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Center for Vein Restoration Joined by Acclaimed Cardiologist – Dr. Michael Aikens

Dr. Aikens brings 26 years of experience; former owner & CEO of Opelika Cardiovascular Associates, P.C.

OCTOBER 2018, GREENBELT, MD: Center for Vein Restoration (CVR) is proud to announce the addition of Michael L. Aikens, MD to its expanding and esteemed roster of physicians treating venous disease throughout the country. His practice in Opelika will be the second CVR location in Alabama alongside Dr. Kenneth Todd's Dothan practice. Dr. Michael Aikens comes to CVR after 26 years as a practicing cardiologist. He has been a staple of the Opelika, AL community since 2002, most recently as the owner and CEO of Opelika Cardiovascular and Associates, P.C. He will be practicing in the Center for Vein Restoration location in Opelika, AL starting in October of 2018.

Dr. Aikens became interested in phlebology during his cardiology fellowship at University of Alabama at Birmingham. "What interests me most about venous disease is the opportunity I have to improve people's health and their lives. I can help stop this chronic disease."

Dr. Sanjiv Lakhanpal, CEO; Dr. Khanh Q. Nguyen, Corporate Medical Officer; Ken Abod, CFO; and Neil Collier, Chief Operating Officer, at CVR are all pleased to welcome Dr. Aikens to the company. "We are honored to be part of this community and serve to improve it," added Dr. Lakhanpal.

The addition of Dr. Aikens is another example of Center for Vein Restoration's dedication to patient care. His past patients revere him for his impeccable bedside manner and his commitment to their positive health outcomes. "Dr. Aikens and his decades of experience, providing world-class care to the people of Opelika will enable CVR to further our mission of 'improve lives in the communities we serve by providing state-of-the-art vascular care in a compassionate and affordable manner,'" Dr. Lakhanpal concluded.

Dr. Aikens' accomplishments and accreditations also include:

- Former Managing Partner, East Alabama Cardiovascular & Associates
- Recipient, J. Claude Bennett Award for Excellence in Research
- Member, Association of Black Cardiologists

ABOUT VENOUS INSUFFICIENCY

Venous insufficiency, the cause of significant suffering due to the sequelae of venous hypertension, most commonly arises as achy, tired and heavy legs. It may or may not be associated with varicose veins, spider veins or skin changes including venous ulcerations and indiscriminately affects between 30–40 million Americans. Numerous factors including age, weight, prolonged sitting or standing, genetics or a history of DVT (blood clots) can increase the risk of developing this common and often underdiagnosed disorder. Treatment options have evolved to an array of minimally invasive procedures in an office setting.

ABOUT CENTER FOR VEIN RESTORATION

Center for Vein Restoration (CVR) is the largest physician led practice treating venous disease in the country. Having performed its first procedure in 2007 under President and CEO Dr. Sanjiv Lakhanpal, Center for Vein Restoration has since become a nationally recognized leader in the treatment of Chronic Venous Insufficiency. With 70 centers and growing, CVR has over 400 employees and conducts over 100,000 patient interactions each year. To learn more about CVR and its mission, visit www.centerforvein.com or by phone at 1-800-FIX-LEGS.

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