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## **EANS-Adhoc: LifeWatch announces the appointments of Dr. Andrea Natale and Dr. John F. Beshai to its Medical Advisory Board**

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Neuhausen am Rheinfall / Switzerland and Chicago / USA, May 12, 2009 - Card Guard AG's (SIX Swiss Exchange: CARDG) American subsidiary LifeWatch Services, Inc., the leader in the provision of wireless telemedicine services in the U.S., announced that Andrea Natale, M.D., and John F. Beshai, M.D., have joined the Company's Medical Advisory Board (MAB). The LifeWatch MAB is comprised of renowned physicians and researchers in the fields of cardiology and electro-physiology. In their capacity as MAB members Dr. Natale and Dr. Beshai will provide guidance and support in the development of LifeWatch's clinical strategy and patient care programs for Atrial Fibrillation and Syncope.

"We are extremely pleased and excited to have such esteemed colleagues become part of LifeWatch's Medical Advisory board", stated Harry Kopelman, M.D., LifeWatch Medical Advisory Board Chairman. "Dr. Beshai and Dr. Natale will accelerate our efforts and deepen our clinical expertise", he added.

Dr. Andrea Natale is a world renowned electrophysiologist and was the first electrophysiologist in the U.S. to perform percutaneous epicardial radiofrequency ablation, which is a treatment for people who fail conventional ablation. Dr. Natale has served as director of the electrophysiology laboratory at Duke University, director of the electrophysiology program at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, and as a professor at prestigious universities, including Duke University and Stanford University. In addition to serving on the editorial boards of numerous medical journals, he is editor-in-chief of the Journal of Atrial Fibrillation. Dr. Natale graduated summa cum laude from the Medical School of the University of Florence, Italy, and summa cum laude from the Catholic University School of Cardiology in Rome, Italy. He received his clinical training in cardiology at Methodist Hospital, Baylor College in Houston and at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, Canada. After completing a clinical fellowship in cardiology (electrophysiology) at the University of Western Ontario in 1991, he further trained in cardiology (electrophysiology) at the University of Wisconsin, Sinai Samaritan Medical Center in Milwaukee.

Dr. John Beshai serves as the Director of Pacemaker and Defibrillator Services at the University of Chicago, and is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine. Dr. Beshai has served as an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Emory University School of Medicine. He completed his fellowships in Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology and Cardiovascular Medicine from the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, and has a fellowship in Cardiovascular Medicine from the New England Medical

Center at Tufts University School of Medicine in Boston. Dr. Beshai completed his undergraduate degree at The Ohio State University followed by his Medical Degree at St. George's University in 1996. He served as National P.I. and Steering Committee Chairman for the Resynchronization Therapy in Patients with Heart Failure and Narrow QRS (RETHINQ). In addition, he serves as a peer reviewer for numerous journals including JCE, HRS, and AJC.

LifeWatch Medical Advisory Board:

Harry Kopelman, M.D. - Atlanta, GA

Dr. Kopelman is Co-Director of Electrophysiology Research and affiliate Scientist at the Piedmont Heart Institute where he has played a central role in the program's development and ongoing clinical and pre-clinical research.

John F. Beshai, M.D., F.A.C.C., F.H.R.S. - Chicago, IL

Dr. John Beshai serves as the Director of Pacemaker and Defibrillator Services at the University of Chicago, and is an Assistant Professor of Medicine at the University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine

Alan Kadish, M.D., F.A.C.C., F.H.R.S. - Evanston, IL

Dr. Kadish is a fellow of both the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association, and sits on the editorial board or is an Editorial Consultant for more than a dozen cardiology journals. Dr. Kadish serves as Senior Associate Chief of Cardiology at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

Andrea Natale, M.D., F.A.C.C., F.H.R.S. - San Francisco, CA

Dr. Natale is the Senior Medical Director of the California Pacific Medical Center for Atrial Fibrillation and Arrhythmia Program in San Francisco, CA. In addition to serving on the editorial boards of numerous medical journals, he is editor-in-chief of the Journal of Atrial Fibrillation. Biography of Dr. Andrea Natale

James Reiffel, M.D. F.A.C.C., F.H.R.S. - NYC, NY

Dr. Reiffel is a Professor of Clinical Medicine, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons; Attending Physician, Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center Campus.

Steve Prater, M.D. - Atlanta, GA

Dr. Prater is a board certified cardiologist and electrophysiologist. Dr. Prater completed his Electrophysiology fellowship at Loyola University of Chicago, and is currently a practicing Electrophysiologist at the Piedmont Heart Institute.

About Card Guard AG

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## Upcoming Card Guard Events

18 May 2009 Analysts' and Media conference Results Q1 2009

26 May 2009 Annual Shareholder Meeting of Card Guard AG in Zurich

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