

New Varicose Vein Treatment Featured on KGO 7 News In San Francisco

/EINPresswire.com/ <u>Laser Light Treatment Center</u> medical director <u>Dr. Joel Erickson</u> shows how his patient "Raquel" is treated with Laser Vein Ablation for her varicose leg veins. The story airs tonight, March 25th on the 11:00 p.m. news on Channel 7.

San Francisco, CA - Raquel is a 30-something Bay Area resident who was unhappy with her legs: her varicose veins were unsightly and becoming increasingly painful. Raquel, who is very athletic enjoys running and biking among other activities. Raquel's treatment at Laser Light Treatment Center will be seen on the Channel 7 news story along with another female patient who will show her results with Laser Vein Ablation.



Example of before-after results of varicose vein treatment

"People of all ages can develop varicose veins," says Dr. Joel Erickson, medical director of Laser Light Treatment Center and an interventional cardiologist with over 25 years experience. Many patients with the worst varicose veins tell us they began to experience their symptoms as early as their teens or early twenties."

For many, varicose veins are a cosmetic concern, but they can also lead to serious health issues including circulatory problems and blood clots. Dr. Erickson says that varicose veins can develop when veins near the surface of the skin stretch, bulge, and twist. "If left untreated, these veins often cause leg pain, swollen ankles and even fatigue," he says.

With Laser Vein Ablation, laser energy is delivered to the inside of the vein through a catheter and the affected vein is destroyed," says Dr. Erickson. The treatment is minimally invasive and takes under an hour, and is done under local anesthesia," he says. "Until recently, patients had to wait until their varicose veins became large enough to remove with more invasive surgical procedures like vein stripping," says Dr. Erickson. "Now we can treat the affected veins much earlier to relieve a patient's symptoms while improving the leg's aesthetic appearance."

"After treatment our patients can usually drive themselves home and we encourage them to exercise" says Dr. Erickson.

For more information call Laser Light Treatment Center in Novato, CA at 415-892-9550 or visit www.laserlight.org

About Laser Light Treatment Center:

Founded by Palmer H. White, M.D, prominent Northern California vascular surgeon, now owned and operated by Joel S. Erickson, MD, a respected interventional cardiologist, Laser Light Treatment Center, with its highly trained staff of physicians and nurses offers some of the most advanced and exciting laser procedures available today.

About Dr. Joel Erickson:

Dr. Erickson is an Interventional Cardiologist who specializes in leg vein treatment. As a native of California he attended Stanford University for undergraduate studies graduating "With Distinction". He attended U.C. San Diego Medical School and stayed on for his Internship and Residency in Internal Medicine. He did his fellowship in Cardiovascular Disease at U.C. San Diego Medical Center and was a Postdoctoral Scholar and Interventional Cardiology Fellow there as well. Dr. Erickson is a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology. He has performed thousands of leg vein procedures and is a leader in this field.

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