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**NORTHERN COLORADO PHYSICIAN FIRST IN STATE TO OFFER NEWEST
TECHNOLOGY FOR PAIN-FREE TREATMENT OF VARICOSE VEINS**

Fort Collins, CO, April 4, 2007 – Dr. Steven Kaufman, a board certified surgeon and specialist in minimally invasive treatment of varicose veins and other vein-related problems, is the first physician in Colorado to use a newly developed radiofrequency catheter that allows rapid, pain-free treatment and faster healing of varicose veins.

As Northern Colorado's most experienced physician in treating venous reflux disease, Dr. Kaufman was invited by VNUS Medical Technologies to introduce its new VNUS ClosureFAST® catheter through his Fort Collins practice, Total Vein Care (<http://www.totalvein.net>)

According to Dr. Kaufman, the VNUS Closure technology enables him to use radiofrequency energy to close a diseased vein, rather than removing the vein itself. "I've been using VNUS Closure radiofrequency technology for years because it is so effective and easier on my patients than traditional vein stripping or laser," said Dr. Kaufman. "The new VNUS ClosureFAST catheter has truly made a great treatment modality even better."

Gay Dysert-Curry, one of the first patients in Fort Collins to receive treatment using the new catheter, praised both Kaufman and the new technology: "I couldn't believe how quickly it was over and how totally painless it was. Dr. Kaufman is an artist with this catheter, but I didn't even experience pain the next day."

During a February 2007 meeting of the American Venous Forum in San Diego, CA, Prof. Dr. Thomas Proebstle of the University of Heidelberg, Germany, reported on his six-month clinical trial of the new ClosureFAST radiofrequency catheter. Dr. Proebstle treated 194 vein disease patients with the VNUS ClosureFAST catheter in Germany and France from April through November 2006. Dr. Proebstle reported a vein closure rate of 100% in patients checked at 3 and 6

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months. He treated veins up to 18 mm in diameter and found no serious complications, e.g., deep venous thrombosis or thermal skin injury, in any patients in the study.

“ClosureFAST provides the ability to deliver high-energy dosage to obtain a successful treatment but almost totally without the disturbing side effects of laser. After my first 100 cases, I find these initial results very encouraging and look forward to expanding my use of this product,” said Prof. Dr. Proebstle.

Based on feedback from his patients, Dr. Kaufman said he will continue to use the new catheter in his practice: “Seven out of the first eight patients I treated with the new catheter reported no pain whatsoever.”

Dr. Kaufman personally conducts free screenings for people with leg pain or enlarged veins to determine if they have vein disease and could benefit from this new pain-free treatment.

About Dr. Steven Kaufman, Total Vein Care

Dr. Steven Kaufman is certified by the American Board of Surgery and specializes in the treatment of vein disorders, including varicose veins, spider veins, venous leg ulcers and other symptoms of venous reflux disease. As the only physician in Northern Colorado whose practice focuses almost exclusively on vein care, he has successfully treated more than 1500 vein disease patients since opening Total Vein Care in 2004, making him the most experienced and most skilled vein specialist in the region. Dr. Kaufman is an active member of the American Venous Forum and the American College of Phlebology. Total Vein Care is located at 1136 East Stuart Street, Suite 4102, Fort Collins, CO, 80525. Learn more about free screenings for vein disease by calling 970-498-8346, toll free 866-884-8346, or visiting <http://www.totalvein.net>

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