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**The Oregon Clinic's Pacific Northwest Vein Center  
Earns Prestigious Accreditation**

*The Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories Awards  
"Seal of Approval" for Operational and Technical Excellence*

**Portland, Ore., Nov. 30, 2011** – The Pacific Northwest Vein Center, a service of The Oregon Clinic, has been granted a three-year term of accreditation by the Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories (ICAVL). The Pacific Northwest Vein Center was accredited in the area of peripheral venous testing.

Vascular procedures, including peripheral venous testing, are used to detect life-threatening heart disorders, stroke and other diseases. The accuracy of diagnoses based upon vascular testing is dependent upon the skill of the vascular technologist, the type of equipment used and the expertise of the interpreting physician.

Accreditation by the ICAVL means that the Pacific Northwest Vein Center has undergone a thorough review of its operational and technical components by a panel of experts. ICAVL accreditation is an extensive process involving detailed case study review, strict adherence to national standards and comprehensive examination of the facility's operations.

The accreditation is widely recognized by the medical community as a mark of excellence. In addition, some insurance companies require their providers of vascular medicine to be accredited.

"We are pleased to earn this respected and prestigious designation," says Dr. Jason Gilster, surgeon with The Oregon Clinic's Pacific Northwest Vein Center. "Most importantly, it illustrates the outstanding skills of our physicians and technologists."

This designation verifies our state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment and our quality assurance measures.”

ICAVL accreditation is a "seal of approval" that patients can rely on as an indication that the facility has been carefully critiqued on all aspects of its operations considered relevant by medical experts in the field of vascular medicine. When scheduled for a vascular procedure, patients are encouraged to inquire as to the accreditation status of the facility where their examination will be performed and can learn more by visiting [www.icavl.org/icavl/main/patients.htm](http://www.icavl.org/icavl/main/patients.htm).

### **About The Oregon Clinic**

The Oregon Clinic is the largest private specialty physician practice in Oregon, with more than 140 providers practicing over 30 different medical and surgical specialties and sub-specialties. We use a team approach to address health conditions at more than 15 locations from Vancouver to Salem, and from Hood River to Astoria. Founded in Portland in 1994, our physicians and staff are committed to delivering the highest quality patient care, practicing evidence-based medicine, and providing leadership for the healthcare community. Visit [www.orclinic.com](http://www.orclinic.com) or call 503-935-8000 for more information.