

SCLEROTHERAPY

Treatment for Varicose & Spider Veins

Varicose Veins:

Varicose veins are enlarged, dilated blood vessels that have been stretched due to added pressure from blood pooling in them. In most cases this is a result of valve failure causing the blood to leak back down the leg.



Spider Veins:

Spider veins are clusters or groups of small dilated blood vessels that are close to the skin's surface. They may appear blue, purple or red in color. They are caused by small capillaries that dilate on the surface of the skin. In some cases underlying larger veins can be a contributing factor and would need to be treated as well.

What Causes Varicose & Spider Veins?

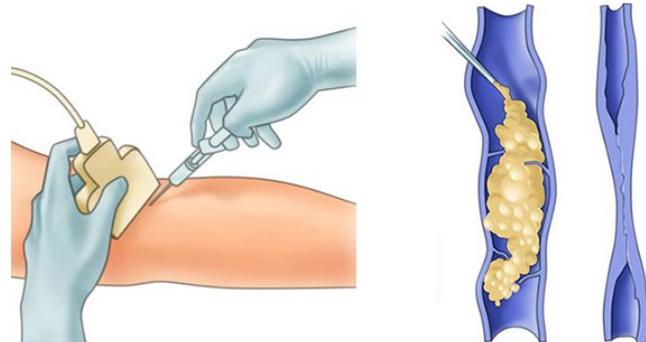
The known causes for Varicose and Spider veins can be attributed to:

- Heredity
- Long periods of sitting or standing
- Pregnancy/ Hormonal Changes
- Valve weakening
- Blood clots
- Obesity



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Health Insurance Coverage

Insurance coverage varies. If your varicose veins are causing medical problems such as chronic pain or swelling along with meeting medical criteria your insurance may offer reimbursement. If you are pursuing sclerotherapy for cosmetic purposes only, your insurance carrier most likely will not provide coverage.

Medical Sclerotherapy

Medical or Ultrasound Guided Sclerotherapy is a form of Sclerotherapy that is considered a "medically necessary" treatment and is **usually covered by most health insurance plans**. This type of sclerotherapy is sometimes done under the guidance of ultrasound or visually and the sclerosing solution is injected into the selected vein. (as in the image above) Once injected, the vein will become irritated, collapse and the body will absorb it over time during the healing process.

Cosmetic Sclerotherapy

Cosmetic Sclerotherapy is used to treat spider veins that may be affecting the aesthetic appearance of your legs. A small needle is used to inject the sclerosant into the treated vein. As with medical Sclerotherapy the vein becomes irritated, will collapse and dissolve over time with the natural healing process of the body. **Health insurance does not typically cover this type of Sclerotherapy.**