

Allentown, PA – (July, 2008) Six cardiologists from The Heart Care Group, P.C. were recipients of outstanding teaching awards from the Lehigh Valley Hospital. Jason Fragin, DO; Bryan Kluck, DO; Martin Matsumura, MD; Joseph Neri, DO; Prasant Pandey, MD; and Melvin Schwartz, MD, all received outstanding teaching awards presented by the Residency and Fellowship Programs in the Lehigh Valley Hospital's Department of Medicine. The awards were presented on Saturday, June 21, 2008 at the Residency graduation.

Drs. Fragin, Matsumura, Neri, Pandey, and Schwartz were recipients of the Lehigh Valley Hospital's Department of Medicine *Top 20 Teaching Attending for 2008* awards. The Residents at Lehigh Valley Hospital select the award recipients on the basis of who they deem exemplifies outstanding teaching efforts in the Residency program.

Residents in the cardiology program at the hospital honored Dr. Matsumura by selecting him as the recipient of the *2008 Excellence in Teaching Divisional Award – Cardiology*.

Physicians in the Lehigh Valley Hospital cardiology fellowship program selected Drs. Kluck and Matsumura as recipients of this year's *Cardiology Fellow Awards*. Those physicians who are continuing in the fellowship program honored Dr. Kluck with the *2008 Cardiology Fellow Award*, and Dr. Matsumura received the *2008 Cardiology Fellow Award* presented by this year's graduating class of Fellows.

Jason Fragin, DO, a General Cardiologist, is board certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiovascular Disease. He received his DO from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Bryan Kluck, DO, is an Interventional Cardiologist, who is board certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, Interventional Cardiology, General Vascular Medicine, and Peripheral Endovascular Medicine. He is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Joseph Neri, DO, is a General Cardiologist. A graduate of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, he is board certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, and Nuclear Cardiology.

Martin Matsumura, MD, received his medical degree from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH. He is a General Cardiologist who is board certified in Cardiovascular Disease.

Prasant Pandey, MD, a General Cardiologist, is board certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, and Nuclear Cardiology. He received his MD from The Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine in Hershey, PA.

Melvin Schwartz, MD, is a General Cardiologist who received his medical degree from the Università Degli Studi di Bologna, Bologna, Italy. He is board certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiovascular Disease, Nuclear Cardiology, Adult Echocardiography, and Transesophageal Echocardiography.

About The Heart Care Group, P.C.

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 several office locations.

About Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network

Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network (LVHNN) is a clinical campus of Penn State University's College of Medicine at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center. A premier academic community hospital, LVHNN includes three hospital facilities - two in Allentown and one in Bethlehem - and Lehigh Valley Health Services, providing home health, hospice, pharmaceutical, and health management services.

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