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### **Dr. David Cundey Receives CTA Board Certification**

**Aiken, SC – January 22, 2008** - Dr. David Cundey of Carolina Heart and Vascular Center is one of the first area doctors to become board certified in Cardiovascular Computed Tomography (CCT). He is one of 878 examinees (nationally and internationally) who sat for the first ever certification and have achieved Diplomate status.

Practitioners were tested in nine areas associated with cardiovascular computed tomography including interpretation of cardiovascular computed tomography images, radiation safety, technical aspects and patient management.

Cardiovascular Computed Tomography is emerging as an integral part of mainstream medical practice. It allows the physician to visualize the heart, aorta, lungs and coronary circulation and helps assess cardiac function. Images are three-dimensional, remarkably detailed and can be obtained within seconds. These images are used to detect or eliminate coronary disease in non-symptomatic patients, evaluate patients with equivocal results from stress tests, and evaluate patients with risk factors such as elevated cholesterol and diabetes who are not symptomatic.

Certification provides practice-based standards against which members of the profession can be assessed. The purposes of the certification program are as follows:

- to establish the domain of the practice of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography for certification;
- to assess the level of knowledge demonstrated by Cardiovascular Computed Tomography specialists in a valid manner;
- to encourage professional growth in, and enhance the quality of, the practice of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography;
- to recognize formally individuals who meet the requirements set by CBCCT; and
- to serve the public by encouraging quality patient care in the practice of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography

With Dr. Cundey's CCT certification, Carolina Heart and Vascular Center continues to establish itself as a leader in cardiac care in the CSRA region. For more information, contact the Carolina Heart and Vascular Center at (803) 641-4874 or visit [www.carolinahvc.com](http://www.carolinahvc.com).

