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The Alliance for Physician Certification and Advancement™ (APCA™) Welcomes the Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology (CBNC) and the Certification Board of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography (CBCCT) to its Portfolio of Assessments

(ROCKVILLE, MD, February 1, 2016) The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS®) signed a merger agreement with the Council for Certification in Cardiovascular Imaging (CCCVI) which resulted in the merger of CCCVI into the new ARDMS organizational structure as of January 1, 2016. This merger comes at an ideal time as ARDMS has expanded its structure to include a physician certification organization named the Alliance for Physician Certification and Advancement™ (APCA™) and an umbrella company called Inteleos™.

As of January 1, 2016, APCA will oversee the Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology (CBNC) and the Certification Board of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography (CBCCT) assessments. The oversight of the examinations will be conducted by volunteer APCA Assessment Oversight Teams comprised exclusively of cardiovascular imaging physicians and associated cardiovascular imaging experts, such as physicists and radiopharmacists. Additionally, former members of the CCCVI Board have been appointed to the APCA governance Council and the Inteleos Board of Directors. APCA is committed to upholding the CBNC examination as an accepted pathway for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

APCA will work over the next 18 months to seamlessly transition the CBNC and CBCCT programs into the APCA structure. During this period, the 14,000+ physicians who hold the CBNC and CBCCT as well as those seeking the credentials will continue to be served via:

- Websites: www.CCCVI.org, www.CBNC.org and www.CBCCT.org
- E-mails: administration@cbcct.org and administration@cbnc.org
- Phone Number: 240-631-8151
- Fax: 240-631-8152
- Mailing Address: 101 Lakeforest Blvd., Suite 401, Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Additionally, the staff of CCCVI became employees of APCA's umbrella company Inteleos as of January 1, 2016 and will continue to serve the CBNC and CBCCT Diplomates and Testamurs.

“We are thrilled to welcome our CBNC and CBCCT physician colleagues to the new APCA family,” said Luciana T. Young, MD, Chair of the APCA governance Council. “Together we are a stronger and more unified force in our unwavering commitment of setting the universal standard of patient care in the field of medical imaging.”

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“The timing simply could not be better for our merger with CCCVI,” commented Thomas D. Shipp, MD, RDMS, Chair of the Inteleos Board of Directors. “We have just launched a dedicated physician credentialing program, APCA, led by our long-time highly-respected volunteer leader, Dr. Luciana Young. I’m confident that current and future CBNC and CBCCT Diplomates and Testamurs will thrive in this new organizational structure.”

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Inteleos™ is a non-profit certification organization that delivers rigorous assessments and cultivates a global community of professionals dedicated to the highest standards in healthcare and patient safety. Inteleos is the umbrella governance and management company of the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS®) and the Alliance for Physician Certification and Advancement™ (APCA™) which represent nearly 107,000 certified medical professionals throughout the world.

The American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography® (ARDMS®) administers examinations and awards certifications in the areas of diagnostic medical sonography (RDMS), diagnostic cardiac sonography (RDCS), vascular technology (RVT), and musculoskeletal sonography (RMSKS). ARDMS credentialing programs are accredited by ANSI-ISO 17024. ARDMS has over 85,000 certified sonographers throughout the world and is the recognized international standard in sonography credentialing. ARDMS is part of the non-profit Inteleos™ family of certification organizations.

*The Alliance for Physician Certification and Advancement™ (APCA™) administers examinations and awards certifications in the areas of physician vascular interpretation (RPVI and RPVI-China), musculoskeletal sonography (RMSK), and cardiovascular imaging (CBNC and CBCCT). The RPVI and RMSK certifications are accredited by ANSI-ISO 17024. In 2016, APCA will begin awarding certificates in the areas of point-of-care ultrasound as well as abdominal*and obstetrics and gynecological sonography* (*exclusively for physicians in Latin America). APCA has over 21,000 certified physicians throughout the world and is part of the non-profit Inteleos™ family of certification organizations.*