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SOUTHWEST MEDICAL ASSOCIATES ANNOUNCES NEW ADVANCED CARDIAC IMAGING TECHNOLOGY

- *D-SPECT™ camera provides sharper images of the heart in only 2-4 minutes*
- *Camera utilizing nuclear imaging technology the first of its kind in Nevada*

LAS VEGAS (April 27, 2009) — Southwest Medical Associates' cardiology department has acquired a new D-SPECT™ nuclear-imaging camera to help doctors improve diagnosis and treatment of heart disease for patients.

The D-SPECT camera, developed by Spectrum Dynamics, utilizes innovative nuclear imaging technology to provide sharper diagnostic images of the heart. These images are available within minutes while patients relax comfortably in a recliner. This is the first D-SPECT™ camera in use in Nevada.

Using very small amounts of internally administered radioactive materials (radioisotopes) and specialized imaging technology, the D-SPECT camera provides improved sensitivity by collecting photons using larger collection angles, a novel design of scanning solid state detectors and image reconstruction techniques. This technology is capable of acquiring patient data up to 10-times faster than a conventional sodium iodide-based system and provides clinicians with cardiac flow data.

“The D-SPECT camera’s nuclear imaging technology produces sharper diagnostic images to detect blockages and other significant problems in coronary arteries for patients for whom this test is indicated,” said Joseph Kaufman, M.D., president of SMA and a practicing cardiologist. “A quick, sharp image helps with early disease detection for appropriate individuals and is a much less stressful experience for patients.”

UnitedHealthcare has been advised on the use of D-SPECT technology by its external, independent Cardiology Scientific Advisory Board, a committee of national experts in diagnosis and treatment of cardiac disease. The application of this technology is also consistent with appropriate American College of Cardiology criteria. While D-SPECT may be used in a variety of settings, it is not necessarily a first-line diagnostic test for all patients.

“Spectrum Dynamics is pleased that Southwest Medical Associates installed the first D-SPECT camera in Nevada,” said Jim Haisler, CEO of Spectrum Dynamics. “We are excited to work with Dr. Kaufman and the cardiology team to assist them in providing cutting-edge technology to UnitedHealthcare’s health plan customers.”

SMA’s Nuclear Cardiology Department is accredited by the national Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Nuclear Medicine Laboratories. The D-SPECT camera at SMA is only the 17th currently in use in the U.S. The first cameras were installed and tested at Cedar-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, Baptist Cardiac Vascular Institute in Miami, and Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn. SMA’s D-SPECT camera is located in the Cardiology Department at 2316 W. Charleston Blvd. in Las Vegas.

SMA is a Las Vegas-based medical group practice affiliated with UnitedHealthcare, a UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH) company.

About Spectrum Dynamics

Spectrum Dynamics, with offices in New York, California and research and development facilities in Haifa Israel, is a pioneering medical device company focused on personalized molecular imaging and applications. Spectrum Dynamics will revolutionize the practice of nuclear cardiology, and eventually all nuclear medicine applications, by dramatically enhancing workflow and providing new clinical applications not possible with conventional technology. Additional information can be found at www.spectrum-dynamics.com.

About Southwest Medical Associates and Health Plan of Nevada

Southwest Medical Associates is a wholly-owned subsidiary of UnitedHealthcare and operates 14 medical clinics throughout Las Vegas, including several urgent care centers and an outpatient surgery center. The clinics are staffed by approximately 250 physicians and physician extenders.

About UnitedHealthcare

UnitedHealthcare (www.unitedhealthcare.com) provides a full spectrum of consumer-oriented health benefit plans and services to individuals, public sector employers and businesses of all sizes, including more than half of the *Fortune* 100 companies. The company organizes access to quality, affordable health care services on behalf of more than 26 million individual consumers, contracting directly with more than 580,000 physicians and care professionals and 4,900 hospitals to offer them broad, convenient access to services nationwide. UnitedHealthcare is one of the businesses of UnitedHealth Group (NYSE: UNH), a diversified *Fortune* 50 health and well-being company.

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