place cardiac CTs directly into physicians’ practices while managing the entire process, from installation and staffing to reimbursement and regulatory guidance. For more information, visit www.partnersimaging.net or contact the media representative listed above.

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