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**SpringBoard Healthcare Launches Online Electrophysiology Education to Fill Training Gap**

**Phoenix, AZ – November 10, 2016** – Reacting to a critical shortage of electrophysiology (EP) lab technicians and nurses who treat heart arrhythmias, SpringBoard Healthcare in collaboration with Duke Heart Center has launched an online education program to prepare EP workers for credentialing exams.

“With only two accredited schools in the U.S. that graduate less than 20 students each year there simply aren’t enough EP professionals entering the workforce,” Gavin Hays, CEO of SpringBoard Healthcare explained.

Springboard’s *EP Academy* offers a complete preparatory course for industry certification exams and provides continuing education credits. “We believe our training program will help hospitals across the nation improve knowledge and retain more of their EP lab employees,” Hays said.

With a drive to enhance EP staff knowledge and abilities, SpringBoard Healthcare and Duke Heart Center’s collaboration resulted in an innovative curriculum. Developed by leading cardiovascular experts, the curriculum can be obtained by hospitals, EP professionals and associated industry groups. The electrophysiology curriculum is available across multiple platforms, including web based and mobile applications. Additional custom features are also available.

The program, said Hays, “gives professionals the opportunity to study at their own pace to prepare for the Registered Cardiac Electrophysiology Specialists (RCES) or International Board of Heart Rhythm Examiners (IBHRE) certification tests, while also earning up to 40 Continuing Education credits.”

Duke chose to partner with Springboard Healthcare for this important innovation because of their training and educational expertise. As a result, Duke and Springboard signed a co-copyright agreement for the curriculum in July 2016.

“In addition to collaborating in the development of this online tool, we are also using it with our heart center staff,” said Greg Shelton, Director of Cardiovascular Invasive Labs at Duke. “We believe the training has been extremely beneficial to our staff and are confident that the enhanced knowledge and education will ultimately lead to better patient care nationwide.”

Currently among those using the program are Providence Health System, a non-profit with over 34 hospitals serving the western U.S. A training program for cardiovascular catheter lab professionals may be developed soon.

To learn more about the training visit, [www.springboardhealthcare.com](http://www.springboardhealthcare.com).

## **About SpringBoard Healthcare**

*SpringBoard Healthcare provides advanced staffing, training and consulting solutions, helping healthcare organizations and professionals deliver high-quality care. To accomplish this, the firm partners with leading hospitals and healthcare organizations nationwide to help them develop, staff, optimize and expand their cardiovascular service lines. By providing access to an extensive network of highly skilled healthcare professionals and best-in-class training, SpringBoard helps organizations successfully obtain and retain qualified staff, reduce turnover costs and enhance lab efficiencies. SpringBoard also provides specialized talent services and advanced online training for healthcare professionals helping them secure a rewarding position and build a successful career. Established in 2002, SpringBoard has grown to become a well-known expert, thought leader and sought after resource in this rapidly growing field. The company's annual wage survey is also considered the gold standard in the industry for compensation benchmarks. To learn more, visit [www.springboardhealthcare.com](http://www.springboardhealthcare.com).*

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