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**Vein Clinics of America and the American Vascular Association  
Annual National Venous Screening Program  
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**LAFAYETTE, Ind. — March 8, 2006** — On March 14, Vein Clinics of America (VCA) will take part in the country's largest, most comprehensive national screening program for venous disease. In conjunction with the American Vascular Association, the screening is an early detection program dedicated to improved vascular health. As a part of this public service program, VCA will conduct a free, comprehensive venous screening and hold an educational open house.

Varicose 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. Since varicose vein disease is a progressive disease, it will only get worse if left untreated.

VCA's comprehensive non-surgical treatment approach includes the latest in Endovenous Laser Treatment (ELT) and ultrasound-guided sclerotherapy. Sclerotherapy is a precise, micro-injection procedure that uses a medication or "sclerosant" to seal the abnormal veins. ELT, which is covered by most insurance companies, achieves the same result by using laser energy delivered through a tiny fiber that is inserted into the abnormal vein. Neither option requires hospitalization or surgery. Instead, they are performed in the physician's office. The patient can be back on their feet resuming normal activities the next day, or even sooner.

VCA is one of 50 specialized vascular centers this year that will perform this unique screening program. This program will assess the venous health of all participants and detect venous disease by scanning for venous reflux and examining legs for changes related to venous disease.

The screening is non-invasive, painless and risk-free. It will include a medical questionnaire, a professional examination of the legs and an ultrasound scan of the leg veins. Educational materials on venous disease and their prevention and treatment will be distributed to participants at the time of the screening.

Those who are interested in learning more about venous disease and this complimentary screening can call 1-800-660-VEIN at Vein Clinics of America.

VCA is the largest medical practice in the United States specializing exclusively in the 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 ELT in addition to its COMPASS™ protocol of sequential ultrasound-guided foam sclerotherapy. As a result, VCA meets the needs of each patient, providing treatment for the largest, ropey varicose vein to the smallest spider vein. Procedures are performed in the physician's office and are incorporated into a treatment plan designed to lessen the possibility of recurrence common to varicose vein disease. Founded in 1981, VCA has 25 locations throughout Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

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

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