



BETTER CARE. BETTER RESULTS.

Less invasive. More effective.

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 – offering minimally invasive procedures – 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.

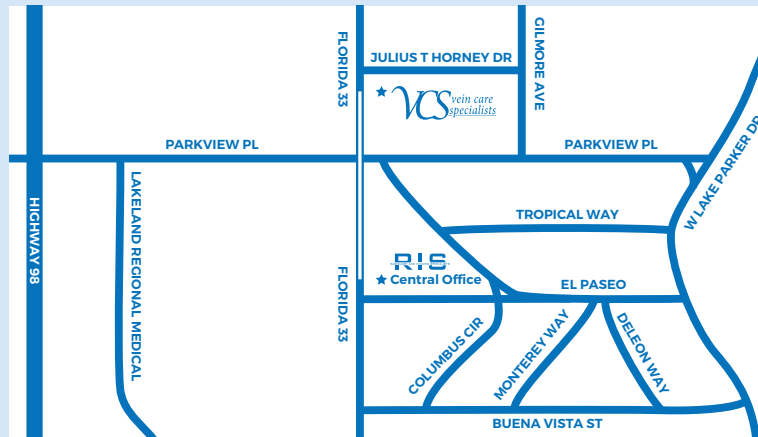
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VEIN CARE SPECIALISTS

VCS was one of the first minimally invasive varicose vein treatment practices in Central Florida. Our interventional radiologists are board-certified and uniquely qualified to perform and interpret ultrasound scans. In addition to our extensive experience, we also offer an assortment of procedures to ensure that you receive the very best treatment for your specific condition. Not all vein clinics can say the same.

A consultation with our doctor can help you determine if one of our treatments is right for you. During this consult, we can also help you understand the root cause of your varicose veins and find out if your insurance will cover the procedure. Our treatments are performed in a comfortable outpatient center (not a hospital) and no general anesthesia is required.



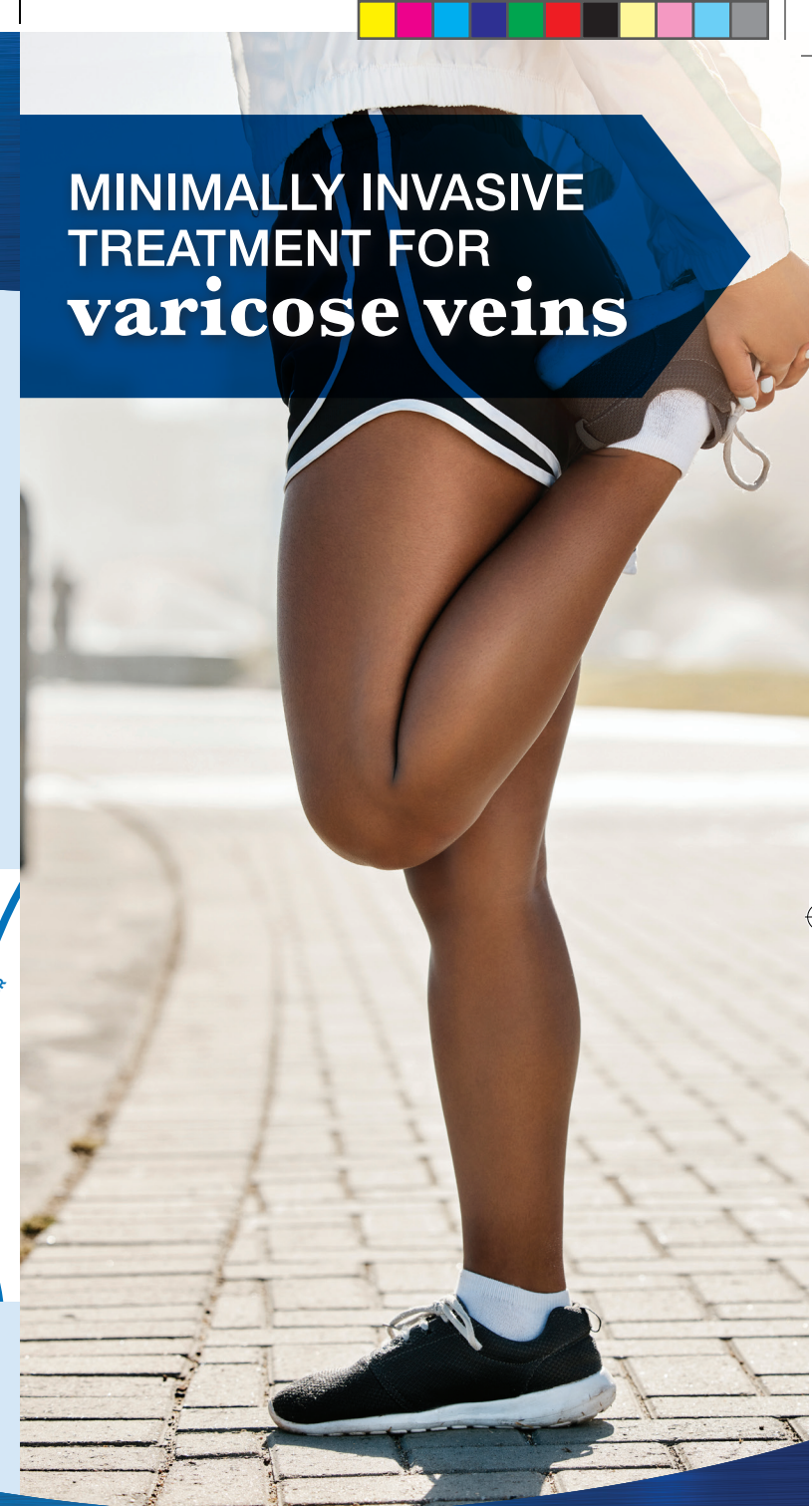
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MINIMALLY INVASIVE TREATMENT FOR varicose veins



