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**Dr. Charles Chambers Inducted as 38th SCAI President**

*Term to Focus on Society’s Continued Commitment to Quality
in a Changing Healthcare Environment*

**Las Vegas, Nev. (May 30, 2014) –** Today Charles Chambers, M.D., FSCAI, announced that the focus of his term as the 38th President of the Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions (SCAI) will be to further SCAI’s commitment to quality improvement in invasive and interventional cardiology. Dr. Chambers was inducted at the SCAI 2014 Scientific Sessions, where his Presidential Address featured insights into the future of the specialty and the organization.

Over the past several years SCAI has developed important quality-of-care initiatives, most notably the [SCAI Quality Improvement Toolkit (SCAI-QIT),](http://www.scai.org/QIT) which includes risk assessment calculators, peer review resources and pre- and post-procedure checklists that support the efforts of interventional cardiologists and their teams to enhance quality at their institutions.

“SCAI is the voice for quality in interventional cardiology,” said Dr. Chambers. “My involvement in SCAI over the past 22 years, as well as my primary career interests, lie in the area of quality. SCAI’s ongoing work in this area is a service to its members and the healthcare system, but most importantly to patients who have or are at risk for cardiovascular disease. This is one of the most important ways that we are furthering SCAI’s mission.”

Dr. Chambers is the chair of SCAI Cath Lab Survey Committee and former chair of SCAI’s Public Relations and Laboratory Performance Standards committees. (The Cath Lab Survey Committee the former is now SCAI’s Quality Improvement Committee.) He is a contributor to SCAI-QIT and has participated in numerous SCAI-authored and co-authored practice guidelines, appropriate use criteria and expert consensus documents on topics that impact the delivery of cardiovascular care. Dr. Chambers’s specific interests lie in the area of fluoroscopic imaging as it applies to patient, staff and operator safety.

During his presidency he will further SCAI’s quality mission through the SCAI Cath Lab Leadership Boot Camp, which debuted at SCAI 2014. The Boot Camp is aimed at standardizing and strengthening the training provided to those in cath lab leadership positions.

“The Cath Lab Leadership Boot Camp is a commitment across multiple committees in SCAI, including Quality, Education and Advocacy,” said Dr. Chambers. “SCAI is addressing a gap in professional practice. We expect it will have a significant and lasting impact.”

Board-certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular disease and interventional cardiology, Dr. Chambers is a tenured professor of Medicine and Radiology at Pennsylvania State University School of Medicine. He has served as director of the cardiac catheterization laboratories at the Penn State Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, Pa., for 20 years. Dr. Chambers is a member of the Board of Directors for [Accreditation for Cardiovascular Excellence (ACE)](http://www.cvexcel.org/) and a past member of the National Council of Radiation Protection.

Dr. Chambers earned his medical degree from the University of Maryland in Baltimore, Md. He completed his residency in internal medicine at SUNY in Buffalo, N.Y., and his fellowship in cardiovascular disease from the University of Vermont. He is a recipient of SCAI’s F. Mason Sones Distinguished Service Award.

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The Society for Cardiovascular Angiography and Interventions is a 4,000-member professional organization representing invasive and interventional cardiologists in approximately 70 nations. SCAI's mission is to promote excellence in invasive/interventional cardiovascular medicine through physician education and representation, and advancement of quality standards to enhance patient care. SCAI's public education program, SecondsCount, offers comprehensive information about cardiovascular disease. For more information about SCAI and SecondsCount, visit [www.SCAI.org](http://www.SCAI.org) or [www.SecondsCount.org](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5CKathy%5CDesktop%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CTemporary%20Internet%20Files%5CContent.Outlook%5CQPKMFQD1%5Cwww.SecondsCount.org). Follow [@SCAI](http://www.Twitter.com/SCAI) and [@SCAINews](http://www.Twitter.com/SCAINews) on Twitter for the latest heart health news, and use #SCAI2014 to join the annual meeting conversation.