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CardiacAssist to exhibit and host educational symposium at “ACC 2009”

“Clinical Innovations Symposium” will feature presentations by Dr. Howard A. Cohen, Lenox Hill Hospital; Dr. Thomas C. Piemonte, Lahey Clinic; and Dr. James R. Revenaugh, Utah Heart Clinic/LDS Hospital

“The clinical experience with the TandemHeart System is now very substantial, with 1500 cases performed at more than 100 elite cardiac care centers across the U.S. We strongly believe that TandemHeart has the potential to transform interventional cardiology and cardiac surgery.”

Michael Garippa, CEO, CardiacAssist

PITTSBURGH, March 13, 2009—[CardiacAssist Inc.](#), a growing and profitable medical device company, announced today that it will exhibit its [TandemHeart® System](#) in Orlando at the American College of Cardiology (ACC) 58th Annual Scientific Session later this month. The TandemHeart is the only 5 lpm net flow, percutaneous "extracorporeal circulatory support" device approved by the FDA for sale in the U.S. All other heart assist devices—including Impella 2.5—are labeled by the FDA to be used for "partial circulatory support" with less than 2.5 lpm net flow. The TandemHeart device can be placed rapidly in the cath lab or operating room, providing effective, reliable, temporary circulatory support for critically ill patients.

The ACC Annual Scientific Session will be held at Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, March 29-31, 2009. CardiacAssist will be in **booth number 3181** with information and displays pertaining to the TandemHeart System. Additionally, CardiacAssist will host an educational symposium—**“Clinical Innovations and TandemHeart™ Support”**—by invitation only on **Sunday, March 29th, from 6-8 p.m. at Cala Bella Restaurant, 9939 Universal Blvd.** The Symposium will feature case presentations by **Dr. Howard A. Cohen, Associate Director, Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory, Lenox Hill Hospital, New York; Dr. Thomas C. Piemonte, Lahey Clinic Medical Center, Burlington, Mass; and Dr. James R. Revenaugh, Utah Heart Clinic/LDS Hospital, Salt Lake City.** Current and prospective customers are encouraged to attend and learn more about TandemHeart System utilization. ACC participants interested in attending the Symposium should visit CardiacAssist’s booth to receive an invitation. To RSVP for the event, please contact Monica Bush at 412-963-7770 x247 or via email at mbush@cardiacassist.com.

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“Clinical experiences with the TandemHeart System are substantial and proliferating,” said CardiacAssist CEO **Michael Garippa**. “More than 1,500 cases have been performed to date, and the TandemHeart has been adopted by over 100 elite cardiac care centers across the U.S. Last year proved to be the most successful to date for CardiacAssist, which reached new clinical and financial milestones.”

The TandemHeart System is fully reimbursed by Medicare under existing DRG codes. The device can be deployed rapidly in the cath lab or operating room, providing effective, reliable, temporary circulatory support for critically ill patients.

To date, the TandemHeart System has been used in 29 countries by 130 different facilities by 320 different physicians.

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