

Radiofrequency Ablation of Leg Veins

The veins in your body contain valves that open and close to assist the return of blood to your heart. Sometimes the valves become weakened and no longer function correctly. This is not dangerous to you but can cause the blood to pool in the veins which can lead to varicose veins, heaviness, aching, pain, and/or wounds that do not heal. You and your doctor have determined you would benefit from a vein procedure to improve your symptoms.

Scheduling

1. You will be called to schedule your procedure. We may need to get approval from your insurance prior to scheduling. This can take approximately 2-4 weeks.
2. Vein procedures are typically performed in our Orlando office (80 West Michigan Street, Orlando, Florida 32806).

Before Procedure

1. Do not eat or drink anything after midnight the day prior to your procedure.
2. We will inform you of the medications that should not be taken before your procedure and when to stop them.
3. You must remove all leg hair from groin to ankle prior to your appointment.

Day of Procedure

1. You must arrive at the office at the time listed on your instruction sheet. This is typically 1 hour prior to the scheduled time of your surgery.
2. Family members/belongings: it is best to leave all items of value at home (cash, jewelry etc.). All items that are brought with you should be left with your loved one. All other items (clothing etc.) will be stored and given back to you after the procedure.
3. We want you to be comfortable during your procedure. Options for sedation will be discussed with you prior to your procedure. Medication may be given through your IV to relax you. You may continue to feel sleepy after your procedure and will need someone to drive you home. This must be someone known to you, not a ride-share or taxi service. If you and your doctor chose not to use medication through your IV to relax you, you may drive yourself home.

4. After your procedure is completed, the surgeon will come out and discuss how the case went.
5. You will recover for at least 30 minutes after your procedure has been completed.

After Procedure

1. Your legs will be wrapped with ACE bandages after your procedure. You can take these off yourself and shower after 48 hours. You do not need to put the wraps back on. Compression stockings should be worn on the treated leg(s) for 2 weeks.
2. You may walk immediately after your procedure. You are encouraged to walk for at least 30 minutes per day. You should avoid heavy lifting and strenuous exercise for two weeks. You may drive and return to work the day after the procedure.
3. You may have some bruising on your leg. This is normal and will fade over time.
4. Some people develop patches of numbness on the leg. This is not uncommon and should over time.
5. The vein that was treated may feel hard/tender after the procedure. This feeling can last for weeks but will go away.
6. Many patients notice an improvement in their symptoms within 24 hours after the procedure; symptoms may continue to improve for several weeks after the procedure.
7. You may still see your varicose veins after this procedure. They may get smaller over the course of 12 weeks after the procedure. If they do not and this is bothersome to you, further procedures may be discussed with your surgeon.

Follow Up

1. You will be scheduled for an ultrasound in our office 2-3 days after the procedure. This is done to check the vein that was treated and to make sure you have not developed a deep blood clot (the risk of this is low).
2. You will also be scheduled for a follow-up visit in the office 1-2 weeks after your procedure.
3. If you develop severe pain or swelling after the procedure or have any other concerns please contact the office.



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Our office phone number is **407.648.4323**. If you have any questions you can reach us between the hours of 8AM-5PM. If you have an urgent concern and need to call after hours you will reach one of our surgeons through our answering service. Answers to many common questions may also be found at www.arteryandvein.com.

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