

Foam/injection Sclerotherapy



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What does the procedure involve?

- The procedure involves the injection of a drug (which maybe mixed with air to produce a foam) into the affected vein. This causes the vein to be scarred on the inside causing the vein to harden and eventually over time to disappear.
 - After the procedure the treated leg will be bandaged and you will be wearing surgical stockings.
 - You will need keep the stockings and bandages on for 5 days and night. After this both the bandages and stockings can be removed and you will need to only wear the stockings during the day time for a further 5 days.
 - You may wish to wear the stockings after this time if you find it help with discomfort.
 - You may need multiple (many) treatments to remove the visible veins.
 - There are well recognised effects and complications after the procedure including:
 - Bruising and discolouration along the course of the vein is common. If it is painful you will need to take painkillers such as paracetamol or antiinflammatories msuch as Ibuprofen.
- The veins become hard and lumpy over the next few days. This can take sometime to disappear.
- Brown discolouration over the treated skin occurs frequently. This can take many months (typically 6-24 months) to disappear. However this can occasionally be permanent.
 - Deep vein thrombosis can happen but is rare (<1%).
 - New thread vein may appear after the treatment.
 - You may experience floaters in the eye or may exacerbate migraine.
 - Very occasionally you may get an ulcer at the site of the injection.