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**Radiology Imaging Associates at Pembroke Offers New Techniques in Cardiac Evaluation.**

Radiology Imaging Associates at Pembroke, located in Waldorf, Maryland, has launched a new cardiovascular CT service using the advanced 40-Slice Brilliance CT imaging system from Philips Medical Systems. Brilliance CT produces simultaneous 40-slice computed tomography (CT) images every half second and offers physicians and patients dramatic advantages in speed, accuracy and the early detection of disease.

Traditionally, the evaluation of the heart and the coronary arteries is done using cardiac catheterization, an invasive procedure involving a catheter that is threaded through a blood vessel in your arm or groin and into your heart. It can be a very risky procedure and involves the administration of drugs and potentially a stay in the hospital.

Radiology Imaging Associates at Pembroke can now perform a state-of-the-art, non-invasive, pain-free computed tomography (CT) exam to evaluate the risk of heart disease without any of the risks associated with heart catheterization. RIA at Pembroke is pleased to offer this valuable, and often life-saving, procedure to the community.