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Graduated from St. Louis University School of Medicine and has been practicing professionally for over 25 years. Dr. Kalchoff practiced Cardiovascular and Thoracic surgery before focusing his expertise on the treatment of varicose veins. He has successfully established multiple vein treatment centers. At the Vein Treatment Center you can be confident that you are receiving expert medical care with years of experience in an informal, friendly environment.



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WHAT ARE VARICOSE VEINS?

Varicose veins are dilated veins that are visible beneath the skin of the lower extremities. They are caused by damaged or diseased valves, which result in blood moving backwards in your legs. This is a condition known as venous reflux. Varicose veins, as a result of venous reflux, can cause localized pain, itching, fatigue or a burning sensation. If left untreated, this condition can lead to venous ulcers in the lower leg. Heredity, pregnancy and trauma are among factors in developing varicosities.

IS AN EVALUATION NECESSARY?

An evaluation is necessary to determine the underlying cause of the varicose vein. The patient's history, an examination and an ultrasound scan are all used in determining the treatment needed.

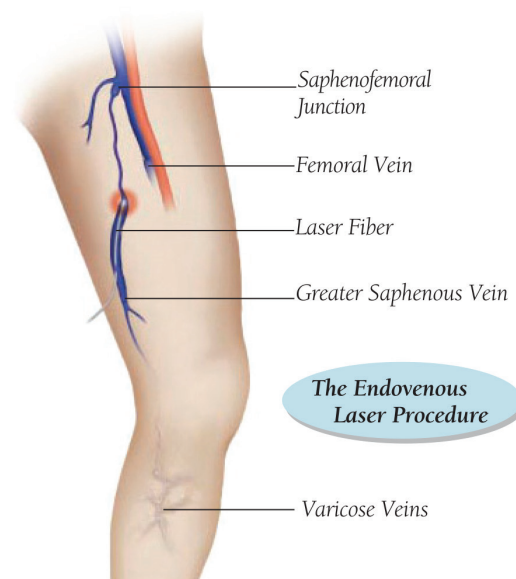
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WHAT IS ENDOVENOUS LASER (EVLT)?

EVLT™ (Endovenous laser Treatment) is an alternative treatment to the surgical stripping of the saphenous vein. A small laser fiber is inserted into the diseased vein and pulses of laser energy are delivered. This will cause the vein to collapse and seal shut. This is an out-patient in-office procedure that requires a local anesthetic and is followed by a compression bandage placed on the treated leg. After treatment the blood is rerouted through the leg by other healthy veins. Once this procedure is completed, the patient can shortly resume normal activities.

WHAT ARE SPIDER VEINS?

“Spider” veins are small dilated veins near the surface of the skin. Sclerotherapy is an effective treatment used to gradually reduce their appearance. This in-office procedure is a series of treatments.



WHAT IS AMBULATORY PHLEBECTOMY?

Ambulatory Phlebectomy is an in-office method of removing larger varicose veins using a local anesthetic. Incisions are generally small, such that suturing is not needed and scarring is minimized. After this procedure, patients can shortly resume normal activities.

WHOM DO WE TREAT?

We treat patients with vein problems ranging from “spider” veins to large varicose veins. Generally, we begin with an ultrasound examination followed by a consultation with a physician. The physician then determines treatment based on your specific vein problem.

WILL INSURANCE COVER THE TREATMENT?

Medicare and most insurance companies cover varicose vein treatment. We have an in-house insurance specialist to call and verify coverage.

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DISAPPEAR**

