



## **Sclerotherapy**

### ***Preparation Needed:***

Please read all instructions carefully and follow them exactly as outlined below. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of your test.

No restriction of food, liquid or medications prior to the test.

### ***Brief Description of Test:***

Sclerotherapy treats veins that make too many twists and turns for standard endovenous ablation procedures and spider veins. Sclerotherapy is a very simple procedure that involves injecting a sclerosing solution directly into the problem vein. The solution irritates the vein's wall. Over time, the vein turns into scar tissue, is absorbed back into the body and fades from view. Sclerotherapy takes less than an hour to perform. You will be awake during the procedure. Larger veins are located and mapped using ultrasound. After the veins have been located, a tiny needle is inserted into the vein and a small amount of sclerosing solution is injected. Because the process involves using a tiny needle, sclerotherapy leaves no visible scars. Following the procedure a prescription strength compression stocking must be worn for a short time. You can continue most normal activities immediately. Up to 80 percent of injected varicose veins may be eliminated with each injection session. As with all surgical procedures, there's a small chance of complication associated with sclerotherapy

### ***Why Am I Taking This Test?***

Your doctor has ordered this test to treat varicose and spider veins.

*Please call our office with additional questions.*