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Vein Clinics of America Opens Enhanced Vein Center in Columbia, Maryland

VCA to Utilize Interventional Radiology to Expand Scope of Treatments

Columbia, Md. – May 10, 2010 – Vein Clinics of America (VCA), the largest medical group in the United States specializing in the minimally invasive treatment of varicose vein disease, has opened a new location in Columbia, Md. This location will add interventional radiology (IR) treatments to the full range of vein treatments provided at existing VCA locations, enabling patients to undergo a host of additional procedures. The new center will be led by Dr. Scott Buckner, a board-certified Interventional Radiologist, and is located at 10440 Little Patuxent Parkway. VCA now has seven centers in the greater Maryland/DC area and 36 locations nationally. For more than 25 years, VCA has specialized in a wide spectrum of vein disease, including varicose veins, spider veins and venous leg ulcers.

"Treating venous disease utilizing techniques from interventional radiology is a wonderful and exciting combination," said Dr. Buckner. "It allows us to maintain the high standard of care expected at VCA, while integrating additional minimally invasive procedures. These treatments are typically performed in a hospital setting, but will now be offered in a relaxed, accessible and safe outpatient facility."

Vein disease is more than just a cosmetic problem. Ignoring it can result in symptoms such as pain, fatigue, itching, burning and swelling. Sufferers can experience throbbing and restlessness, where they feel the need to constantly keep their legs moving. Vein disease is a progressive condition that will only get worse if left untreated.

VCA's comprehensive, minimally invasive treatment approach includes Endovenous Laser Treatment (ELT) and Ultrasound-Guided Sclerotherapy. The average patient requires Sclerotherapy in conjunction with ELT to treat the smaller veins. VCA's use of Sclerotherapy, combined with ELT, allows their physicians to treat the smallest spider vein to the largest ropelike varicose vein, and even leg ulcers. Neither option requires hospitalization or surgery. Instead each is performed in the physician's office.

IR is a subspecialty of radiology in which minimally invasive treatment or diagnostic procedures are performed using small catheters inserted into the body which are directed by external image guidance using live, intensified X-ray image produced by a Fluoroscope or "C-Arm." The treatments, which require a highly skilled, board-certified Interventional Radiologist and state-of-the-art equipment and imaging, address a broader array of procedures in new treatment areas including gynecology and urology. With IR techniques, Dr. Buckner and his team will be able to assess and non-surgically treat diseases at their source - via the venous system. This approach offers patients lower risk, less pain and reduced recovery time compared to invasive surgeries, and patients are often able to return to home or work the same day.

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Dr. Buckner is a board-certified interventional radiologist. He has received numerous awards throughout his career, including being named one of Washingtonian Magazine's 'Top Doctors' in 2010; he also received this honor in 2005 and 2008.

In addition to the Columbia location, VCA also opened a location at 5550 Friendship Blvd. in Chevy Chase, Md today. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-660-VEIN or visit veinclinics.com.

About Vein Clinics of America, Inc.

Established in 1981, Vein Clinics of America, Inc. (VCA) is the largest medical group in the country dedicated to the minimally invasive treatment of vein disorders. The physicians of VCA specialize in treating a wide spectrum of vein abnormalities, including varicose veins, spider veins, venous leg ulcers, facial veins, hand veins, Klippel-Trenaunay Syndrome and Restless Legs Syndrome resulting from venous reflux. VCA is a wholly owned subsidiary of IntegraMed, America, Inc, the leading operator of fertility centers and vein care clinics in the United States. VCA is based in Downers Grove, Ill. with operations in Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin and operates veinclinics.com, a leading vein care portal.

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