

## Press Release

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### **Albert Vein Institute receives Vein Center accreditation by the IAC**

More than one half of Americans age 50 and older are affected by varicose veins. Varicose veins occur when the valves in the leg veins no longer function, causing blood to pool in the legs. In some cases, this condition progresses to a more serious form of venous disease called chronic venous insufficiency (CVI).

Whether to relieve symptoms and/or improve appearance, treating varicose veins can be performed by vein centers that specialize in the evaluation and management of superficial venous disorders. There are many facets that contribute to a positive patient outcome; successful treatment of the venous disorder, the training and experience of the vein specialist performing the procedure, the type of equipment used and the quality assessment metrics each facility is required to measure.

### **Albert Vein Institute located in Colorado Springs, CO has been granted accreditation in Superficial Venous Evaluation and Management by the Intersocietal Accreditation Commission (IAC).**

Accreditation by the IAC means that Albert Vein Institute has voluntarily undergone a thorough review of its operational and technical components by a panel of experts. The IAC grants accreditation only to those facilities that are found to be providing quality patient care, in compliance with national standards through a comprehensive application process including a detailed review of selected patient procedures.

IAC accreditation is a "seal of approval" that patients can rely on as an indication that the vein center's processes and procedures have been carefully evaluated by medical experts in the field of treatment and management of superficial venous disorders. When scheduling a vein center procedure, patients are encouraged to inquire as to the accreditation status of the facility where their treatment and management will be performed and can learn more by visiting [www.intersocietal.org/vein/main/patients.htm](http://www.intersocietal.org/vein/main/patients.htm).

IAC accreditation is widely respected within the medical community, as illustrated by the support of the national medical societies related to superficial venous disorders, which include physicians, physician extenders, nurses and ultrasound technologists.

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