

# press release

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## Revolutionary medical treatment comes to Surrey

A leading osteopath in Surrey is aiming to get people that suffer with debilitating knee, heel, elbow and shoulder pain back on the move after bringing a revolutionary new treatment device to the region that is used by various Premier League football teams and was used successfully by athletes at the recent Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

Paul Morrissey runs The Osteopathic Clinic of Physical Medicine at Addiscombe, near Croydon and has just become the first person in the local area to take delivery of a Swiss DolorClast Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy device that draws on revolutionary medical technology to treat various conditions.

Low-energy Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy is a relatively new technology but the National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) recently issued guidance that it is a safe treatment option for Plantar Fasciitis (troublesome pain in the sole of the foot), Achilles Tendonopathy (inflammation of the Achilles Tendon), Tennis Elbow and Calcific Tendonitis of the shoulder.

Low-energy Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy is an attractive alternative to conventional surgery because the patient doesn't have to be admitted to hospital, there is no need for an anaesthetic, and the patient doesn't face a lengthy rehabilitation and possible immobility. Low-energy Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy treatment takes minutes and allows the patient to lead a normal life.

The results achieved by the Swiss DolorClast have been so impressive that a number of Premier League football teams use the device before, during and after matches, and it was also used to successfully treat athletes at the recent Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

"The Swiss DolorClast has been tested vigorously and all of the research and recommendations have been extremely impressive," Paul Morrissey explained. "I have started to use the device to treat my patients and some of the results have been quite outstanding. I am seeing clinical results that I have never seen before."

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The Osteopathic Clinic of Physical Medicine is treating patients privately and offers a range of affordable treatment packages. Many of the major medical insurance companies have approved the treatment method and will reimburse payments accordingly, but patients are urged to check with their insurer before commencing treatment.

Paul Morrissey, who treats international dancers, golfers and footballers at his clinic, added: "Low-energy Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy is considered a real breakthrough in medical technology and the fact that it's just been approved by NICE means it is completely safe."

"There is a clinical need for the treatment in Surrey and the Swiss DolorClast will play a leading role in getting local people from every walk of life back on the move and relieving troublesome pain that can be extremely distressing to live with."

For more information about the Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy treatment available at The Osteopathic Clinic of Physical Medicine, visit [www.osteopathclinic.co.uk](http://www.osteopathclinic.co.uk) or telephone 0208 662 1155.

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#### **EDITORS' NOTES**

- Paul Morrissey has been a practicing osteopath for 20 years and is registered with the British Osteopathic Association and the General Osteopathic Council. He is also a member of the International Society for Medical Shockwave Therapy (ISMST)
- **Achilles Tendonopathy and Tennis Elbow are common injuries that affect a large percentage of the population and those regularly participating in sporting activities**
- NICE advised that Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy (ESWT) is considered a safe treatment option for the treatment of Plantar Fasciitis, Achilles Tendonopathy, Tennis Elbow and Calcific Tendonitis of the shoulder in August 2009
- **Spectrum Technology's Swiss DolorClast device has amassed more clinical trial data between levels one and two than any other Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy device in the world**
- The Swiss DolorClast device is widely used in top-flight sport to treat and manage injuries. The device is used by a number of football teams in the English Premier League and was also used by athletes at the recent Olympic Games in Beijing, China
- **The Swiss DolorClast is the only ESWT device to be actively promoted in the UK that administers low-energy impulses during treatment. As yet, there have been no reported ruptures as a result of using the Swiss DolorClast**
- The Swiss DolorClast Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy device was first launched in 2000. It was designed and continues to be manufactured by Electro Medical Systems (EMS) in Switzerland
- **The Swiss DolorClast device delivers shockwaves to the injured area of the body by converting kinetic energy into a shockwave – an action that is clearly illustrated by Newton's Cradle**