

Spider Vein Sclerotherapy

Spider Vein: (telangiectasia) A vascular lesion formed by dilation of a group of small blood vessels. They are usually hereditary in origin.

Sclerotherapy: (chemical injections) The use of sclerosing agents in the treatment of diseases, especially spider veins. The procedure consists of injecting spider veins with a solution which causes an irritation in the inner wall of a vein with the resulting sclerosing or collapse of the vein. Spider veins are visible because of the flow of blood noted in the dilated vein. When the vein is collapsed, it no longer carries blood and is therefore, no longer visible.

Treatment Process: Injections are done with a very fine needle during 20 minute sessions. The treatments are repeated at 1-2 week intervals until the desired result has been obtained. Treatments can be spaced at longer intervals if necessary.

Expected Results: The veins do not disappear magically. Spider veins will respond after each treatment in different ways. Some will thin and narrow, some will disappear, some will stay open and need to be re-injected and others will become clotted with blood. The clotted sites are not harmful and cannot travel and will be removed during your following treatment sessions to improve the results.

****Cost:** Payment is required at the time of service. The initial 20 minute session includes pre-treatment photographs and injection sclerotherapy. Treatment cost is \$250.00 per 20 minute session. Follow up appointments are also 20 minutes and cost \$250 (even when clean-up is only done). Since the treatment will be done for cosmetic purposes insurance claims will not be filed.

Side Effects: Possible risks include reaction to the injected chemical, ulceration resulting in a small scar, blood clots in the treated veins, brown spots at the injection sites, and on rare occasions, development of new spider bursts.

Restrictions: No limitations are placed on your normal activities. Strenuous activity such as weight lifting, jogging and aerobics should be avoided the first 24 hours. Support stockings are not required unless you have a webbing or fanning of your spider veins and in this case we require you to wear compression wrap or stocking for 24 hours following the treatment. Please avoid direct sunlight until after the treatments are completed and until everything has faded. This will decrease the chance of dark staining. Your legs can be protected from the sun by using a 30 SPF or greater sunblock. No treatments will be performed if you are pregnant or a nursing mother.

Your next appointment is: _____ @ _____.

Call (512) 395-8770 if you have any problems or concerns.