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**Vein Healthcare Center Announces that Maine Phlebology Association
Will Host 3rd Annual Dinner Meeting;
Prominent Leaders in Phlebology Scheduled to Speak**

September 21, 2012 (South Portland, ME) – The [Vein Healthcare Center](#) announced that the [Maine Phlebology Association](#) (MPA) will hold its Third Annual Dinner Meeting in downtown Portland on October 19th, 2012.

The MPA is an organization for professionals working in the field of [vein health](#) in Maine, including [phlebologists](#), physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and ultrasound technicians. MPA participants address local national and international topics in phlebology; build community awareness about venous disease and its treatment; and— as with the annual dinner meeting— enjoy a venue for academic collaboration and camaraderie.

MPA founder Dr. Cindy Asbjornsen, founder of the Vein Healthcare Center and the MPA, is honored to welcome this year Dr. Robert McLafferty and Dr. Julianne Stoughton, two prominent leaders in the field of phlebology.

“Like the field of phlebology, the Maine Phlebology Association continues to grow,” said Dr. Asbjornsen. “We are fortunate to have two nationally recognized vein professionals join us in Maine.”

Robert McLafferty, M.D. is currently President of the American Venous Forum. Dr. McLafferty serves as a professor in the Division of Vascular Surgery in the Department of Surgery at the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. He is certified by the American Board of Surgery in general and vascular surgery, and offers specialty services in medical, endovascular, and operative treatment of arterial, venous, and lymphatic diseases. In addition, Dr. McLafferty has numerous publications in peer reviewed journals and textbooks, and he teaches regularly.

Julianne Stoughton, M.D., F.A.C.S. currently runs the Vein Center at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, and works at her private practice VeinSolutions. She is the Program Co-Chair for this year’s American College of Phlebology Congress. Dr Stoughton has been speaker, moderator, and course director for many national meetings, including: the Harvard Vascular Surgery Venous Course, the American Venous Forum, American College of Phlebology, American College of Surgeons, the Society of Vascular Surgery, Eastern Vascular Surgical, Society of Vascular Ultrasonographers, New England Society of Vascular Surgery, and others. She currently sits on many committees, and has been elected to the Executive Boards of the American College of Phlebology, the American Venous Forum, and the New England Society of Vascular Surgery.

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