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Vein Clinics of America Hires New Doctor for Chicago Clinic

CHICAGO (Jan. 5, 2005) – Vein Clinics of America (VCA), has announced the appointment of Satish Vayuvegula, M.D., M.S. as the practicing physician for the Chicago clinic.

Dr. Vayuvegula specializes in the treatment of venous disorders. He utilizes state-of-the-art endovenous laser technology along with the non-surgical, minimally invasive COMPASS™ technique of ultrasound-guided sclerotherapy. The COMPASS procedure has very few contra-indications, and can be safely employed to treat most patients with saphenous reflux. Additionally, it has excellent efficacy, with less than 2% long-term failure rates.¹

“Vein disease is an area of medicine that is unfortunately not treated effectively by most physicians,” said Dr. Vayuvegula. “Many of our patients have spent years suffering because they simply didn’t know where to go for proper treatment. Our patients are amazed at the relief and comfort they feel following treatment. As a physician, it is extremely rewarding to relieve the symptoms that can be so frustrating and painful for many of our patients.”

Dr. Vayuvegula, who will see patients at 645 N. Michigan Ave., earned his medical degree from Chicago Medical School in 1999 and completed his residency at Emory University School of Medicine and Affiliated Hospitals in Atlanta, Georgia.

VCA is the largest medical practice in the United States specializing exclusively in the diagnosis and non-surgical treatment of varicose veins, leg ulcers and related vein disorders. Unique to the treatment of varicose veins, VCA offers state of the art endovenous laser technology (ELT) in addition to their non-surgical COMPASS procedure. As a result, VCA meets the needs of each patient, providing treatment for the largest ropy varicose veins to the smallest spider vein. Procedures are performed on an outpatient basis and are incorporated into a treatment plan designed to lessen the possibility of progression and recurrence common to varicose vein disease.

Founded in 1981, VCA has 19 locations throughout Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Wisconsin. They can be accessed on the Internet at www.veinclinics.com.

For more information regarding vein disorders, ELT or COMPASS procedures, call VCA at 1-800-660-8346.

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¹ B. McDonagh, et. al., Efficacy of the Comprehensive Objective Mapping, Precise Image Guided Injection, Anti-reflux Positioning and Sequential Sclerotherapy (COMPASS) technique in the Management of Greater Saphenous Varicosities with Saphenofemoral Incompetence. *Phlebology* (2002) 17:19-28.