

Spider Vein Treatment



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Also known as sclerotherapy, this cosmetic procedure reduces or eliminates surface vessels or spider veins, commonly on the face and legs.

Procedural steps: Sclerosing solution is injected directly into a vessel, causing it to slowly fade or disappear. This solution may be used in conjunction with Doppler ultrasound device for larger veins. Laser or intense pulsed light therapy reduces tiny surface vessels on the face and legs.

Recovery: Veins gradually fade, usually in seven to 10 days. The final results will be apparent in two to six weeks.

Laser Hair Removal

Laser hair removal is a non-invasive technique that uses highly concentrated light to penetrate hair follicles. The intense heat of the laser damages the hair follicle to inhibit future hair growth.

Laser hair removal is effective for most parts of the body. Because laser hair removal only affects actively growing hair follicles, it may take several laser hair removal treatments to provide significant hair reduction. Additionally, while laser hair removal effectively slows hair growth, it doesn't guarantee permanent hair removal. Periodic maintenance treatments may be needed.

Procedural steps: A beam of highly concentrated light is used to target unwanted hair follicles. There is some mild discomfort that does not last long.

Because hair grows in cycles, it typically takes three to four laser hair removal treatments to provide significant hair reduction.

Recovery: You might feel pain immediately after laser hair removal. Your doctor may treat this pain with a topical anesthetic cream or may advise you to use ice. During the weeks after treatment, some of the hair in the area treated will start falling out. You also may experience itching and swelling for a few weeks after treatment. Pigment changes may occur, especially in those with darker skin. These changes are usually temporary. Your skin also may be slightly red immediately after treatment.

Laser hair removal doesn't guarantee permanent hair removal. Some hair could be resistant to the laser treatment or grow again after treatment — although the new hair growth might be finer and lighter in color. You may require multiple treatments in one area. Your plastic surgeon can advise you on the timeline for treatment.