

# the Vein Group

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- 60% of all men and women suffer from some form of vein disorder
- Untreated symptoms may lead to more serious problems
- EVLT and Closure have a 98% success rate for relief of symptoms without major surgery
- The procedure is fast, easy and carries little to no risk of scarring or postoperative infection



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*You deserve to feel good about your legs again!*

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Varicose Vein Treatment for Men and Women

# *We offer a safe and highly advanced way to eliminate painful or unsightly veins*

## *What causes varicose veins?*

Varicose veins are enlarged, swollen veins that are raised above the surface of the skin. Spider veins are similar, but smaller. The direct cause is a condition called venous insufficiency. Valves designed to prevent blood from flowing backwards—as gravity pulls it down—become weak and allow blood to pool in the vein. The underlying causes can include heredity, age, prolonged standing, hormone changes or obesity.

BEFORE



AFTER



## *Physically and emotionally painful*

In addition to the unsightly appearance of varicose veins, the condition can become quite painful. Delaying treatment can also lead to more serious complications, including inflammation, blood clots, skin ulcers, bleeding and deep vein thrombosis.

## *Raised questions*

Until recently, the only treatment for varicose veins was a procedure called vein stripping, a highly invasive surgical procedure that results in a long, often painful recovery period. The resulting surgical scars, potential for complications and recurrence rates of 10-25%, make this option impractical for most.

## *EVLT, Closure and Sclerotherapy*

Endovenous Laser Vein Therapy (EVLT) and Closure are quick, minimally invasive and FDA-approved procedures that leave no scars and can be performed in less than an hour. The process begins with an ultrasound to map out the veins to be treated. A local anesthetic is applied to numb the treatment area, and then a qualified practitioner uses a probe just under the skin to seal-off the varicose vein, which then dissolves as it is absorbed by the body.

Sclerotherapy (injection therapy) is a treatment for spider veins. It is performed by injecting the vein(s) with a solution, causing them to disappear.

With either treatment, you can resume normal activities immediately after the procedure.

## *The RAH Vein Group difference*

Our board-certified doctors at Radiology Associates of Hartford, P.C. are among the most experienced vein specialists in Connecticut. We'll consult with you to find the underlying cause of your condition to help you get the best result possible.

## *Take the first step*

We invite you to visit our clinic for a free consultation where we will help you understand the underlying cause of your condition, discuss treatment options and show you how you may be able to prevent recurrences.

## *We'll do all the legwork*

Most procedures are covered by insurance. We'll assist you by working directly with your doctor and insurance company. If your procedure is not covered, you'll be pleased to know that we offer a number of convenient financing options to fit your budget. Either way, you can be on your way to smooth, healthy and beautiful-looking legs sooner than you may have thought possible.

