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Florida Heart Associates Achieves MGMA 'Better Performer' Status For 4th Consecutive Year

(Fort Myers, FL) (January 23, 2009) – The Medical Group Management Association (MGMA) *Performance and Practices of Successful Medical Groups: 2008 Report Based on 2007 Data* identified Florida Heart Associates as a “better performer” because of superior operational performance compared with similar medical group practices nationwide.

Recognized in the categories of **Productivity, Capacity, and Staffing; Accounts Receivable and Collection; as well as Profitability and Cost Management**, Florida Heart Associates continued its efforts to improve efficiency while increasing the quality of care delivery for each patient. In order to continue its patient-focused vision, the practice uses a comprehensive approach to digital data technology, automated interfaces, electronic document processing and storage on a high-speed, broadband network, and using a combination of “thin” and “thick” client platforms, the practice is able to offer appointments quickly, gather and organize patient records accurately, provide relevant patient medical information to the cardiologist instantaneously, resulting in the timely diagnosis and treatment plan for each patient.

This is the fourth, consecutive year that Florida Heart Associates have been identified for the recognition by the national professional medical manager’s organization. When asked if it is difficult to sustain the achievement, the group’s Administrator, Mr. G. Phillip Lotti, said: *“When you have a practice like Florida Heart Associates, where the mission is to provide the highest quality of cardiovascular care in a compassionate, affordable and friendly environment without delay, the results recognized by this achievement, can only be created by a cohesive group of exceptional doctors, mid-level professionals, nurses, technologists, billing and clerical staff working as a team.”*

The MGMA report, a benchmarking standard among medical groups for nearly a decade, was produced using data from respondents to the *MGMA Cost Survey: 2008 Reports Based on 2007 Data* as well as data from a questionnaire that assessed management behaviors, practices and procedures of better performers.

About MGMA

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