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PRESS RELEASE

Dr. Weems Pennington Joins Carolina Heart & Vascular Center

Aiken, SC - September 1, 2010 - Whether listening to stories of his grandfather delivering babies in his small town basement, or waiting in boredom in the emergency room while his father took care of patients with chest pain, medicine has always been part of Weems Pennington's life.

Dr. Pennington was born in Dallas, Texas, during his father's cardiology training there. He moved to Augusta, Georgia where he lived most of his young life. Four years of college at Furman University in Greenville began his strong tie to the state of South Carolina. He also met his wife, Adaire, a Charlestonian, at Furman. Weems returned to Augusta to attend medical school at the Medical College of Georgia. He then moved to Charleston where he was an intern and resident in Internal Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina. He spent one year doing bench research studying diastolic congestive heart failure at the Gazes Cardiac Institute. The next four years were devoted to his General Cardiology and Interventional Cardiology fellowships at MUSC. At the end of his training in 2007, Weems, Adaire and their two children moved back to Augusta where he practiced cardiology for three years before recently moving to Aiken.

Dr. Pennington specializes in diagnostic and interventional cardiology. He performs angioplasty and stenting procedures on arteries of the heart, neck, and legs to open blocked blood vessels preventing heart attacks, strokes and amputations. These procedures are minimally invasive and have largely replaced surgery. He also specializes in treating diseases of veins in the legs eliminating leg pain, swelling and varicose veins. Dr. Pennington also performs procedures to treat certain types of congenital (birth) heart defects using new devices to close small holes in the heart.

Dr. Pennington moved his practice to Aiken effective September 1, 2010. He believes Aiken is a growing and caring community, and is an ideal place where an individual physician can join an established entity, yet still make a difference with his excellent training and dedication. In addition, the community hospital, Aiken Regional Medical Centers, is devoted to providing state of the art cardiovascular services and excellent patient care to its citizens close to where they live. The physicians and staff at Carolina Heart & Vascular Center are proud to announce the addition of Dr. Weems Pennington, III to our practice.

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