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Dr. Louis Grondin Earns Certification by the American Board of Phlebology

Calgary, Alberta – June 2009 – The American Board of Phlebology has announced that Dr. Louis Grondin has earned board certification in the specialty of phlebology from the American Board of Phlebology. Dr. Louis Grondin was first board certified by the ABPh in June of 2009. This is the second class of Diplomates for ABPh, which now includes an exclusive group of 412 Diplomates nationwide.

It's with great pride that we announce this accomplishment by Dr. Louis Grondin. His certification with the American Board of Phlebology is a direct reflection of his skill, knowledge, and experience in providing quality patient care, and his continued commitment to the advancement of vein care. To become board certified is truly an accomplishment. Less than 1% of all Phlebology professionals in Canada and the U.S. have earned certification from the ABPh.

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 is 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. Louis Grondin is the founder and Medical Director of the Cosmetic Laser & Vein Centre in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. After receiving his medical degree from Laval University in 1979, he completed his internship at McGill University in Montreal. In 1982, he completed a year of Internal Medicine at the University of Calgary, Foothills Hospital. Subsequently, he trained in Phlebology and Angiology in Montreal and Europe. In 2006, he received an d MBA from the University of Calgary. He is trilingual and enjoys communicating to his patients in English, French and Spanish.

Dr. Grondin opened the first outpatient vein clinic in Western Canada in 1985. Echosclerotherapy and ultrasound cartography was performed for the first time in Canada at his clinic. Dr. Grondin pioneered the ultrasound guided catheter injection (Echosclerotherapy with Catheter). To date this technique has not been associated with accidental arterial injection. Foam Sclerotherapy was first introduced to Canada at his centre. In 1998 the center became an Accredited Non-Hospital Surgical Facility.

In 2003 Endovenous Laser Surgery (ELVeS) was introduced to the practice. Within a short time, he combined foam Sclerotherapy with endovenous laser surgery.

He was instrumental in the organization of medical and cosmetic meetings and workshops in Canada and abroad. He has been invited to present at medical conferences, and to be a participant on white papers and consensus meetings. He continues to attend meetings and workshops to expand his knowledge.

Offices and Fellowships:

- Past President of the Canadian Society of Phlebology
- Past Vice President of the International Union of Phlebology
- Fellow of the American College of Phlebology

- Fellow Emeritus of the Australasian College of Phlebology

Memberships:

- The Canadian Society of Phlebology
- The American College of Phlebology
- The American Society of Ambulatory Phlebectomy
- The American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery
- The American Society of Lipo-Suction Surgery

Honorary member of:

- International Union of Phlebology
- Pan American Society of Phlebology
- Ecuadorian Society of Phlebology

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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