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## **Dr. David Richard Fern Earns Certification by the American Board of Phlebology**

**Atlanta, Georgia** August 5, 2008 – The American Board of Phlebology has announced that David R. Fern has earned board certification in the specialty of phlebology by the American Board of Phlebology. Dr. David R. Fern was board certified by the ABPh in July 2008. This is the charter class for ABPh, which includes 248 diplomates nationwide.

We are very pleased to announce this important accomplishment by Dr. Fern. His certification with the American Board of Phlebology reflects **his** knowledge and experience in providing patient care.

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 will be 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. David R. Fern is the founder and director of Vein and Skin Laser Center. He is board certified by the American Board of Surgery and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Fern is associated with Dekalb Surgical Associates.**

The American Board of Phlebology ([www.americaboardofphlebology.org](http://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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