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ILLINOIS PAIN INSTITUTE PERFORMS PERCUTANEOUS VERTEBROPLASTY

Unique, Cutting-Edge Procedure Treats Non-Acute Pain

(Elgin, IL) September 2005- The Illinois Pain Institute announced today that their doctors are performing Percutaneous Vertebroplasty, a minimally invasive treatment for non-acute pain stemming from osteoporotic fractures.

Vertebroplasty is designed to generate long-term pain relief for patients who would have no other options. It involves the injection of medical grade cement into a fractured vertebral body. This process stabilizes the fracture, allowing most patients to resume normal activity.

The procedure usually only takes a few hours and most patients go home the same day. A recent study published in the *Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology* shows that 75 to 90 percent of people treated with Vertebroplasty will experience a complete or significant reduction in pain.

Candidates for the procedure include men and women who have non-acute back pain and debilitation (lasting four or more weeks) due to a vertebral body fracture. Most patients are elderly (average age 70 years), but younger patients with osteoporosis, due to metabolic disorders or long-term steroid treatment, may also benefit from Vertebroplasty.

If you believe you are a candidate for the procedure, speak to your primary physician, who may refer you to a pain physician.

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About Illinois Pain Institute

The Illinois Pain Institute specializes in the precise diagnosis and treatment of neck, back, headache and other painful conditions. Led by John V. Prunskis, M.D., FIPP, Terri Dallas-Prunskis, M.D. and Maunak V. Rana, M.D., the practice operates four office-based pain management centers located in Elgin (431 Summit St.), McHenry (4309 Medical Center Drive, Suite B103), Elk Grove Village (850 Biesterfield Road, Suite 2012, Brock Building) and Woodstock (3703 Doty Road #3). The Illinois Pain Institute is the longest established multi-site interventional pain practice in Illinois. For additional information about the Illinois Pain Institute, please call 847-289-8822 or 1-800-340-PAIN or e-mail info@illinoispain.com. Visit the practice's Web site at www.illinoispain.com.

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