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## **Leaders in Minimally Invasive Spinal Surgery Open New Facility in Scottsdale**

*Laser-assisted technology helping patients “Stand-Up and Be Free”*

SCOTTSDALE, AZ – After helping thousands of patients get their lives back through minimally invasive endoscopic spinal surgery at their flagship facility in Tampa, the **Laser Spine Institute announces the grand opening of a new center in Scottsdale, Arizona**. LSI is revolutionizing the landscape of spinal surgery using cutting-edge lasers and a 5-day process from surgery to recovery, drastically reducing the time it takes for patients to get back to doing the things they love, whether it’s outdoor activities in the southwest or simply bending down to hug a grandkid. With an incision measuring less than one inch, expert surgeons can correct a variety of back and neck ailments from degenerative disc disease and spinal stenosis to herniated discs and spinal arthritis.

The new 32,000 square foot Scottsdale facility designed by the SmithGroup boasts four state-of-the-art operating rooms along with MRI imaging, radiology, physical therapy and exam rooms all with the most technologically advanced equipment available. A café and a family lounge will enhance the medical facility’s ambiance, which is designed to be reminiscent of a “Sedona spa-like retreat.” Rich desert colors, natural stone, wood veneer and soft textures found throughout the facility echo the surrounding environment.

CEO Bill Horne explains, “We are thrilled to open a new facility in the beautiful southwest, where an active lifestyle is such a big part of the culture. When a patient is affected with chronic back pain, it really takes a toll emotionally and physically. With LSI’s new facility easily accessible to southwest and west coast residents, LSI’s team of surgeons can help patients take back their lives and get back outdoors.”

A team of renowned surgeons led by Dr. James St. Louis, a two-time recipient of the Physician of the Year award have performed more than 8,000 surgeries, perfecting minimally invasive techniques and allowing surgeons to perform multiple procedures in one 60 minute surgery, with less risk and less recovery time than traditional open back surgeries or fusions.

Former patient Barbara Warren says, “After seeing 23 doctors with no solution to my severe back pain, the surgeons at LSI were the only ones who were able to help me. I literally felt my pain leaving while I was on the operating table and that same day I was able to walk on the beach and go out to dinner with my husband. My life has been transformed!”

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At LSI, patients receive all of their spinal health care needs in one location. From pre-operative imaging and diagnostic testing, to endoscopic laser surgery and post-operative physical therapy, patients receive the highest quality care combined with the most advanced treatments. In today's fast paced world, back pain sufferers don't have time for a six-week recovery from traditional back surgery.

Potential candidates with back and neck pain can visit [www.laserspineinstitute.com](http://www.laserspineinstitute.com) or call toll free 1-866-853-6191 for more information on outpatient, minimally invasive spine surgery and upcoming seminars in cities across the United States.

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**About Laser Spine Institute:** Laser Spine Institute offers a successful alternative to traditional open back and neck surgeries. The orthopedic surgeons at LSI can correct painful ailments with endoscopic outpatient procedures. Chronic pain that stems from pinched nerves, herniated discs, bulging discs, degenerative disc disease, spinal stenosis, foraminal stenosis, spinal arthritis, bone spurs, scar tissue and failed open back or neck surgery can be alleviated with Laser Spine Institute's minimally invasive approach.

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