

CVC Physicians Exceed National Benchmarks for Clinical Excellence in ACC PINNACLE Program

August 20, 2010 -- Cardiovascular Consultants, P.A. (CVC) physicians participated in the 2009 – 2010 report on Practice Innovation and Clinical Excellence (PINNACLE); a program developed by the American College of Cardiology (ACC) which collects and evaluates data based on proven guidelines and performance measures.

CVC cardiologists Daniel J. Fernicola, M.D., FACC and Maureen C. Fennell, M.D. FACC, exceeded the national benchmarks in the areas of heart failure management, pharmacologic therapy for angina pectoris and in the use of preventative treatments for atherosclerotic coronary artery disease.

Drs. Fernicola and Fennell are the first of the CVC physicians to participate in the PINNACLE data registry, which launched in October 2009 and is the first-ever, registry-based cardiovascular network management system. The registry links thousands of cardiology practices through the ACC's National Cardiovascular Data Registry® (NCDR), the preeminent cardiovascular data repository in the United States.

Physician participation in PINNACLE data registry is voluntary and rewards cardiologists through recognition of their commitment to a higher level of care. "We're pleased to participate in the PINNACLE program. It will serve as a way for us to measure the care we provide as we work to achieve the highest standards," said Dr. Daniel Fernicola. "Our goal is to expand our data reporting to include more CVC physicians in the coming year."

Cardiovascular Consultants, P.A. is a full service cardiology practice with two locations in Montgomery County, Maryland: Takoma Park and Rockville. CVC cardiologists have expertise in non-invasive, invasive, interventional cardiology, peripheral vascular medicine and intervention, electrophysiology and device implantation. For more information, contact Suzanne Quesada at 240-793-0788, or visit: www.CVCHeartCare.com.