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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

CARDIAC SURGICAL ASSOCIATES IPA, INC.

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

ARTICLE I.

NAME

The name of this corporation is Cardiac Surgical Associates IPA, Inc.

ARTICLE II.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of this corporation and the mailing address of this corporation is 455 Pinellas Street, Suite 320, Clearwater, FL 33756.

ARTICLE III.

DURATION: EFFECTIVE DATE

This corporation shall exist perpetually, commencing as of January 19, 1998.

ARTICLE IV.

PURPOSES

This corporation may engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States of America and of this State.

ARTICLE V.

CAPITAL STOCK

This corporation is authorized to issue Ten Thousand (10,000) shares of One Dollar (\$1.00) par value common stock.

ARTICLE VI.

REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The name of the initial Registered Agent of this corporation and the street address of the initial Registered Office are Joel D. Bronstein, 150 2nd Avenue North, Suite 1100, St. Petersburg, FL 33701. The Registered Agent, by his execution of these Articles of Incorporation as incorporator, accepts the appointment as registered agent and agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative thereto, including the obligations of § 607.0501, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE VII.

INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have eight (8) directors initially. The number of directors may be either increased or decreased from time to time as provided in the Bylaws, but shall never be less than eight (8). The name and address of the initial directors of this corporation are:

Thomas E. Deal 455 Pinellas Street Suite 320 Clearwater, FL 33756

J. Crayton Pruitt, Jr. 455 Pinellas Street Suite 320 Clearwater, FL 33756

Baine R. Heric 455 Pinellas Street Suite 320 Clearwater, FL 33756

James A. Quintessenza 603 7th Street South Suite 450 St. Petersburg, FL 33701 Richard A. Murbach 455 Pinellas Street Suite 320 Clearwater, FL 33756

Gary H. Dworkin 455 Pinellas Street Suite 320 Clearwater, FL 33756

Luis M. Botero 603 7th Street South Suite 450 St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Hugh M. Van Gelder 603 7th Street South Suite 450 St. Petersburg, FL 33701

ARTICLE VIII.

INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation are Joel D. Bronstein, 150 Second Avenue N., 17th Floor, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701.

ARTICLE IX.

AMENDMENT

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, and any right conferred upon the shareholders is subject to this reservation.

ARTICLE X.

BYLAWS

The initial Bylaws shall be adopted by the Board of Directors. The power to alter, amend, or repeal the Bylaws or adopt new Bylaws is vested in the Board of Directors, subject to repeal or change by action of the shareholders.

ARTICLE XI.

INFORMAL SHAREHOLDER ACTION

The holders of not less than a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of the voting stock of the corporation may act by written agreement without a meeting, as provided in Florida Statutes 607.0704 and the Bylaws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned executes these Articles of Incorporation this 20% day of January, 1998.

Joel D. Bronstein

INCORPORATORSSEE, FLORE

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