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CARDIOLOGY ASSOCIATES OF NEW HAVEN RECEIVES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION FOR ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY

NEW HAVEN/GUILFORD/ORANGE/HAMDEN — The Echocardiography Laboratory of Cardiology Associates of New Haven has received national accreditation, making the practice one of only 10 in the state to receive the designation.

The Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories (ICAEL), with this accreditation, has formally recognized “the commitment of Cardiology Associates of New Haven, P.C. to continuing education (for physicians and technologists), the provision of quality diagnostic testing and maintaining state of the art equipment.”

With facilities in New Haven, Guilford, Orange and Hamden, the Laboratory provided 4,300 echocardiographic examinations last year. Cardiology Associates has been serving patients in this region for 25 years.

“Echocardiography is a complex imaging technique used to evaluate structures of the heart, heart murmurs, heart muscle function, or abnormal electrocardiograms,” said Jaime Gerber, MD, who specializes in the interpretation of Echocardiography and Stress Echocardiography. Using ultrasound, echocardiography enables cardiologists to evaluate heart function painlessly, safely and quickly in an office setting.

“This precise testing relies on the experience and training of both the physician and the sonographer. Their interpretive and technical abilities determine the diagnostic accuracy of the echocardiographic examination.” He expressed satisfaction that the laboratory had successfully undergone stringent evaluation to receive accreditation by the ICAEL.

Heart disease is widely recognized as the leading cause of death in America. Each year more than half a million men and women in this country die from coronary artery disease. According to ICAEL, one American dies every 32 seconds of cardiovascular disease, disorders of the heart and blood vessels.

The practice's Echocardiographic laboratory has seen "a 21% increase in testing in the past three years," according to Arthur Seltzer, MD, echocardiographer and a partner in the practice. "We are proud to be one of only five hospitals and 10 practices statewide that have received this accreditation," said Dr. Seltzer. "Our New Haven region patients have come to trust us to provide them with compassionate, top-notch cardiac care."

The group, which specializes in comprehensive cardiac care, is comprised of thirteen board certified cardiologists, plus physician assistants, and cardiac nurses.

Cardiologists include Vincent DiCola, MD, Jaime Gerber, MD, Eric Grubman, MD, Glen Henry, MD, Douglas Israel, MD, Steven Jacoby, MD, Christopher Loscalzo, MD, Sandip Mukherjee, MD, Daniel Price, MD, Donald Rocklin, MD, Arthur Seltzer, MD, Prescott Wiske, MD, and Steven Wolfson, MD.

Other Cardiac services provided include Nuclear Cardiology, Angioplasty, Cardiology Consultations, Cardiac Pacemakers, and Cardiac Defibrillators. The Cardiologists are on the staffs of both the Yale-New Haven Hospital and the Hospital of Saint Raphael, and can be reached at 203-789-2272 or through its web site, www.canh.com.