

## MAJOR GRANT AWARDED TO NEW BEIJING SURGICAL CLINIC ESTABLISHED BY LONG ISLAND PLASTIC SURGICAL GROUP (LIPSG) AND CHINESE PLASTIC SURGEONS:

LIPSG Surgeons establish pro bono clinic, lead first International Plastic Surgery Symposium in Beijing, and assist in surgery for Chinese patients.

**November 10, 2006** - Beijing, China –Three doctors from Long Island Plastic Surgical Group, P.C., the largest plastic surgery group in the nation announced earlier this month a joint US-Chinese surgery clinic. The clinic has received more than half a million dollars in funding to perform pro bono surgery on Chinese patients. The funding, which comes from a group of Chinese actors and from The Chinese Red Cross, will enable the establishment of the Sino American Surgery Foundation. This joint effort between LIPSG, Evercare Medical Institute and Evercare Medical Group will initially perform pro bono cleft lip and palate operations on Chinese patients. Eventually the goal is to perform different types of surgery on Chinese patients without resources to pay for the procedures.



The participating LIPSG surgeons, Vincent DiGregorio, Gene Lee and Kaveh Alizadeh, were in Beijing to lead The First International Beijing Plastic Surgery Symposium. The two day event drew Plastic Surgeons from across China and around the world. "The International nature of this event and the gathering of such open minds means that we are learning as well as teaching," said Vicent DiGregorio, a senior LIPSG plastic surgeon. "The free exchange of ideas and techniques represents the most current thinking in plastic surgery today."

Following the conference, LIPSG surgeons assisted in several surgical cases, including a cleft lip and palate operation on a nine month old Chinese girl. Additional procedures included reconstructive breast surgery after mastectomy.

The Sino American Surgical Foundation will be centered in Beijing and will assist patients throughout China.