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BEFORE

AFTER

**Your legs can look
and feel better - *FAST***

WHAT CAUSES VARICOSE AND SPIDER VEINS?

Varicose veins are enlarged, swollen veins that rise above the surface of the skin. Spider veins are smaller, red, purple or blue in color and generally do not bulge above the skin. Both are caused by a condition called venous insufficiency. With venous insufficiency, the valves that are designed to prevent blood from flowing backwards become weak and allow blood to pool in the vein.

Venous insufficiency risk factors:

- Heredity
- Age
- Prolonged standing
- Exposure to the sun
- Hormone changes
- Weight gain

In addition to the unsightly appearance of varicose veins, they can also be very painful. Varicose veins do not get better over time. In fact, delaying treatment may lead to more serious complications, including inflammation, blood clots, skin ulcers, bleeding and deep vein thrombosis.

VARICOSE VEIN TREATMENT AT VEIN CARE SPECIALISTS

At VCS, we offer several treatment options depending on your specific type of varicose veins. We first perform an ultrasound procedure to map out the veins prior to the procedure. Once the cause of your varicose veins is identified, our doctors use one of the following techniques to treat your veins:

Endovenous Laser Therapy (EVLT) is a fast, minimally invasive laser procedure that leaves no scars and can be performed in less than an hour. Unlike surgery, EVLT closes off the vein while leaving it in place. It is covered by most insurance plans/Medicare and is generally used for larger varicose veins.

VenaSeal™ is a state-of-the-art treatment that uses a special adhesive to seal the vein. It is an excellent option for smaller veins and protects the skin and surrounding nerves from heat damage. This procedure is also covered by most insurance plans and Medicare.

Varithena® Microfoam (also known as polidocanol injectable foam), is the first and only FDA-approved foam to treat varicose veins and the symptoms of superficial venous incompetence. During the procedure, the foam is injected into the diseased vein and irritates the lining of the vein, causing it to close.

Radiofrequency Ablation (RFA) is a minimally invasive treatment that uses radiofrequency energy to treat the varicose vein. The RFA procedure eliminates the affected vein from inside by using a high alternating current that generates heat to create scar tissue. The scar tissue effectively closes the vein.

With each of these minimally invasive procedures, only a small nick in the skin is required. The closed veins shrink and are absorbed by the body within a few weeks, and the visible or bulging appearance of the vein disappears. Blood is naturally re-routed through other, healthy veins to improve circulation.

SCLEROTHERAPY. AN EFFECTIVE TREATMENT FOR SPIDER VEINS.

Sclerotherapy is a safe and widely used treatment for surface-level spider veins. It is performed by injecting a chemical substance called a sclerosant directly into the affected veins. The chemical causes the veins to harden from the inside out, so they can no longer fill with blood. The veins close off and are reabsorbed by your body over a few weeks.

If dealt with at an early stage, spider veins may not become a larger problem. Depending on the type and number of veins being treated, you may need one to several injections over one or several sessions. The cost of sclerotherapy is not covered by most health insurance plans, but the procedure is very affordable. Please call us for pricing details.

TAKE THE FIRST STEP

We invite you to visit our conveniently located Lakeland outpatient center for a consultation where we will help you understand the underlying cause of your condition, discuss treatment options and show you how you may be able to prevent recurrences.

Please call

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to schedule your consultation.

