



## Critical Diagnostics' Biomarker ST2 Included in 2013 ACC/AHA Guidelines for Heart Failure Management



Critical Diagnostics announced today that the American College of Cardiology Foundation/American Heart Association Task Force jointly released its expanded clinical practice guideline for the management of patients with heart failure and has identified ST2 “not only predictive of hospitalization and death in patients with HF [heart failure] but also additive to natriuretic peptide levels in [its] prognostic value.”

The American College of Cardiology Foundation (ACCF) and the American Heart Association (AHA) have jointly produced guidelines in the area of cardiovascular disease since 1980. The guidelines are designed to assist clinicians in selecting the best management strategy for heart failure patients, and have been adopted by most U.S. cardiologists and followed by many other countries in developing their practice guidelines.

“Having ST2 included in the 2013 ACC/AHA Guidelines is unprecedented,” notes David Geliebter, CEO of Critical Diagnostics. “We only received FDA clearance in December of 2011. No cardiac biomarker that we know of has ever achieved this acceptance so quickly.”

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