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Your Veins

The vein system of your body is a vast network of mostly soft blood vessels that are used to bring blood back to the lungs and heart. Unlike arteries, these blood vessels are moving blood in a low pressure environment.

Spider veins and varicose veins are common conditions found in the legs of the human body. Spider veins generally consist of small, thin, dark-colored veins that lie close to the surface of the skin. They often have a web or sunburst pattern, but may also appear as random line segments. Varicose veins are larger veins in comparison to spider veins. Varicose veins usually have a blue or purple color and may stick out above the surface of the skin. These veins have usually lost their ability to carry blood back to the heart, and blood often accumulates in them.

A number of factors can contribute to the development of varicose and spider veins, including heredity, obesity, posture, hormonal shifts, excessive heat, and standing or sitting for long periods of time. Spider and varicose veins may cause aching, burning, swelling, cramping, and itching. More serious complications of varicose veins can include thrombophlebitis, dermatitis, hemorrhage, and ulcers.

If certain veins are not treated, blood clots may form in the vein and phlebitis, inflammation of the inside lining of the vein, may occur. Even without symptoms, many patients seek medical treatment of varicose and spider veins for cosmetic reasons.

Treating Varicose Veins

The Trivex System is an outpatient surgery that offers patients a minimally invasive treatment that allows them to walk out of the hospital with few scars and be virtually pain-free within a couple of weeks. Trivex is designed for use during a patented, clinically tested surgical procedure for varicose vein removal called transilluminated power phlebectomy. Transilluminated means that light is passed through the skin. Phlebectomy is the medical term for vein removal. During the procedure, the surgeon views the vein using a transilluminating light and removes it with a small powered surgical device.

The Trivex System's unique illumination feature allows the surgeon to quickly and accurately target and remove the vein. This new procedure makes varicose vein removal more effective, complete, and less traumatic for patients. It reduces the number of incisions required as well as the duration of the surgery.

Treating Spider Veins

Tumescent Enhanced Sclerotherapy is a newly developed, and clinically tested procedure that is available at GVMH in an outpatient setting. It takes traditional sclerotherapy a step further by applying tumescent (meaning making the tissue tight) anesthetic solution with a small pump designed for the procedure.

A standard sclerosing solution is placed in the veins with very tiny needles. This solution causes the veins to scar up and disappear. The injection is very well tolerated by patients because the needles used are the size of a human hair. Special magnifying lenses and polarized light is used so the doctor can see the veins.

In order to make the solution that is injected in the veins work better, another solution made up of saline, lidocaine, and adrenalin is used to compress the veins being treated. This has the effect of isolating the solution in the veins, causing compression which can lead to better results. Usually treatment can be completed in two outpatient sessions.

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