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American Vascular Association Annual National Venous Screening Program 2006 November 1st and 6th

Most comprehensive program of its kind to detect venous disease

Durham, NC — On November 1st and 6th, in conjunction with “National Venous Health Week”, VeinHelp at Southpoint will take part in the country’s largest, most comprehensive national screening program for venous disease. Sponsored by the American Vascular Association, the screening is an early detection program dedicated to improved vascular health. As part of this nationwide public service program, VeinHelp at Southpoint, along with other organizations, will conduct a free, comprehensive venous screening for thousands of Americans across the country.

Diseases of the leg veins kill and cripple thousands of Americans every year:

- Dangerous blood clots form in the leg veins of over 2.5 million Americans each year.
- These blood clots can break loose and travel to the lungs, killing up to 200,000 Americans each year.
- 10 – 35% of adults have leg veins that do not work properly.
- Half a million Americans have ulcers in their legs caused by diseased veins.

While everyone knows the importance of heart disease, few people appreciate the seriousness of major venous diseases. Even fewer are aware of the simple, non-invasive procedures widely available to detect these diseases.

The American Vascular Association has created a screening program to educate the public about venous healthcare problems, risk factors, and prevention and treatment options.

VeinHelp at Southpoint is one of 150 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, examining legs for changes related to venous disease, and assessing the risk of developing a blood clot in the veins.

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 diseases and their prevention and treatment will be distributed to participants at the time of the screening. Each participant will be seen by a physician or other vascular healthcare professional with expertise in venous problems. Each participant will receive a “Venous Report Card” as a record of their findings, to share with their own doctor.

Those who are interested in learning more about venous disease and the tests and treatments can call 919-405-4200 at VeinHelp at Southpoint.