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**Free Presentation on ‘Arthritis Treatment and Relief’
and Arthritis Screening to be Held at
Blue Ridge Community and Technology College**

Frederick, Maryland--- April 5, 2010--- A free arthritis presentation and screening will be held on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at the Blue Ridge Community and Technical College from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.

The event is sponsored by the Arthritis Research Institute, a non-profit charitable organization.

Nearly 1 in every 4 Americans has arthritis. Arthritis is the most common cause of disability in the United States. It also can, in many cases, cause early death.

“It’s amazing to think that a disease like rheumatoid arthritis can actually shorten life span,” comments Dr. Nathan Wei. “We’re not completely sure how it does this but we suspect it may be related to an accelerated rate of atherosclerosis- hardening of the arteries,” he adds.

Dr. Wei goes on to say, “On the flip side, our data indicates that early diagnosis and aggressive therapy can make a significant positive difference in prognosis. Treatments have come a long way.”

“There are many myths related to arthritis and I hope that we can dispel some of the ones that might do harm,” concludes Dr. Wei. Due to limited space all interested participants must pre-register by calling Michelle Grimm at 301-624-1164.

Dr. Wei is a board-certified rheumatologist and Director of the Arthritis Treatment Center, a nationally respected arthritis research center located in Frederick, Maryland.

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