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Dr. Alan G. Muench, MD Earns Certification by the American Board of Phlebology

Lewiston, Idaho 8/4/2008 - The American Board of Phlebology has announced that Dr. Alan G. Muench, MD has earned board certification in the specialty of phlebology by the American Board of Phlebology. Dr. Muench was board certified by the ABPh in July 2008. This is the charter class for ABPh, which includes 248 diplomates nationwide.

We are very pleased to announce this important accomplishment by Dr. Muench. His certification with the American Board of Phlebology reflects his knowledge and experience in providing patient care.

To become an ABPh diplomate, an applicant must complete the requisite training or experience qualifications, meet the continuing medical education requisites, and pass a stringent certification examination. Certification periods are ten years and maintenance will be dependent on the ability of the diplomate to display competency in four areas of assessment: evidence of professional standing, evidence of commitment to lifelong-learning and periodic self-assessment, evidence of cognitive expertise, evaluation of performance in practice.

Dr. Muench is also residency trained in General and Plastic surgery, and certified by the American Board of Surgery. He is the President of the Clearwater Vein Care Center, PC, and the sole practitioner providing advanced, full-spectrum vein surgery and medicine at the Center. The Center offers the endovenous radiofrequency ablative procedure as the modern alternative to traditional vein stripping. This is augmented by microsurgery for varicose vein removal, as well as sclerotherapy for the cosmetic treatment of spider veins. On-site venous Duplex ultrasound evaluations provide the diagnostic answers needed to formulate a comprehensive treatment plan for the patient.

The American Board of Phlebology (www.americaboardofphlebology.org) is an independent, non-profit organization founded in 2007 for the purpose of certifying physicians who have met a defined standard of education, training and knowledge in the field of phlebology. The American Board of Phlebology (ABPh) was established to;

1. Improve the standards of medical practitioners and the quality of patient care related to the treatment of venous disorders and all aspects of venous disease
2. Serve the public and the medical profession by establishing initial and continuing qualifications for certification and maintenance of certification as physician specialists in the practice of phlebology
3. Examine physician candidates for certification and maintenance of certification in the practice of phlebology
4. Establish educational standards for teaching and training programs in phlebology
5. Maintain a registry of individuals who hold certificates issued by the Board

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