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## **VQ OrthoCare Opens Southern California Retail Operation; Aligns with D.I.S.C., a Major Outpatient Spine and Orthopedic Surgery Center**

**IRVINE, Calif. – April 5, 2007** – VQ OrthoCare, a leading provider of noninvasive medical solutions for bone, joint and soft-tissue conditions, today celebrates the grand opening of the VQ OrthoCare Patient Center, the company's first retail operation.

Located in Marina del Rey, Calif., the patient center serves as a convenient one-stop resource for nonsurgical/surgical spine and sports medicine patients to access products for postoperative and rehabilitative care, including onsite technician support for fitting and education.

The patient center is on the premises of the Diagnostic and Interventional Spinal Care (D.I.S.C.) outpatient spine and sports center, which is renowned for providing fully-integrated surgical and outpatient care with prominent physicians specializing in minimally-invasive surgery of the spine, sports medicine, next-generation imaging, chiropractic care and pain management.

"This is a groundbreaking day for VQ OrthoCare, our patients, customers and employees," said James Knape, CEO of VQ OrthoCare. "We look forward to building our relationship with D.I.S.C. and providing a new dimension of products and services to its staff of specialists and the patients in their care."

"We're very excited to work with VQ OrthoCare in this endeavor," said Robert Bray Jr., M.D., founding director of D.I.S.C. and one of the country's leading neuralgic spinal surgeons. "The VQ Patient Center will allow us to continue providing patients with the ultimate in continuity of care."

The 1,500-square-foot patient center is located at 13160 Mindanao Way, Suite 184, in Marina del Rey, Calif., and is managed by VQ OrthoCare's new patient center manager, Lucina Nieto. In celebration of the grand opening, VQ OrthoCare hosted a reception last night for participating physicians and staff.

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Founded in 1989, VQ OrthoCare is a leading provider of noninvasive medical solutions for bone, joint and soft-tissue conditions. Services include in-home patient fitting of braces and medical devices; technology-enabled compliance monitoring; physician and payor support; and around-the-clock patient care. VQ OrthoCare is headquartered in Irvine, Calif., with sales coverage and distribution partners in 26 states and nine countries. For more information about VQ OrthoCare, visit [www.vqorthocare.com](http://www.vqorthocare.com) or call 800.266.6969.

D.I.S.C. is a groundbreaking fully-integrated medical group specializing in less invasive, highly precise surgical techniques using next generation technology in an outpatient setting. The team of world-class specialists provides comprehensive state-of the art diagnostic evaluations, conservative surgical care and full-spectrum patient management. D.I.S.C. is committed to an unsurpassed level of personal, compassionate care, driven by cutting-edge technology, research and education. For more information about D.I.S.C., visit [www.discmdgroup.com](http://www.discmdgroup.com) or call 310.854.3800.