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Christiana Care Health System Technologists Certified in Interventional Radiology

Wilmington, DE, June 9, 2011 – Only five radiology technologists in Delaware are certified in interventional radiology. Four of them work at Christiana Care’s Center for Heart & Vascular Health.

Interventional radiology uses imaging technology to conduct minimally invasive procedures, such as a strategic placement of a blockage in a blood vessel in order to cut off blood supply to starve a tumor.

Obtaining certification from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (AART) is a rigorous process requiring long hours of study, as well as extensive clinical experience. In addition to written testing, candidates must document a minimum of 200 cases in at least 10 different procedures.

“This is a very significant achievement for the radiology technologists and exemplifies their commitment to excel in their profession,” says Billie Speakman, director of heart and vascular interventional services. “Our patients are sure to benefit from their advanced education and skills.”

The technicians who earned certification are: Kelly Mancuso, Debbie Manley, Debbie Springer and Heather Swope.

Expect those numbers to grow as more Christiana Care technologists take on the challenge.

“Our technologists work hard day in and day out to help physicians and patients,” says Mark Garcia, M.D., HVIS medical director. “That they are willing to take on the rigors of working and studying for certification is a testament to their dedication in providing the best technical care possible for our patients.”

Note to editors: high-resolution photos of each technologist attached.

About Christiana Care Health System

Christiana Care Health System is one of the country's largest health care providers, serving more than 600,000 patients yearly. A not-for-profit academic center, Christiana Care includes two hospitals with 1,100 patient beds, a home health care service, preventive medicine, rehabilitation services, a network of primary care physicians and an extensive range of outpatient services. Find more information at www.christianacare.org

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