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Robert Chelin DPM First Canadian Surgeon to Perform Revolutionary Implant Surgery

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On January 6, 2007, podiatrist Robert Chelin, DPM of Toronto, Ontario was the first surgeon to perform the HyProCure™ Sinus Tarsi Implant surgery in Canada. On November 16, 2006 GraMedica, LLC was issued a license by Health Canada allowing the use of the device by Canadian physicians. A pioneer in the use of this revolutionary stent, Chelin was one of the first twelve doctors to be trained by the Graham International Implant Institute (grahamiii.com) as a master surgeon in its use. The titanium implant (used in the treatment of hyperpronation of the foot), acts as an 'internal orthotic'. Robert Chelin DPM feels that it will offer his patients a permanent alternative to prescription orthotics and orthopedic footwear. He compares its outcome to what laser eye surgery is doing to replace the need for glasses. Prescription orthotics become a lifetime requirement --not only do patients need multiple pairs, but the orthotics must be replaced every few years. By providing a permanent correction, the surgery offers the added benefit of reducing health care costs for patients, their insurance companies, and the Canadian Health System. This minimally invasive surgery offers new treatment options for musculoskeletal deformities, flatfoot, fallen arches, and athletic injuries and can be used on patients from age three to ninety-one. The outpatient procedure is performed under local anesthesia with only a small incision. Patients are able to wear their own shoes within one week of the surgery and do not need physical therapy. "This fifteen minute procedure may change ones life forever," Chelin said.

Robert Chelin DPM performed the procedure on a 56 year old female patient in Toronto who suffered from hereditary hyperpronation. The patient said that she decided to have the surgery in order to prevent the painful condition from worsening and to avoid many of the health problems her 91 year old mother is experiencing as a result of the same condition, such as swelling feet, legs, and back pain. The Toronto woman had the implants placed in both feet, and said that she had very little swelling or bruising after, was able to traverse stairs, and "felt good the next day." She had the procedure on both feet at once in order to be able to resume training in time for the 60K walk at Princess Margaret Hospital to benefit breast cancer awareness later this year. Eleven days after the surgery, the woman said that she has been able to do routine tasks such as preparing meals, and even attended a cocktail party one week after the surgery. She said that she was on her feet the entire evening and "people were amazed."

Robert Chelin DPM has practiced podiatric medicine in Toronto since 1982. He is a past president of the Ontario and Canadian Podiatric Medical Associations and a fellow of the Academy of Foot and Ankle Surgery. He is a Diplomat of the American Academy of Pain Management and was the first to serve as a delegate to the International Federation of Podiatrists. Robert Chelin DPM is the Vice President of The International Association of Podiatrists and is also a member of the advisory board of The Health Journal, Canada's health forum. For more information, contact Robert Chelin at (416) 921-8444 or www.aestheticsinpodiatry.com.