



Varicose Vein Elimination

What areas can be treated?

All skin areas can be treated. Popular areas are the face, neck, chest and legs. Discuss your needs with your physician.

Is there a risk?

There is little risk for the treatment of these benign conditions. In some cases, repeat treatment will be necessary depending on your response to the treatment and the desired result.

Will it be uncomfortable?

There is little to no discomfort, however this varies from patient to patient and depends on the depth of the treatment. There is no need for anesthesia and your physician will discuss your options to properly manage any discomfort from the treatment. There will be no post-treatment discomfort.

What will happen during the procedure?

Your eyes will be protected with safety shields or glasses. Profile's laser beam will be delivered to the area of your skin being treated. You may briefly feel a warm or hot sensation as the laser pulses are preferentially absorbed in the unwanted vessels, heating and destroying them. Your procedure may take a few minutes to half an hour depending on the size of the area to be treated.

How does laser vein treatment work?

Lasers work by emitting a specialized light that passes through the skin and is preferentially absorbed by its target, which can be an unwanted hair, birthmark, tattoo, or, in this case, the hemoglobin (the red portion of blood) in the unwanted vessels. The heat from the laser causes the vein to break up and disappear. There are several lasers available that work remarkably well in treating unwanted veins.

What can I expect with the procedure?

You may be given a topical anesthetic cream to numb the area to be treated. Any discomfort can be eased with the application of cool compresses. After treatment, you can immediately return to normal activities.

How soon will I see results? Are there any side effects?

Because laser vein treatment works by causing the unwanted vein to break up and dissolve, resolution of the unwanted vein will take place over the course of several weeks. The most common side effect is bruising, or purpura, around the treated area. This will resolve within days of the treatment and occurs only with some lasers used. Your doctor can discuss any other risks of laser surgery with you personally.

What are facial veins?

Facial veins are fine blood vessels (otherwise known as telangiectasia) located on the face, usually around the nose and central cheeks. They can be the result of cumulative sun exposure, genetics or rosacea. Many patients also refer to these as "broken" blood vessels or capillaries.



Will insurance cover this procedure?

In some cases, yes. Laser vein treatments, like other cosmetic procedures, are not usually covered by your insurance company. If you have any questions, it is best to talk with your provider.

How many treatments are necessary? Is treatment permanent?

Depending on the severity of the condition, multiple treatments may be required. Improvement generally lasts for several years, but over time new facial veins will develop, requiring a touch-up treatment at a later date.