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Leg Vein Treatment Frequently Asked Questions

What Are Leg Vein Treatments?

Leg vein treatments combine safe and effective levels of laser and radiofrequency (electric current) energies to remove leg veins and other unwanted vessels. The leg vein treatments combine light and electric energy for ideal outcomes and improve leg veins and vascular lesions with a very low risk of side effects.

What Can I Expect From Leg Vein Treatments?

Leg vein treatments can improve unsightly spider veins and other unwanted vascular lesions. Larger blue-green vessels on legs can also be treated and will gradually fade. Facial veins can also be treated.

How Many Treatments Are Required?

Most patients will need between 1-3 treatments.

How Often Are Treatments Done?

Treatment sessions are typically 6-8 weeks apart. Smaller spider veins may be treated every 4 weeks.

How Long Do Treatments Take?

Each treatment session typically takes between 20-45 minutes.

Does The Treatment Hurt?

The sensation may be described as a "hot pinch", like someone lightly snapping an elastic band on your skin. Patients tolerate the treatment well by either cooling the skin during treatment and/or use of a topical anesthetic cream that numbs the skin.

Who Should Be Treated With Leg Vein Treatments?

Anyone with unwanted leg veins or vascular lesions may be a candidate for leg vein treatments. Removal of vascular lesions and veins with laser and radio frequency technology is a safe and effective alternative for patients who want a non-invasive approach to vascular treatment. The leg vein treatment is the clear choice for patients who do not like needles or who have had adverse reaction to solutions that are injected into the vein during sclerotherapy. Our clinician will determine individual suitability for leg vein treatments during the consultation. All treatments are administered by trained medical professionals.

Are There Any Risks To Leg Vein Treatments?

ANY medical laser procedure has risks of side effects such as superficial blistering, crusting, and pigmentary changes in the skin. These risks are rare and usually quickly resolved. The leg vein treatments incorporate several technological advances that focus on patient safety to minimize these risks and provide greater satisfaction.

How Much Does It Cost?

Treatments are customized based on many factors. Cost is usually based upon the amount of time required for treatment and will be discussed with you at the time of your consultation.