

Date: September 12, 2009, **REV 9/14**  
Client: Cypress Heart  
Medium: Internet Posting  
Tracking #: MC-CH-9104  
Job # / Title: 1170/ Dr. Stavens Neodesha Follow Up Lecture Release

CONTACT:  
Carol Tozier  
Cypress Heart  
Wichita, Kansas  
316-858-9000

FOR IMMEDIATE UPLOAD

LOCAL MEDICAL COMMUNITY LEARNS ABOUT  
RECENT ADVANCES IN HEART TREATMENT

(NEODESHA, KS) – More than a dozen area physicians, nurses and other medical professionals gathered in the Education Room at Wilson Medical Center Friday, August 14, for a “Heartfelt Healing Lunch & Learn” lecture presented by Cypress Heart cardiologist Gerasimos Stefanatos Stavens, M.D. Entitled “Atrial Fibrillation- Current Approaches to Management,” the presentation examined causes of the disease, its impact on the healthcare system, the relationship between Atrial Fibrillation and stroke, and recent advances in diagnosis and treatment of the disorder.

Atrial fibrillation is the most common rhythm disturbance of the heart (arrhythmia) and is estimated to affect more than two million Americans. During atrial fibrillation, the heart's two small upper chambers (the atria) quiver instead of beating effectively. Dr. Stavens talked about diagnosis and pathophysiology of the disorder, as well as management and prognosis for patients who are diagnosed. As one of the region's leading cardiology practices, Cypress Heart specializes in treatment of arrhythmias

through its Electrophysiology (EP) division, which encompasses not only medication therapies but also advanced treatments including device implantation and management of pacemakers, defibrillators and biventricular pacemakers.

The newest member of the Cypress Heart cardiology team, Dr. Stavens specializes in invasive and non-invasive cardiology and pacemaker implantation. A graduate of the University of Louisville (Kentucky), and the University of Kentucky College of Medicine in Lexington, Dr. Stavens received his post-graduate training at St. Louis University Hospital / VA Medical Center (Missouri), and through Fellowships at Long Island Jewish Medical Center (Long Island, New York), Duke University Medical Center (Durham, North Carolina), New York Methodist Hospital (Brooklyn, New York) and Hartford Hospital (Hartford, Connecticut). Prior to joining the physician staff at Cypress Heart in 2008, he served as Hospitalist at Midstate Medical Center, Meriden, Connecticut. He is passionate in promoting cardiovascular disease prevention and education, both in the community and in hospital-based settings. Dr. Stavens and Dr. Evans practice the second Friday of each month at the Wilson Medical Center in Neodesha.

- END -