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COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY

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**SOCIETY OF CARDIOVASCULAR COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY (SCCT)
RESPONDS TO NEW STUDIES PUBLISHED IN THE
ARCHIVES OF INTERNAL MEDICINE**

Vienna, VA (December 17, 2009, 2009) – In response to the study published Monday, December 14, 2009 in the *Archives of Internal Medicine* regarding the risk of cancer associated with CT scans, the society has published the following statement:

Radiation doses with cardiac CT are now markedly lower than quoted in the study. Using new scan techniques, CT angiography currently affords lower radiation than cardiac catheterization and nuclear testing. Doses for calcium scoring approaches mammography, which is another approved screening technique. The lives saved from cardiac CT far outweigh the THEORETICAL cancer risk, but individual doctors and patients must always weigh their individual risk and benefit for ANY test. This diagnostic test has saved countless lives, and used properly, has the potential to do even more in the future, with continued and rapid advances in the field.

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About the Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography

(SCCT) is the recognized representative and advocate for physicians, scientists, and technologists who work in the field of cardiovascular computed tomography. With a membership of over 4,000, it is nationally and internationally viewed as the principal independent organization committed to the further development of cardiovascular computed tomography through education, training, accreditation, quality control, and research. For more information on the Society's Mission and Goals, please see the SCCT Website at: www.SCCT.org.

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