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VEIN CENTER

Frequent questions and concerns regarding spider vein treatment:

Injection sclerotherapy of spider veins is a cosmetic treatment and as such your perception of the procedure will heavily influence how happy you are with the result.

First, great improvement is the goal of treatment -- perfection is not possible. Regardless of what you've heard or seen in the media, it is rarely possible to obliterate all the spider veins and return the skin to a perfectly normal look. A few veins always remain and patients often get a few light "tan trails" where the veins used to be. I generally tell patients that an 80% improvement is a reasonable expectation. We will take photos before the treatment begins so that objective comparisons can be made.

Secondly, sclerotherapy is a gradual process that will take at least 6-9 months to unfold. Regardless of what you've heard or seen in the media, the veins do not disappear immediately. Some do vanish immediately after the injection but many initially turn slightly darker and then very gradually fade over a 6-9 month period. The darker color comes from clotted blood within the sclerosed vein and is not dangerous. Much of it can be 'milked out' 3-4 weeks later which will speed the process and lessen the tannish streaks.

Thirdly, multiple injection 'sessions' are required except in the most minor cases. These are not covered by insurance and payment will be your responsibility. We charge per the injection session. I will give you my best estimate of how many appointments will be necessary before we begin and charge you only for that number of sessions. If an additional session is necessary I will do that free of charge as it's important to me that you be as pleased as possible with the result.

Remember- Spider Vein Injection Sclerotherapy is an imperfect drawn out process. If however, you have realistic expectations and are willing to be patient for the changes to take place, I am confident that you will be very pleased with the results.

If you have any questions please call us at Napa Vascular & Vein Center at 707-252-4955.

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