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## Seattle-area physician performs region's first successful outpatient, herniated disc decompression using breakthrough, minimally invasive *fluidjet* technology

**“I can't imagine the life I would be leading if I had not had this new procedure. I am now enjoying my husband, my kids and all of our activities, without back pain.”**

Debra L. Thomas, 49, Patient, West Richland, Wash.

BOTHELL, Wash., Sept. 12, 2006 — Solomon Kamson, M.D. ([www.drkamson.com](http://www.drkamson.com)) of the Spine Institute Northwest today became the first Seattle-area physician to successfully perform outpatient herniated disc repairs using the breakthrough, minimally invasive *HydroDiscectomy*™ technique. Developed by Billerica, Mass.-based HydroCision, Inc. ([www.hydrocision.com](http://www.hydrocision.com)), HydroDiscectomy uses a high-velocity *fluidjet* to quickly and safely decompress herniated (bulging) discs, providing immediate relief to patients suffering from chronic back and/or leg pain. The new HydroDiscectomy procedure bridges the gap between conservative therapy and invasive open surgery. HydroDiscectomy can offer an option to patients who have failed conservative treatments and may lead to a significant reduction in their narcotic pain medication.

“HydroDiscectomy is a minimally invasive procedure for herniated discs—performed endoscopically on an outpatient basis,” said Dr. Kamson. “With HydroDiscectomy, patients can walk out of our surgery center after several hours feeling significantly reduced, or no, pain at all. Other procedures may require open surgery and thereby require hospital stays and rehabilitation,” added Dr. Kamson, a Fellow of the American Academy of Minimally Invasive Spine Medicine & Surgery and a member of the editorial advisory board of *Pain Physician: Official Journal of Interventional Pain Management Physicians*.

Debra L. Thomas, 49, drove more than 200 miles from West Richland, Wash., to have the HydroDiscectomy procedure performed by Dr. Kamson. “In June 2005 my back started to bother me very badly, and it kept getting worse. I went to a chiropractor; then I went to my doctor; then I went to a physical therapist; and I tried muscle relaxers. Nothing worked. I had gotten to the point where I had constant pain down the leg and numbness up to the knee. I could hardly walk at times and, when I did, I was in tremendous pain. There was no way I could work for very long periods of time, and I couldn't do any of the things I used to enjoy with my family, such as skiing and hiking. In fact, taking care of my house and family became almost impossible. Something had to be done.”

After consulting with Dr. Kamson, Debra had the minimally invasive HydroDiscectomy procedure performed as an outpatient. “I did all the PT post-surgery, and I am now walking regularly, even hiking. I feel like I can do most anything again. In fact, I am now working 50-hour weeks regularly without any back-pain issues whatsoever. I can't imagine the life I would be leading if I had not had the HydroDiscectomy procedure. I know that long-term damage was minimized because I took the initiative to do something. I strongly recommend that, if you have been suffering from chronic back and/or leg pain, you should absolutely know about the HydroDiscectomy procedure,” said Debra. “I really do have my life back again.”

Approximately 80 percent of all Americans experience back and/or leg pain at some point in their lives, and as many as 20 percent of working-age adults cope with back and/or leg pain annually.

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HydroCision ([www.hydrocision.com](http://www.hydrocision.com)) is a leading designer, developer and distributor of *fluidjet*-based surgical tools. The Company believes its proprietary fluidjet technology is the basis of a new surgical modality, “HydroSurgery”, because of its positive clinical experience, novel features and versatility. The Company has developed a broad range of fluidjet-based products to meet the clinical and economic needs of multiple specialties.

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