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**IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Certification Board of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography  
*First Year Board Exam Unequivocal Success*

**Gaithersburg, MD** – on December 1, 2008, the Certification Board of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography (CBCCT) released the results of its first certification examination in cardiovascular computed tomography. Cardiovascular CT scan technology has developed rapidly over the past few years, providing a less invasive alternative to coronary angiography for the diagnosis and characterization of coronary artery disease. CBCCT is committed to ensuring that physicians who perform and interpret this new technology are well trained and competent.

The CBCCT Board of Directors is excited by this year's showing. In a statement, President Manuel Cerqueira said, "the high number of applicants and successful examinees in the first year demonstrates the strong commitment cardiovascular CT practitioners have made to obtain high level training and to demonstrate excellence in technical and image interpretation skills in order to provide quality studies for optimal cardiac patient care." Of the 878 examinees who sat for the September 22, 2008 examination, 715 candidates have now achieved Diplomate status.

The 4½ hour computer based examination tests practitioners in nine areas associated with cardiovascular CT that cover technical aspects, radiation safety and application of this basic knowledge to image interpretation and patient management. The 170 question examination had a high proportion of questions requiring interpretation of cardiovascular CT images.

The next board examination will be offered on September 15 and 16, 2009 in the US and abroad. Registration is expected to open in March 2009. For more information, visit [www.cbcct.org](http://www.cbcct.org). To request a 2009 Candidate Bulletin outlining eligibility or for further information about the certification program, email CBCCT at [info@cbcct.org](mailto:info@cbcct.org).

**About CBCCT**

The CBCCT is a not for profit organization established in 2007 to promote and enhance patient care by offering a practice-based examination that fosters excellence and encourages continual learning, and enables practitioners to document their skills and knowledge in the field of cardiovascular CT.

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