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Gurnee Physician, Thomas Lutz, M.D., Passes Phlebology Board Certification Exam Administered by the American Board of Phlebology

Gurnee, IL, July X, 2010 – Vein Clinics of America (VCA) announces that Thomas Lutz, M.D., passed the American Board of Phlebology examination. This recognizes him as one who has met the requisite standards of knowledge, skills, and experience to provide care to vein disease patients. Dr. Lutz is the practicing physician in VCA's Gurnee office. He was one of four VCA physicians who recently passed the board certification examination. VCA is the nation's largest group of board certified phlebologists.

"We are excited that Dr. Lutz has passed the board certification examination," said Ted King, M.D., FACPh, Medical Director of Vein Clinics of America. "VCA is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the treatment of vein disorders and has a specialized training program to help our physicians meet the highest standards for patient care."

To become an American Board of Phlebology Diplomate, an applicant must complete the requisite training or experience qualifications, meet the continuing medical education requisites, and pass a stringent certification examination. Certification periods are ten years and maintenance will be dependent on the ability of the Diplomate to display competency in four areas of assessment:

- Evidence of professional standing
- Evidence of commitment to lifelong-learning and periodic self-assessment
- Evidence of cognitive expertise
- Evaluation of performance in practice

About Thomas Lutz, M.D.

Dr. Lutz received his medical degree from the University College Dublin School of Medicine. He served his residency at the Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Ill. and is also board certified in internal medicine.

Prior to coming to Vein Clinics of America (VCA), he was a cardiovascular hospitalist at the Cleveland Clinic. He is a member of the American College of Physicians, American Medical Association and the American College of Phlebology.

About the American Board of Phlebology

The American Board of Phlebology is an independent, non-profit organization founded in 2007 for the purpose of certifying physicians who have met a defined standard of education, training and knowledge in the field of phlebology. The Board was established to improve the standards of medical practitioners and the quality of patient care in the field of phlebology and all aspects of venous disease. The Board establishes educational standards for training programs in phlebology and awards certification in the practice of phlebology. The first board certification in phlebology examination was held in Spring 2008.

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 the entire 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, IL with operations in Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin and operates www.veinclinics.com, a leading vein care portal.

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