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Free Varicose Vein Screening at North Arkansas Regional Medical Center

(Harrison) - Over 25 million people in the United State suffer from symptomatic venous insufficiency, the underlying cause of varicose veins. Varicose veins are often mistakenly thought to be only a cosmetic condition when, in fact, they are usually a symptom of this disease. This condition progressively damages the valves of the saphenous vein and cosmetically disfigures the leg. Some common symptoms of venous insufficiency are:

- Varicose veins
- Burning or itching of the skin
- Color and texture changes of the skin
- Aching, tired or weak legs, especially after long periods of standing or sitting
- Swollen legs and/or ankles (edema)
- Poorly-healing wounds, such as skin ulcers commonly above the medial malleolus

We know that swollen legs are not exclusively a result of chronic venous insufficiency, nor are ulcers exclusively a diabetes complication. Overlooking a correct diagnosis may lead to an ineffective therapy. Furthermore, a conservative treatment often fails to address the underlying disease. Key facts to consider are:

1. Compression stockings only temporarily alleviate the symptoms of venous reflux.
2. Varicose veins are usually a symptom of an underlying, treatable saphenous vein reflux disease.
3. Venous disease is progressive in nature and may worsen if left untreated.

On Friday, November 22, 2013, 7:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m., NARMC will host a free Varicose Vein Screening. The event will be held in the Claude Parrish Radiation Therapy Institute of North Arkansas Regional Medical Center. You must call 870-414-4300, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Friday, November 15th through Friday, November 22nd at 9:00 a.m. (weekdays only) to make an appointment for the FREE screening.

Working together, we can provide patients who suffer from varicose veins and the symptoms of underlying venous insufficiency patient-friendly and clinically-proven solutions.

