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CardiacAssist Places TandemHeart System at Three New Centers of Excellence

June 20, 2007, PITTSBURGH – CardiacAssist, Inc. announced that it has placed the TandemHeart System at three new medical centers. More than 100 hospitals across the U.S. and more than 120 worldwide now use the TandemHeart System for extracorporeal support.

The three new TandemHeart Centers of Excellence are:

- Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC
- NYU Medical Center in New York, NY
- INTEGRIS Heart Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK

The TandemHeart System provides extracorporeal circulatory support through a percutaneous cardiac catheterization procedure in as little as 30 minutes. The resulting increase in blood flow is up to five liters per minute (lpm).

“We’re pleased to have such prestigious cardiac care facilities join our centers of excellence that are now using the TandemHeart System,” said Michael Garippa, president and CEO of CardiacAssist. “The adoption rate for this technology continues to increase, and our clinical experience with the TandemHeart will soon surpass 1000 uses.”

Duke University Medical Center is the leading medical center in the Southeast, with a medical school ranked among the top three in the nation.

NYU Medical Center consistently ranks among the nation’s top hospitals in the *U.S. News & World Report’s* guide to “America’s Best Hospitals,” and it has been ranked among the top three overall best hospitals in the New York City metro area in *New York Magazine’s* “Best Hospitals” survey. INTEGRIS Heart Hospital is the largest and most comprehensive cardiac program in Oklahoma and has been named by HCIA, Inc. as one of the Top 100 Heart Hospitals in the U.S. The TandemHeart System is now in use at all twenty of the top heart and heart surgery hospitals, as reported by the *U.S. News & World Report*.

The TandemHeart System is fully 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 120 different facilities by 150 different physicians.

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