



Development in the Treatment of Vein Disease

Thank you for the confidence you have shown in our ability to treat varicose vein disease by referring your patients to us. With spring weather and shorts just around the corner, many of your patients will be complaining about the unsightly nature and physical discomfort of their varicose veins. With that in mind, **I'd like to highlight an important development so that you and your patients can continue to make an informed decision regarding treatment.**

Recent advancements in the treatment of varicose veins have been significant. For example, Endovenous Laser Treatment (ELT), has proven to show excellent long-term effectiveness in the treatment of Great and Small Saphenous vein reflux. **Patients take great comfort in ELT because it is safe, effective and minimally invasive. Plus, most insurance companies cover ELT.**

However, it's important to note that ELT cannot treat veins that are **too small, too tortuous, and/or too close to the surface of the skin** due to laser fiber size and flexibility requirements. This means that the average ELT patient will **require Sclerotherapy in conjunction with ELT** to treat the smaller veins. Patients often find these smaller veins to not only be **unsightly but also highly symptomatic.**

<p>Consequently, it's essential for physicians and patients to choose a provider who is equally skilled in ELT as well as Sclerotherapy to ensure complete, and satisfactory long-term results.</p>

Celebrating our 25th anniversary, Vein Clinics of America (VCA) is the largest practice in the country specializing exclusively in the non-surgical treatment of varicose veins, leg ulcers and related vein disorders. Our refined use of Sclerotherapy, combined with ELT, allows us to meet the needs of **all patients from the smallest spider vein to the largest ropelike varicose vein.** Plus, our ultrasound based follow up lessens the possibility of progression and recurrence – problems that are often associated with the treatment of varicose vein disease.

I hope that you've found this information useful and that you'll continue to make VCA your first choice for the treatment of varicose veins and related disorders.