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What is sclerotherapy?

Sclerotherapy is commonly performed to safely treat spider veins as well as small varicose veins in the legs. Some of the key benefits are that this procedure does not require disruption to everyday activities, hospital admission or anaesthesia.

A specially formulated sclerosant (Aethoxysklerol) is injected directly into the vein with the use of a very fine needle. Each injection treats a small area of the leg, which means that multiple injections may be required in a single session, depending on the extent of your spider veins. The injected formula works by irritating the wall of the veins, causing them to collapse and shut. As a result, the veins gradually fade over time.

Do I need to wear compression stockings?

Following injection sclerotherapy you are required to wear compression stockings for one week, day and night (remove for showering)

What can I expect after sclerotherapy?

You may experience some minor bruising, irritation, swelling or tenderness following treatment, which should resolve within two weeks. You should avoid strenuous activity such as jogging and aerobics for a week following the procedure, but walking is recommended for at least 40 minutes each day for the first week.

What results can I expect?

Sclerotherapy treatment is generally very effective in most cases. Patients may require a few treatments to obtain optimal results as some veins can be very resistant to treatment. Also, treated veins may recur and can be retreated again if this happens.

The successful outcome of your procedure can be influenced by factors such as the severity of your veins.

Can residual spider veins be treated?

Yes, residual spider veins that have not completely responded to injection sclerotherapy or are too small to inject can be treated by laser.

The Cutera Excel V+ laser device is the most advanced aesthetic technology that combines two powerfully precise lasers to target veins. Treatments are comfortable with the area to be treated cooled first with the tip of the device and then lasered. 1 to 3 treatments may be required. Compression stockings are not required following this treatment.

THESE TREATMENTS DO NOT PREVENT THE EMERGENCE OF NEW VEINS