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"Head and Neck Cancer – in Non-smokers, too"

A Listen & Learn Lecture with Douglas Ross, M.D.

Bridgeport, CT, March 31, 2009 – St. Vincent's Medical Center is sponsoring a free talk open to the general public entitled "Head and Neck Cancer – in Non-smokers, too" as a part of their 2009 Spring Listen & Learn Lecture Series. The talk will take place on Tuesday, April 7, from 6PM-7PM, at Oronoque Country Club, 385 Oronoque Lane, Stratford.

Featured speaker, Douglas A Ross M.D., will explain why smokers are not the only ones at risk for head and neck cancer. He will also discuss surgery and treatment options for patients.

Douglas A Ross, M.D., chairperson of the department of surgery at St. Vincent's Medical Center, is board certified and a diplomate of the American Board of Otolaryngology. Dr. Ross graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from Columbia University, and earned his medical degree from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. After completing his internship and residency in the department of surgery at UCLA Medical Center, Dr. Ross then served as chief resident in the division of head and neck surgery also at UCLA. He also completed a postdoctoral fellowship in head and neck reconstruction and microvascular surgery at UCLA. Prior to coming to St. Vincent's, Dr. Ross was professor of surgery at Yale University's School of Medicine. A fellow of the American Academy of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery, Dr. Ross is also a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, a member of the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, the American Rhinologic Society, the Sigma Xi Honorary Research Society, the American College of Physician Executives and a number of other professional organizations.

A question and answer session will follow the presentation, and light refreshments will be provided.

For more information or to register for this lecture, please call St. Vincent's toll-free Care Line at 1-877-255-SVHS (7847).

Listen & Learn Lecture Series

"Listen & Learn" is a free series of talks for the community by physicians on health and wellness topics in an effort to help area residents stay well. Participants learn from experts in the field about medical topics and prevention strategies, and how to sort through confusing consumer health information available to consumers. Topics will cover a broad range of issues. The program, a part of St. Vincent's mission of outreach to the community and is open to the general public. The lecture program is a collaboration between St. Vincent's Club 50/Boomers Group and its Physician Services.

St. Vincent's Club 50/Boomers

St. Vincent's Club 50/Boomers is designed for people age 50 and older who are interested in maintaining and improving their health through education programs and social events. Membership is free and entitles participants to discounts on a variety of programs from health screenings to computer lessons; from fitness classes to excursions. Members receive free parking and meals at St. Vincent's, discounts on prescription drugs at most pharmacies, and access to lectures and information on health and wellness.

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