**SCLEROTHERAPY**

SCLEROTHERAPY is the injection of varicose and spider veins with a sclerosing agent (aethoxysclerol or sotradecol) to eradicate those vessels. The solution irritates the walls of the blood vessels, causing them to seal up and become invisible.

Several treatment sessions (generally 3-5) are needed; some patients respond quicker than others, and some vessels respond quicker than others.

You should have a consultation before sclerotherapy is performed to assess whether your veins are appropriate for this treatment. You should schedule the initial consultation and 3 injection dates when you speak to the front desk. If on consultation, your veins are not amenable to this treatment, the scheduled injection sessions will be cancelled. The injections should be 4 weeks apart to ensure the best results. Cost varies from $1100 - $1700, depending on extent of veins treated. Most insurance companies do not cover sclerotherapy treatment. If this is a consideration for you, it is your responsibility to verify coverage.

**Please purchase 20-30mm Hg pressure hose from a surgical supply store before your first treatment.** They can be thigh-high or full pantyhose, but not knee-high. **IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU BRING THEM TO EACH INJECTION SESSION**, and they should be worn 5-7 days afterward. You an exercise during that time, wearing the hose, and you should wear them on any long car or airplane trip, even once the treatments are complete.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

* DO NOT APPLY MOISTURIZER TO YOUR LEGS THE NIGHT PRIOR OR THE DAY OF TREATMENT. For sclerotherapy, the drier the skin, the better!
* NO WAXING OR LASER HAIR REMOVAL FOR ONE WEEK AFTER.
* Small bruises and needle pricks at the injection sites are normal and will disappear in a few days. When larger vessels are treated, some bluish-black spots might appear after 7-10 days. This is trapped blood and it is harmless, but we advise coming in to remove it so that the vessels will disappear quicker than if it remains.

Since these are long appointments, please come a few minutes early to get prepared so that the entire appointment time is available to you for treatment.

Please contact the office if you have questions which remain prior to your treatment.