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## **CONFIRM Registry Announced at AHA**

Vienna, VA (November 15, 2010) – CONFIRM Registry announced at American Heart Association (AHA) Scientific Session. CONFIRM is a six-country, 12-center registry of more than 27,000 patients designed to test the effectiveness of coronary computed tomographic angiography (CCTA) to diagnose coronary artery disease (CAD). Results from five CONFIRM studies will be announced at AHA.

SCCT's president-elect, Dr. James K. Min, is the lead investigator of the CONFIRM Registry and Assistant Professor of Medicine and Radiology at the Cornell University Medical Center/New York Presbyterian Hospital in New York, New York. Dr. Min said, "The international multicenter CONFIRM registry of more than 27,000 patients represents a highly collaborative effort of investigators at more than 12 centers who are examining the prognostic significance of coronary CT angiography findings. The CONFIRM data definitively establishes the prognostic value of CT-identified coronary artery disease, and the risk of death associated with these findings. We hope that the CONFIRM data will allow for earlier detection of patients at risk for adverse coronary artery disease-related events and will result in improved treatment and outcomes of patients with coronary artery disease."

Though the 2010 Expert Consensus Document on CCTA had declared evidence base for CCTA not "sufficiently mature" for clinical practice guidelines, the CONFIRM study substantially addresses areas the Consensus Document claims are evidentiary gaps. These compiled results are from studies and evaluations carried out over an average of at least two years, and with over 1,000 patients followed for more than four years. There is a strong expectation that more long-term studies will be carried out over the future. In addition, CONFIRM will encourage further development of large-scale multicenter registries, and plans to release more results as the studies continue to progress.

"CONFIRM is an important step in the validation of cardiac CT angiography. The size and scope of the project, coupled with the robust findings, should raise physician confidence that CT has an established role in clinical medicine", said Matthew J. Budoff, MD, FSCCT, Professor of Medicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine

at UCLA, Director of Cardiac CT at Los Angeles Biomedical Research Center at Harbor UCLA Medical Center in Torrance, CA and President of the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography.

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(SCCT) is the professional society devoted exclusively to cardiovascular computed tomography (CCT). With a membership of approximately 4,000, it is acknowledged and recognized as the representative and advocate for research, education, and clinical excellence in the use of cardiovascular computed tomography. For more information on the Society's Mission and Goals, please see the SCCT Website at: [www.SCCT.org](http://www.SCCT.org).