

DON'T LET VARICOSE VEINS

SLOW YOU DOWN




Keep your active lifestyle and get rid of the painful, unsightly varicose and spider veins.



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A close-up photograph of a person's legs from the waist down to the feet. They are wearing dark blue athletic shorts with a bright yellow-green trim at the hem and black athletic shoes with yellow-green soles. The person's legs are positioned as if they are walking or running on a light-colored, possibly paved surface. The lighting is bright, highlighting the texture of the skin and the details of the clothing.

WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT VEIN DISEASE COULD HURT YOU

Damaged veins can take many forms, from small surface veins to large grape-like clusters. No matter what size or shape, these veins are signs of vein disease. And if left untreated, they could lead to more serious complications, such as ulcerations, blood clots or spontaneous venous hemorrhage. However, now there are innovative and effective treatments to eliminate unhealthy veins. Fortunately, once the damaged veins are treated, your body will re-route blood flow into stronger, healthier veins, reducing vein problems and improving your circulation.

EVEN SMALL THINGS HAVE A BIG IMPACT

Spider veins are tiny red or purple dilated blood vessels that form when veins become enlarged and swollen with stagnant blood. Though smaller than varicose veins, spider veins are often darker and more noticeable. This is because spider veins are located just below the surface of the skin. More common in women, spider veins may be triggered by pregnancy or hormonal variations and sometimes result in itching, restless legs and minor aches and pains. Although spider veins are mainly a cosmetic problem, they can also be an indication of more serious vein disease below the surface.

A DEEPER PROBLEM

Varicose veins are usually more uncomfortable and harmful to your health than spider veins. Normal veins are responsible for pushing blood against gravity back to the heart and lungs. Inefficient, damaged vein valves that don't close properly, allowing blood to leak back with gravity and pool in the vein, cause varicose veins. This is also known as venous reflux.



This causes the veins to bulge and stretch and result in many unpleasant side effects:

Aching and throbbing pain \ \ Heavy, tired legs
Burning night cramps \ \ Restless leg syndrome
Swelling \ \ Poor circulation \ \ Itching

LOOK AND FEEL BETTER – FAST

You want a treatment that successfully eliminates the problem at the source. But you don't want to undergo surgery that is more uncomfortable and debilitating than the condition itself. Vein Care Specialists (VCS) specialize in minimally invasive, outpatient procedures for varicose and spider veins. Knowing you want to look better fast, VCS offers treatments that are just as effective as they are efficient.

IT ALL BEGINS SOMEWHERE

The first step in finding the right treatment for damaged veins is finding its source. During your initial visit, the affected areas will be examined to determine if a Doppler Ultrasound Scan will be necessary. The ultrasound provides a visual window, revealing the diseased, refluxing veins beneath the skin's surface. VCS's physicians can pinpoint the exact cause of the varicose veins and customize an individual treatment plan for each patient – and each damaged vein. Because the problem is dealt with at the source, the treatments are quicker and more effective, and also far less painful than other traditional procedures.

ENDOVENOUS LASER THERAPY

This procedure is an FDA-approved alternative to traditional vein stripping surgery. Unlike vein stripping, this outpatient treatment is quick and virtually pain-free. Most patients return to normal activity within a day or so. During the EVLT, a thin laser fiber is guided by ultrasound into the vein to deliver laser heat to the diseased vein wall. This causes the vein to close, and eliminate venous reflux at its source.

SCLEROTHERAPY

This procedure is most often used to treat visible spider veins and small varicose veins near the surface of the skin. A painless liquid is injected in the veins, causing them to shrink, close off and eventually disappear. Although two to five treatments are often needed, the results are long lasting.

ULTRASOUND-GUIDED SCLEROTHERAPY

This technique uses ultrasound technology to guide the precise placement of the injections needed to treat varicosities beneath the skin that cannot be seen otherwise. It is extremely effective because the solution is delivered to the exact source of the varicose or spider veins.

COMPRESSION HOSE

Although compression hose do not treat the cause of the vein disease, they often provide relief from symptoms by preventing blood from pooling in the leg veins, thereby helping overall circulation. Compression hose are also important to the long-term effectiveness of most vein treatments.



did you know

Heredity is the primary factor in most varicose vein cases. Other contributing factors may include pregnancy, obesity, hormone therapy, standing or sitting for a long period of time and injury.

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We specialize in Endovenous Laser Therapy (EVLT) and several other revolutionary procedures that eliminate unsightly and unhealthy veins – all with little or no discomfort.



Lawrence R. Whitney, MD

VCS Medical Director Dr. Whitney is a board-certified, fellowship-trained interventional radiologist – minimally invasive surgeon – who is uniquely qualified to perform your vein procedure. Dr. Whitney is also a member of the American College of Radiology, the Florida Radiological Society, the Radiological Society of North America, the American Medical Association and the Society of Interventional Radiology.



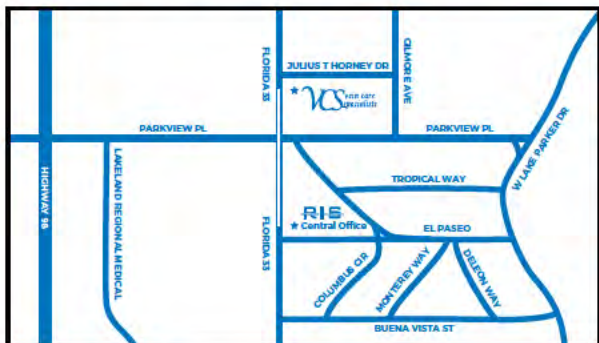
Rodney S. Carter, ARNP, FNP-C, RA

VCS Clinical Director Rodney Carter is a highly skilled vein care specialist with over 20 years' experience in the medical field. Rodney has the rare distinction of holding three ancillary medical board certifications. He is Board certified radiology assistant, Board certified nurse practitioner, and Board certified radiology technologist.

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