

Microsclerotherapy

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Micro-sclerotherapy is the removal of red veins by injections. It is the gold standard in vein removal for all areas of the body but laser would be a better option for the face. Here are a few questions clients frequently ask.

What is microsclerotherapy?

A chemical called a sclerosant is injected into the thread vein with a very fine needle. It causes the thread vein to close and fade over the course of several weeks. It is not a perfect treatment and you will not get perfect skin but it gives improvement in the majority of cases. A course of 3 - 4 treatments separated by 12 weeks is usually needed to achieve the required degree of fading.

What are thread veins?

These are tiny blood vessels in the skin. Usually they cause no trouble, but occasionally they cause a burning sensation or pricking sensation. They do not usually indicate a serious vein condition and are not a threat to your health.

Are there any side effects ?

Yes. The vessels are fragile and will look worse for the first few weeks after treatment. Serious side effects are very rare indeed. About a fifth of patients have bruising or pigmentation. Fine red vessels can develop after treatment. These side effects fade with time.

Do I need to stop the pill or HRT?

No, but the success rate is slightly lower.

Does it hurt?

This is not a painful procedure. The injections are made with a tiny needle and very superficial. The solution does not sting. Some people feel nothing; some feel little pricks, how uncomfortable varies from one person to another.

What will my legs look like immediately after the treatment?

The injections will cause some redness and welts, like insect bites. These will have gone by the time you take the stockings down.

When you remove the stockings your legs will probably look bruised and the veins usually look worse before they look better. The veins are usually darker, sometimes with blue, black or brown spots under the skin. (one pair of stockings are included in the cost of treatment and professionally fitted by ourselves as part of the healing process.)

The appearance has usually improved noticeably by day 10 - 14. At 4 - 6 weeks the thread veins should look pretty much as they did before injection and thereafter start improving. The full effect of the injection session is apparent at 12 weeks.

Please remember that everyone is different. Do not worry if the above does not apply to you. This is just a general pattern not a set of definite rules which define success or failure.

How many treatments do you think I will need ?

Budget for up to 4 treatments over a period of 4 - 12 months. Remember it is not always possible to achieve 100% clearance but we should aim for at least 60 - 80% improvement in their appearance. It is possible to get such results after only 1 treatment but it can take up to 4.

Will the thread veins come back?

Sclerotherapy is not a permanent cure and other thread veins can develop. Most people need a top up session of treatment every 2 – 3 years.

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