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**Cleveland physician, Howard Levine, MD,
Lead author in Chronic Sinus Study that may help millions**
*Research Verifies Balloon Sinuplasty™ Technology Is Safe, Patient-Friendly,
Economical*

Cleveland, OH – April 17, 2008 – An independent study published this week in Annals of Otolaryngology, Rhinology, & Laryngology confirms *Balloon Sinuplasty™* technology safely opens narrow sinuses, is economical and highly satisfactory to chronic sinusitis patients. The peer-reviewed study analyzes the outcome of more than 1,100 individuals treated with this minimally-invasive balloon technology, *Balloon Sinuplasty™* from Acclarent, a leading developer of innovative medical technologies for ear, nose and throat surgeons.

On behalf of the 34 surgeons who took part in the Annals of Otolaryngology, Rhinology, & Laryngology study, **Dr. Howard Levine, director of the Cleveland Nasal, Sinus and Sleep Center said, “The results from these studies reinforce the outstanding safety record of *Balloon Sinuplasty™* technology, and underscore its effectiveness in alleviating chronic sinusitis symptoms. Results were universally excellent across a large population of patients and dozens of different practices.”**

Studies Confirm *Balloon Sinuplasty™* Benefits

Chronic sinusitis is an inflammation of the nasal sinuses afflicting an estimated 37 million Americans annually. Symptoms include facial pain or pressure, nasal discharge, difficulty breathing through the nose, and fatigue. Although antibiotics and topical steroids can help many people, approximately 500,000 U.S. patients undergo surgery each year to alleviate the symptoms of chronic sinusitis.

Balloon Sinuplasty™ technology is similar in concept to catheters used in the heart for balloon angioplasty. The specially designed devices are threaded into the sinus passageways and gently inflated, widening the passages to promote drainage and resolution of chronic sinusitis symptoms. The technology can be used alone or with standard surgical instrumentation.

Recovery times vary but patients frequently return to normal activities within 24 hours of treatment. Since 2005, more than 2,500 sinus surgeons have been trained world wide on this technology and treated more than 25,000 patients.

Acclarent, Inc. is a privately held medical device company in Menlo Park, CA that was established in June of 2004. Its singular focus is improving patient care in all areas of otolaryngology by developing and producing medical devices solely for Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) specialists and their patients. Acclarent is demonstrating this by investing in innovative technologies, clinical studies, and physician training. The company received FDA clearance to market *Balloon Sinuplasty™* technology in early 2005. For a conversation with Dr. Levine, call 216-518-3298. www.clevelandnasalsinus.com. For more information, visit www.acclarent.com.