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Robert C. Hendel, M.D. is presently affiliated with Midwest Heart Specialists, a group of more than 50 cardiovascular specialists based in the suburbs west of Chicago. He previously served as Director of the Coronary Care Unit and the Director of Nuclear Cardiology, Section of Cardiology at Rush University Medical Center and remains a Professor of Medicine at Rush. He was previously on faculty at Northwestern University for almost 10 years. He has authored more than one-hundred scientific papers and written two textbooks.

He has served at the national level as the President of the American Society of Nuclear Cardiology (ASNC). Dr Hendel was also President of the Cardiovascular Council of the Society of Nuclear Medicine. Dr. Hendel recently has focused his attention on quality initiatives for cardiovascular imaging. He is a member of the Appropriate Use Criteria (AUC) Task Force and Chair of the Evaluation and Implementation of AUC. He has also chaired the Writing Group for the AUC for the cardiac CT and magnetic resonance and the recently completed update of appropriateness criteria for SPECT myocardial perfusion imaging. Dr. Hendel also served as a Steering Committee member for the Duke-ACC Think Tank meetings on Quality in Cardiac Imaging. Finally, Dr. Hendel is the principal investigator for the American College of Cardiology (ACC) Foundation/United Healthcare Pilot study for the evaluation of AUC implementation, which is being presented as a Late Breaking Clinical Trial at the 58th Annual Scientific Session of the ACC on Sunday, March 29, 2009.