

Frequently Asked Questions - VenaSeal

WHAT IS THE VENASEAL CLOSURE SYSTEM?

The VenaSeal™ closure system uses a proprietary medical adhesive to close the diseased vein.

Q: WHAT DOES IT TREAT?

A: The VenaSeal closure system treats symptomatic vein disease in the lower extremity superficial truncal veins, often the underlying cause of painful varicose veins.

Q: WHEN WILL MY SYMPTOMS IMPROVE?

A: Most patients report a noticeable improvement in their symptoms within 1-2 weeks following the procedure. Symptoms can vary from patient to patient and improvements can be seen as far out as 12 months.

Q: WHEN CAN I RETURN TO NORMAL ACTIVITY?

A: The VenaSeal procedure is designed to reduce recovery time. Many patients return to normal activity immediately after the procedure. The exception is no heavy lifting and no swimming for 48 hours.

Q: IS THE VENASEAL PROCEDURE PAINFUL?

A: Most patients feel little, if any, pain during the outpatient procedure. Is there bruising after the VenaSeal procedure? Most patients report little-to-no bruising after the VenaSeal procedure.

Q: WHAT HAPPENS TO THE VENASEAL ADHESIVE?

A: Only a very small amount of VenaSeal adhesive is used to close the vein. Your body will naturally create scar tissue around the adhesive over time to keep the vessel permanently closed.

Q: HOW DOES THE VENASEAL PROCEDURE DIFFER FROM THERMAL ENERGY PROCEDURES?

A: The VenaSeal procedure uses an adhesive to close the superficial vein. Thermal energy procedures use heat to close the vein. The intense heat requires a large volume of numbing medicine, which is injected through many needle sticks. The injections may cause pain and bruising after the procedure.

Q: IS THE VENASEAL PROCEDURE COVERED BY INSURANCE?

A: As with any procedure, insurance coverage may vary. For more information, please contact your insurance provider.

Q: Is swelling normal following a vein procedure?

A: Some bruising, swelling and minimal discomfort may be experienced following a radiofrequency vein ablation. This is normal and over-the-counter anti-inflammatories such as Ibuprofen, Motrin/Advil, Naproxen or Aleve may be taken unless instructed otherwise by the provider.

Q: Can I travel after procedures?

A: We recommend avoiding flying for 2 weeks following procedures. The day of the procedure we recommend avoiding laying down/sitting for long periods of time. For the next 5-7 days following the procedure we recommend not sitting for >3 hours in long car rides.

Q: How long will I be in compression stockings?

A: Following a VenaSeal ablation procedure, compression stockings should be worn around the clock for 24 hours. Following this period, compression stockings should be worn during waking hours for 5 additional days if you are experiencing aching or discomfort.

Compression stockings may be used for soreness or swelling that occurs after vein treatment.

Q: How long do I leave the steri strips on?

A: The Steri Strips are applied at the vein access points, and can be removed at the 24-hour point

Q: Can I go to work after procedures?

A: You may return to normal activities following the procedure. The exception is NO heavy lifting and NO swimming for 48 hours following the procedure. We encourage walking at least 30 minutes a day.