



SCLEROTHERAPY FOR VARICOSE VEINS AND SPIDER VEINS

Spider veins are fine unsightly blue or red veins located under the skin of the lower leg. They often have a web-like appearance, hence, the term spider vein. Spider veins have an unattractive appearance and, in some cases, may give rise to symptoms such as itching, burning or throbbing of the legs. Spider veins are usually found on the legs of women and are less common in males. Spider veins have a genetic origin but can be treated and controlled by Sclerotherapy, a procedure which is in use since 1930. Varicose veins are the thicker bluish veins found on the lower extremities, and can also be treated by Sclerotherapy.

The veins are treated by injecting a liquid into the veins that irritates the lining of the vessel causing it to swell and stick together. Over time the vessel turns into scar tissue and fades away.

The procedure is safe, relatively pain free and is done in the consulting room with minimal discomfort and lasts about 30min - 40min. After the procedure the leg is wrapped in compression bandages for three days. No sport is allowed for the three days post procedure but normal daily duties are allowed.

Candidates that are not eligible for the procedure are pregnant woman and persons with a history of deep vein thrombosis.

