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**WORLD-RENOWNED MORRISON VEIN INSTITUTE CELEBRATES 10 YEARS  
OF TREATING PATIENTS WITH VEIN DISEASE**

**More than 18,000 patients have benefited from leading clinical care**

**Scottsdale, Ariz. – June 18, 2007** – Morrison Vein Institute announces that it has reached its 10-year anniversary milestone in providing patients with minimally invasive procedures using leading-edge technology for the treatment of vein disease. Founded by Nick Morrison, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.A.C.Ph., and his wife, Terri Morrison, R.N., the Morrison Vein Institute now ranks among the most respected, successful and advanced vein practices in the United States, attracting 1,800 new patients annually from the United States, Europe, Asia and Africa.

Dr. Morrison, a 30-year surgical veteran, is recognized as a world luminary who lectures nationally and abroad and trains other doctors and nurses in procedures for treating vein disorders. His practice has grown to three board-certified physicians, nine highly experienced registered nurses and 10 front-office employees at the institute's two state-of-the-art facilities in Scottsdale and Tempe, Ariz. Visual sclerotherapy, ultrasound-guided techniques and other procedures are performed onsite using local anesthesia, enabling patients to receive higher quality care.

Morrison Vein Institute was one the first practices in the Southwestern United States to use revolutionary yet simple procedures to replace vein stripping, an invasive, painful surgical procedure which can cause significant nerve damage and requires a long recovery. In 1999, Dr. Morrison became the first physician in the southwest to introduce the FDA-approved VNUS Closure® and Endovenous Catheter Ablation (EVCA or laser) procedures for the treatment of varicose vein disorders. He has completed over 2,600 VNUS Closure and EVCA procedures and over 60,000 ultrasound-guided procedures. He also is considered an expert in foam sclerotherapy, an affordable new treatment that fills veins with foam causing them to collapse and disappear.

“Patients with vein disease typically were ignored in the past. Today’s patients are absolutely thrilled to learn about affordable options and painless treatments that can be delivered in the comfort, convenience and privacy of a doctor’s office,” says Dr. Morrison. Many other vein practices still deliver care in surgical centers that lack personal, high-level care.

Dr. Morrison partners with Charles Rogers, M.D., who is board-certified in anesthesiology and has over 30 years of experience, and James McEown, M.D., who has over 28 years of experience and is board-certified in internal medicine and emergency medicine.

Early in the institute’s history, Dr. Morrison partnered with Diana Neuhardt, an ultrasound specialist at CompuDiagnostics, an imaging service that provides the most advanced equipment in the industry and has been a critical component in the practice’s success. The equipment has been effective in catching problems, such as reflux (pooling of blood in the veins) that still require treatment, but were missed by other imaging centers.

In response to Dr. Morrison’s reputation and a high demand for training in vein procedures, the Morrison Training Institute, the first official training institute for venous treatments, opened in June 2005. Here, Drs. Morrison, Rogers and McEown and the nursing staff train other doctors and nurses from across the United States and abroad, including Australia, Mexico, Latin America and Europe, in the latest venous treatments and all aspects of running a vein practice.

Training is customized according to the attendees’ specific practice needs and conducted at the Morrison Vein Institute’s Scottsdale and Tempe locations. The program emphasizes high-level patient care that is integral to the institute’s clinical and practice management systems. To date, 500 physicians and nurses have completed the training.

In addition to training physicians in closure procedures, Dr. Morrison has lectured internationally to both public and medical audiences on the institute’s research and the latest developments in treating venous disease. He recently returned from an elite phlebology conference in England, where he was honored as the only American who was invited to present to the most prominent phlebologists in the United Kingdom and Europe.

Dr. Morrison also spearheaded a first-of-its-kind annual medical conference of the 40 leading vein care specialists from around the world for a high-level scientific discussion in 2007. In addition, he participates in an annual medical trip to South America with Amigos de Salud y Amnesta, a non-profit organization he founded over 16 years ago to treat people with vein disease.

### **About Morrison Vein Institute**

The Morrison Vein Institute, with offices in Scottsdale and Tempe, Ariz., treats vein disorders ranging from tiny spider veins to large varicosities with ulcerations. Patients are safely cared for in one of the Institute's offices, eliminating the hassle and higher price of treatment at hospitals or surgical centers. Under the unmatched expertise and experience of founder Nick Morrison, M.D., F.A.C.S., F.A.C.Ph., Charles Rogers, M.D., and James McEown, M.D., and an R.N. team specializing in phlebology, the Institute offers the most up-to-date treatments, including VNUS Closure and Endovenous Laser Treatment (EVLT), two FDA-approved procedures that efficiently close varicose veins and ultrasound guided foam sclerotherapy. The Morrison Training Institute attracts physicians, nurses and ultrasound technicians from throughout the United States to learn Dr. Morrison's techniques. Dr. Morrison is currently president-elect of the American College of Phlebology. For more information, visit [www.morrisonvein.com](http://www.morrisonvein.com) or call 480-860-6455.

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