

## Frequently Asked Questions

### *What are spider veins?*

Telangiectasias, or spider veins, are small red, blue or purple web-like veins on the surface of the skin.

### *What causes spider veins?*

The cause of spider veins are undetermined. However, heredity, age, gender and number of pregnancies may contribute to the development of spider veins.

### *Who should treat my varicose veins or spider veins?*

Spider veins are treated by a variety of professionals with different specialties. It is important to choose someone who is experienced with the complexities of diagnosis and variety of treatment options. An Interventional Radiologist is a specially trained medical doctor who can perform minimally invasive therapies in all blood vessels throughout the body. Interventional Radiologists are board certified and fellowship trained.

### *How are spider veins treated?*

Sclerotherapy is the best way to treat spider veins on the legs. A special medicine is injected into the vein by using a very fine needle with the help of a vein light. The medicine causes the vessel to seal itself. The spider vein will disappear within a few weeks to a month. It may be necessary to have multiple sessions depending on the number of spider veins.

### *Are the treatments painful?*

Most patients report little to no pain while undergoing Sclerotherapy injections.

### *What are the complications of spider vein treatment?*

Sclerotherapy has rarely been associated with serious complications. There are a few mild effects such as bruising, itching, tenderness or tightness that could continue for up to two weeks after the procedure. Mild pain may be treated with ibuprofen.

### *What can I expect after the procedure?*

You will be able to return to your normal activities immediately after the procedure. Wearing compression stockings for 2-3 days after the procedure can improve the cosmetic appearance.

### *Will my spider veins come back?*

After Sclerotherapy, there is a small chance new spider veins may appear. We recommend treating those areas as they appear.

## Our Hours

Memphis Vascular Center  
Monday – Friday  
8:00am- 4:30pm  
(excluding holidays)  
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Call today and let us find an appointment time that fits your schedule.



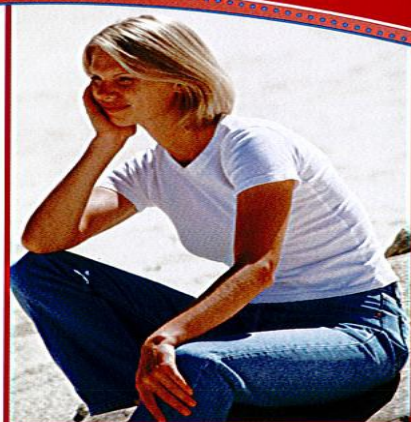
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you're one of the more than 25 million Americans who suffer from uncomfortable and unsightly varicose veins, you should know about a non-surgical treatment offered by our physicians.

This procedure is safe, virtually painless and requires little-to-no downtime.

Depending on the severity of your condition, the procedure may be covered by insurance.

Please call us for more information.



*They'll look at your legs...*

*for a whole new reason.*

### **Eliminate spider veins with Sclerotherapy**

If you look at your legs and just see spider veins, we can help. Now you can see immediate improvement on your legs by eliminating spider veins.



**30 Minute Session**

**No Scarring**



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