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## **Leaders in Minimally Invasive Spinal Surgery Acquire Non-Surgical Spine Therapy Pioneer**

*Laser Spine Institute set to become a world leader in spinal health, from pre-surgical care to post-surgical support*

ASPEN, Colo. – After helping thousands of patients get their lives back through minimally invasive endoscopic spinal surgery at facilities in Tampa and Scottsdale and soon Philadelphia, the **Laser Spine Institute (LSI) announces their acquisition of Aspen Back & Body, LLC (ABB), extending LSI’s patient care capabilities into non-surgical areas for the first time.** Founded and led by visionary entrepreneur Clint Phillips, CSCS, ABB is a nationally branded destination provider of highly innovative therapies, blending spine fitness and wellness to prevent and relieve back and neck pain. Situated in the distinguished St. Regis Hotel in Aspen, Colo., ABB offers clients extraordinary one- to three-week “spine fitness” programs encompassing three to four hours a day of personalized therapy. All sessions are overseen by a Doctor of physical therapy with the goal of improving spine-related muscle strength, flexibility, alignment and general wellness. These programs include strength training, Gyrotonic flexibility sessions, vibration training, water therapy and Pilates, as well as education sessions, signature massage and healthy meals.

“With this acquisition, LSI can now provide patients a full range of highly effective, non-surgical treatments, complementary with existing surgical services,” said LSI chief development officer Trey Traviesa.

“This will allow LSI to care for our patients across the cycle of spinal care whether patients seek maximum pre-surgical relief or continued support for post-surgical results,” said LSI founder and chief surgeon Dr. James St. Louis.

LSI was able to make the purchase possible due to the great success of its minimally invasive endoscopic procedures utilizing cutting-edge lasers and a five-day process from evaluation to recovery. With an incision measuring less than one inch, LSI's expert surgeons can treat a variety of back and neck ailments from degenerative disc disease and spinal stenosis, to herniated discs and spinal arthritis. The company performs more procedures than any spine surgery provider in the world.

Over the last three years, ABB has treated more than 2,000 clients (90 percent of which travel more than 500 miles) from Jane Seymour to George Hamilton, with exemplary results and exceptional service satisfaction.

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"The team at ABB is thrilled to be aligned with the world leader in spine surgery outcomes and patient satisfaction. Now, no matter who walks through our door, we can provide world-class care regardless of their condition," explains Phillips. "What I witnessed at LSI is so much more than surgery. It's a comprehensive patient experience utilizing specialized techniques to achieve surgical results better than I have ever seen, while sparing the patient from the muscle cutting, scar tissue, hardware implants, bed rest and general anesthetic characteristic of traditional spine surgery."

For more information on Laser Spine Institute and Aspen Back & Body, please visit [www.laserspineinstitute.com/abb](http://www.laserspineinstitute.com/abb) or call toll free 1-866-761-5084.

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**About Laser Spine Institute:** Laser Spine Institute offers a successful alternative to traditional open back and neck surgeries. The orthopedic surgeons at LSI can treat painful ailments with endoscopic outpatient procedures. Chronic pain that stems from pinched nerves, herniated discs, bulging discs, degenerative disc disease, spinal stenosis, foraminal stenosis, spinal arthritis, bone spurs, scar tissue and failed open back or neck surgery can be alleviated with Laser Spine Institute's minimally invasive approach.