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ARDMS and CCCVI Announce 2016 Merger Plans

(ROCKVILLE, MD, September 26, 2015) Two leading healthcare certification organizations, the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) and the Council for Certification in Cardiovascular Imaging (CCCVI), have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which will result in CCCVI merging into ARDMS in January 2016. This merger comes at an ideal time as ARDMS recently announced plans to expand its organizational structure in 2016 to include a physician certification organization named the Alliance for Physician Certification and Advancement™ (APCA™) and a parent company called Inteleos™.

Under this new structure, the CCCVI Certification Board of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography (CBCCT) and the Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology (CBNC) will become part of the APCA portfolio of physician assessments. The CBNC and CBCCT assessments will be managed by APCA Assessment Oversight Teams (AOTs) comprised exclusively of cardiovascular imaging physicians. Additionally, there will be a CCCVI nominated appointee to the APCA governance Council. APCA is committed to upholding the CBNC examination as an accepted pathway for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

“We look forward to welcoming CCCVI’s 14,000+ Diplomates into the APCA physician family,” said Thomas D. Shipp, MD, Chair of the ARDMS Board of Directors. “Together, this newly expanded physician community will create a multi-disciplinary healthcare certification organization and be a driving force in elevating the care of patients around the world.” Dr. Shipp went on to say, “CCCVI has a long-standing commitment to providing high-quality assessments and APCA looks forward to working with the CCCVI staff and leadership to maintain and grow a strong portfolio of global cardiovascular assessments.”

When reached for comment, Robert J. Gropler, MD, Chairman of the CCCVI Board of Directors said, “Throughout our merger negotiations, it has been encouraging to see how the values and goals of CCCVI align with the APCA mission of supporting physicians’ enduring commitment to continual learning and providing high-quality and compassionate patient care.”

The final merger agreement is expected in October 2015 and will take effect on January 1, 2016. For additional details regarding this merger, please contact Karen Caruth, ARDMS Chief Business Development Officer at 240-599-0055 or Karen.Caruth@ARDMS.org or Dawn Edgerton, CCCVI Executive Director at

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240-631-8151 or Edgerton@CCCVI.org. For more information about the ARDMS plans to expand its organizational structure, please visit www.ARDMS.org/2016NewStructure.

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The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS®), incorporated in June 1975, is an independent, nonprofit organization that administers examinations and awards credentials in the areas of diagnostic medical sonography, diagnostic cardiac sonography, vascular technology, physicians' vascular interpretation, musculoskeletal sonography and midwifery ultrasound. ARDMS credentialing programs (RDMS, RDCS, RVT, and RPVI) are accredited by ANSI-ISO 17024. ARDMS has over 92,000 certified individuals in the U.S., Canada, and throughout the world and is the recognized international standard in sonography credentialing.

The Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology (CBNC), established in 1996, and the Certification Board of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography (CBCCT), established in 2007, provide practice-based examinations against which practitioners may be measured. CBCCT and CBNC are divisions of the Council for Certification in Cardiovascular Imaging (CCCVI), an independent, nonprofit organization established in 2012 to enhance the quality of patient care through individual and multi-modality cardiovascular imaging certification of physicians. More than 14,000 physicians have been certified by CBCCT and CBNC in the U.S. and across the globe.

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