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## **CardiacAssist to Exhibit TandemHeart<sup>®</sup> PTVA<sup>®</sup> System at ISHLT 2007 Annual Meeting**

*TandemHeart System Now Used in Nation's Top 20 Heart Hospitals*

April 23, 2007, PITTSBURGH – CardiacAssist, Inc. a Pittsburgh-based medical device company that develops, manufactures and markets circulatory support devices, is exhibiting the TandemHeart System April 25-28, 2007 at the 2007 Annual Meeting of the International Society for Heart & Lung Transplantation (ISHLT) in San Francisco, Calif.

The TandemHeart System is now used in all 20 of the top 20 heart and heart surgery hospitals as ranked in the 17th annual *U.S. News & World Report* guide to "America's Best Hospitals." The TandemHeart System is also now being used in 100 hospitals worldwide. The TandemHeart System provides extracorporeal circulatory support through a percutaneous cardiac catheterization procedure in as little as 30 minutes.

ISHLT 2007 will be held this year at the Hilton San Francisco. The year's scientific session will include sessions exploring the latest advances and future directions in circulatory support. CardiacAssist will be in booth number 703 with information and displays pertaining to its TandemHeart System.

CardiacAssist recently surpassed its 900th successful TandemHeart System procedure, and the recently introduced Escort Controller™ component is now available. The Escort Controller is one of three primary components of the TandemHeart PTVA System. Weighing only 21 pounds, it can be mounted at bedside, on an IV pole or on a table top. It is intended primarily for AC power use, but has enough battery back-up power for an hour of operation.

The TandemHeart System is designed to be used as an extracorporeal circulatory support system for procedures not requiring complete cardiopulmonary bypass. The device has received FDA 510(k) clearance for use up to six hours and is the only FDA approved device of its kind in the U.S.

The TandemHeart System is significantly reimbursed by Medicare under existing DRG codes. The device can be placed rapidly in the cath lab or operating room, providing effective, reliable, temporary circulatory support. To date, the TandemHeart System has been used in 28 countries by 100 different facilities by 200 different physicians.

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