



Thomson Prometric and CBNC Join to Certify Nuclear Cardiologists

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BALTIMORE, June 27 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Thomson Prometric, the global leader in technology-enabled testing and assessment services and part of The Thomson Corporation (NYSE: TOC; TSX: TOC), and the Certification Board for Nuclear Cardiology (CBNC), today announced their 3.5 year agreement for delivery of the CBNC certification exam through the Thomson Prometric testing center network worldwide. Physicians who take and pass the CBNC exam are certified in the practice of Nuclear Cardiology.

The CBNC exam integrates multimedia technology such as images and video clips of beating hearts and rotating torsos, mirroring what nuclear cardiologists find in real world practice. Test takers are asked to analyze these images and draw conclusions. The test takers are then scored on their accuracy. This type of performance-based testing offers a greater interpretive skill assessment and a more true-to-practice question set.

"We chose to partner with Thomson Prometric because of their willingness to collaborate, in ensuring that our exam's user interface reflects the images and color scheme of what nuclear cardiologists experience in real world practice," said Manuel D. Cerqueira, MD, President, CBNC. "And Thomson Prometric's test readiness study proved their technological capabilities and commitment to the integrity of our certification program."

The Thomson Prometric global testing center network offers a high quality, convenient and secure testing experience. The overall health of each testing center is regularly evaluated for effective service, environment and security.

"We're very pleased that CBNC has chosen to partner with us in the delivery of their well-regarded healthcare certification program," said Alison Indrisano, Thomson Prometric senior vice president and chief operations officer. "Delivery through the Thomson Prometric testing center network will ensure that only those physicians qualified to practice Nuclear Cardiology are certified, protecting the people these physicians work with and care for."

The exam will be available through Thomson Prometric beginning October 2006.

About The Thomson Corporation and Thomson Prometric

The Thomson Corporation (<http://www.thomson.com/>), with 2004 revenues from continuing operations of \$8.10 billion, is a global leader in providing integrated information solutions to business and professional customers. With operational headquarters in Stamford, Conn., Thomson (NYSE: TOC; TSX: TOC) has approximately 38,000 employees and provides services in approximately 130 countries. Thomson Prometric (<http://www.prometric.com>) is the recognized global leader in technology-enabled assessment services, providing paper-and-pencil, Internet and computer-based testing solutions. It offers a fully integrated testing system that includes test development, test delivery and data management capabilities. On behalf of 600 current clients in the academic, professional, government, corporate and information technology markets, Thomson Prometric develops and/or delivers assessments through a global network of testing centers in 132 countries as well as direct to candidates via the Web.

About The Certification Board for Nuclear Cardiology

The Certification Board of Nuclear Cardiology (CBNC) was founded in 1996. The CBNC is a not-for-profit corporation established to develop and administer practice-related examinations in the field of Nuclear Cardiology and to award certification to those physicians who successfully complete the CBNC examination process. CBNC is a fully autonomous entity, independent of any other association, society or academy. This independence allows the CBNC to maintain integrity concerning policy matters related to certification. CBNC works with experts in the field of nuclear cardiology, both from within the Board and externally in the development of the examination in nuclear cardiology. Since 2003, CBNC has collaborated with the Certification Council of Nuclear Cardiology (ECNC) to offer the examination in a European venue. ECNC has representation on the CBNC's Examination Committee. The CBNC issues a certificate to successful candidates who then may present themselves to the public as specialists in the field of Nuclear Cardiology.

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