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**DR. BENENATI NAMED PRESIDENT OF THE
SOCIETY OF INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY**

James Benenati, M.D., was recently named the 2010-2011 president for the Society of Interventional Radiology (SIR). SIR is a national organization of nearly 4,500 doctors, scientists and allied health professionals dedicated to improving healthcare through minimally invasive treatments.

"Now is an exciting time for the Society of Interventional Radiology as it moves forward with its mission to improve the health of the public through pioneering minimally invasive treatments for a wide variety of diseases," said Dr. Benenati, an interventional radiologist and medical director for the Noninvasive Vascular Laboratory at Baptist Cardiac & Vascular Institute. "Today, many conditions that once required surgery can be treated less invasively by interventional radiologists, and interventional radiology continues to be at the forefront of patient care," added Dr. Benenati. He is also the program director for the Institute's interventional radiology fellowship program and a clinical associate professor of radiology at the University of South Florida College of Medicine.

In addition to serving as president of SIR, Dr. Benenati is the president of the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories (ICAVL). ICAVL is an organization that standardizes and improves the overall quality of noninvasive vascular laboratories.

Dr. Benenati has lectured internationally, authored and co-authored numerous scientific articles, edited medical textbooks dealing with different aspects of interventional radiology and participated in clinical research projects on abdominal aortic

aneurysm repair with endografts, stents in peripheral arterial disease and prevention of restenosis in the femoral and popliteal arteries, including brachytherapy. He has also participated in national trials involving tumor embolization, such as uterine fibroid embolization, and has organized national educational symposia regarding fibroid embolization. Dr. Benenati received his medical degree from the University of South Florida College of Medicine. He completed a residency in diagnostic radiology at Indiana University Medical Center and a fellowship in cardiovascular and interventional radiology at Johns Hopkins Medical School.

Baptist Cardiac & Vascular Institute is an affiliate of Baptist Health South Florida, the largest faith-based, not-for-profit healthcare organization in the region. It also includes Baptist Hospital, Baptist Children's Hospital, South Miami Hospital, Doctors Hospital, Homestead Hospital, Mariners Hospital, and Baptist Outpatient Services. Baptist Health Foundation, the organization's fundraising arm, supports services at all hospitals and facilities affiliated with Baptist Health.