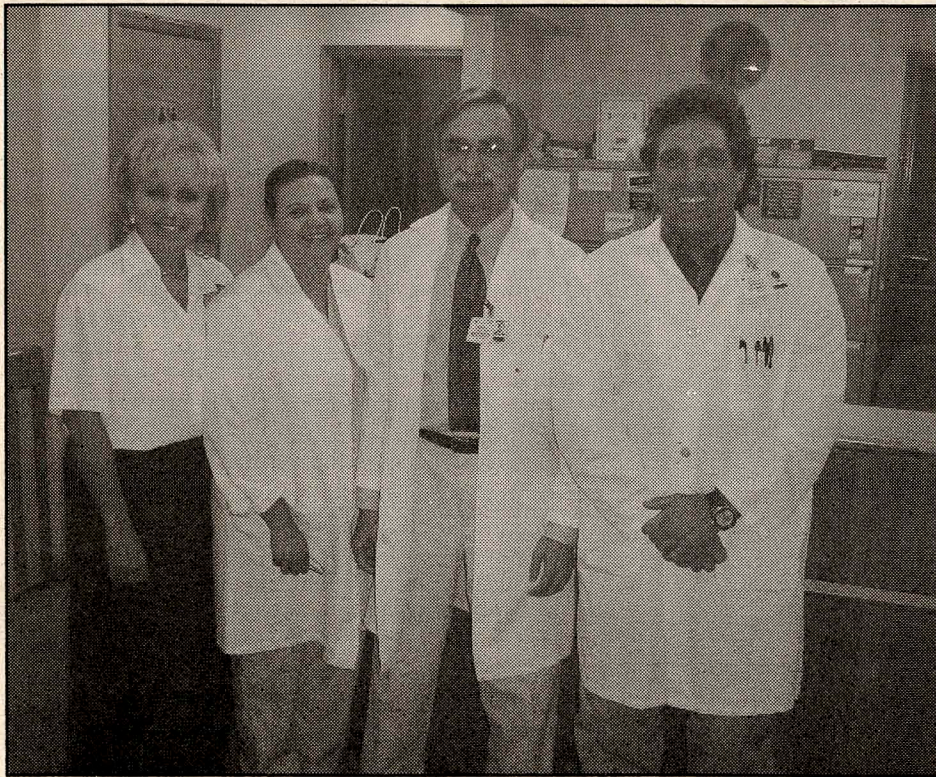


# NO WAITING IN VEIN FOR VARICOSE TREATMENT



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: MRS. BAGELMAN, ANN, DR. HAQ, DR. BERMAN.

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Chances are that we all know someone who has been affected by vein disease. In fact, approximately 50 percent of the population has some form of vein disease.

Fortunately relief has come along to reduce a large percentage. Dr. Inam-Ul-Haq, a vascular surgeon and medical director of the Laser & Varicose Vein Treatment Center in

Brooklyn for the past 35 years, learned of the laser treatment; moving away from conventional methods was a no-brainer.

"With the laser closure of varicose veins, the whole treatment has completely changed, it has completely revolutionized the treatment of varicose veins."

Haq believes the laser treatment is revolutionary for three reasons. He

is aware that vein disease does not discriminate. "We have done girls, boys, men, women, young and old," said Ann Connolly, the office administrator at the center who briefs many patients on the procedure.

One of those patients Sonya Bagelman, a resident of Long Island, is extremely grateful for the successful surgery performed on varicose veins in her leg.

"Dr Haq is wonderful!" said Bagelman. The varicose veins caused swelling in the legs, and hindered Bagelman from doing her everyday activities. "I was embarrassed to walk out the door," said Bagelman.

Bagelman and her husband Nathan, who is a physician and colleague of Dr. Haq, had not considered surgery as an option because they were not comfortable with the procedure of vein stripping.

However, after having a "Psycho movie-like" incident while shaving in the shower by accidentally nicking a raised vein, Bagelman knew she had to do something. Her husband was very comfortable with the laser procedure and recommended her to the Laser Center.

Bagelman followed her husband's recommendation and received the laser treatment. "Dr Haq sat down with me and explained everything to me and what he could do for me, and I

actually started to cry, because the thought of never having varicose veins again and being able to feel good was a wonderful option."

Bagelman's success story is just one of hundreds that keeps growing daily at the center. The success of the procedure is something the Laser Center staff takes pride in. "The feeling that a vascular surgeon gets after surgery is a feeling of euphoria that only a certain person can understand," stated Haq.

It is evident by the numbers that laser treatment of varicose veins has been extremely successful for the Laser Center, which is currently trying to achieve the highest level of accreditation that a health institution can receive by The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. However, the true measure of success for Dr. Haq and his staff is the shared joy and feeling of accomplishment shared by patients like Sonya Bagelman.

"I feel great," said Bagelman who was able to see her newborn grandson on the same day of the surgery. "I have never felt better."

More information on varicose veins can be found at [www.varicosecenter.com](http://www.varicosecenter.com) or by calling the Laser and Varicose Vein Treatment Center at: (718) 435-1777.