

Allentown, PA – (June 1, 2008) Dr. Norman Marcus and Dr. Joseph Neri, cardiologists from The Heart Care Group, P.C., are included on the "Best Doctors in America" list for 2007-2008. The list is created by Best Doctors, Inc., which was founded in 1989 by doctors affiliated with the renowned Harvard University School of Medicine, is the leader in helping people get the best medical care.

Norman Marcus, M.D., is an Electrophysiology Cardiologist. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, and Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology. His special medical interests are Cardiac Electrophysiology and Arrhythmias. He holds his MD from New York University School of Medicine, New York, NY, and a BS from Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.

Joseph Neri, D.O., is General Cardiologist. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, and Nuclear Cardiology. His special medical interests include Transesophageal Echocardiography, Stress Echocardiography, Nuclear Cardiology, and Cardiac Critical Care. He received his DO from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Philadelphia, PA, and his BS from the University of Scranton, Scranton, PA.

According to Best Doctors, Inc., physicians are the most qualified to evaluate the experience and skill sets of other physicians. Therefore, they confidentially poll physicians in the United States who were previously on the "Best Doctors in America" list and ask them, "If you or a loved one needed a doctor in your specialty, to whom would you refer?" The only way a doctor can be listed in the Best Doctors database is to receive enough votes through this peer review polling process. Hospitals cannot make any payments to Best Doctors to "purchase" a place for their physicians in the database.

Best Doctors, Inc., states that the evaluation process is more complex than just this initial question. Each year, a new survey is sent to physicians in the Best Doctors database listing the names of others in their specialty. For example, cardiologists will receive ballots with the names of other cardiologists. They use the ballot to nominate other doctors whom they think should be included in the next round of voting. Since votes are submitted and tabulated over a 9-12 month period, the database is constantly updated.

The Best Doctors in America database has about 35,000 doctors in it. This represents the top 3% of specialists in the country. Over the last decade, Best Doctors has developed databases in more than 30 countries around the world.

The Heart Care Group, P.C., is the largest independent cardiology practice in the Lehigh Valley. A full service practice, they provide quality, comprehensive cardiovascular care that places the patients' health and well being above all other considerations. Their cardiologists serve the Greater Lehigh Valley and surrounding communities from four office locations.