



PRESS RELEASE

Carolina Heart and Vascular Center Receives Image Testing Accreditation

Aiken, SC – November 18, 2008 - Carolina Heart and Vascular Center has accomplished accreditation in several areas including echocardiographic testing, all peripheral vascular ultrasound testing and nuclear cardiology testing from the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC). The IAC is a national, nonprofit organization which evaluates and accredits diagnostic imaging facilities to high standards, thus improving the quality of patient care provided in private offices, clinics and hospitals. The reliability of these imaging tests are vital to the diagnosis of heart disease and stroke. Part of the process includes a confidential peer review by members of the medical community. Accreditation is granted only to those facilities that are found to be providing quality and excellence in patient care. Accreditations must be renewed every three years to ensure high standards are maintained.

Carolina Heart and Vascular Center is currently working on accreditation for the CTA (Non-Invasive Angiography) and hopes to have that complete before the end of the year.