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## **I<sup>3</sup>MRI awarded NIH Grant**

*STTR award to be used for plaque characterization with vascular MR micro-coils*

Cleveland, Ohio -- Interventional Imaging, Inc. (I<sup>3</sup>MRI), an interventional MR device company, announced that it has been awarded an STTR grant by the National Institutes of Health in support of the Company's project, "Plaque Characterization with Vascular MR Micro-Coils". The principal investigator on this project is David Wilson, Ph. D, Professor of Biomedical Engineering & Radiology at the Case Western Reserve University.

Speaking about this project, Ingmar Viohl, Ph. D, CTO for I<sup>3</sup>MRI said, "Under this approach, computer classification techniques will be applied to multiple MR images having different contrasts, and results will be statistically compared to pathology maps. If plaque tissue types can be reliably classified using micro-coil images, this should create extraordinary excitement in a marketplace clamoring for methods to diagnose vulnerable plaque."

About I<sup>3</sup>MRI:

I<sup>3</sup>MRI is a development-stage medical device company focusing on cardiovascular imaging and interventions. The company is developing disposable MR imaging catheters for vascular imaging, which aid physicians in the detection of atherosclerotic plaque in the coronary arteries and the treatment of atrial fibrillation. The new proprietary catheter technology contains coils that can be inserted directly into a vessel, and communicate with the MRI machine, representing a novel approach to MRI imaging within the body. For more information, please contact Bharat Chhabria at 216.255.9827 or visit [www.i3mri.com](http://www.i3mri.com)

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