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General Information about Laser Spider Vein Treatments

Laser Treatments of Spider Veins is a cosmetic procedure. The number of treatments depends upon the veins, hormonal status, area being treated and medications you take. Generally, a minimum of **2-3 treatments** are needed for facial vessels and at least **4-5 treatments** may be needed on the legs. Specific costs will be discussed at your initial consultation.

Spider veins are purple, blue or red in appearance and can appear on the legs and face. Spider veins appear in three basic shapes: linear, branch-like or in the shape of a spider, with a dark center point.

Nearly 70% of all women and 30% of men will develop some type of venous disorder. Spider veins are formed from pressure in the venous system. This pressure causes the smaller blood vessels to enlarge, creating spider veins under the surface of the skin. Although the exact cause of spider veins is unknown, there are many contributing factors including heredity, pregnancy, age, weight, standing for long periods of time and hormonal changes. Spider vein treatments can take care of veins you currently have, but will not prevent new veins from appearing in the future.

Commonly Asked Questions and Answers Regarding Laser Spider Vein Treatment:

Q. *How does Laser spider vein treatment work?*

A. The Cool Glide Excel™ laser emits a pulse of intense light which is sent through a cooled hand piece to the treatment site. The laser energy is directed to the veins you wish to have eliminated. The laser energy is absorbed by the blood and shuts down the vein. This is done without damage to the surrounding tissue. The destroyed veins are reabsorbed by the body and the blood flow is directed to larger and deeper veins, where it belongs.

Q. *Can veins be treated from any area of the body?*

A. The most common areas to be treated are the thighs and lower legs for women, face and nose for women and men. Cherry hemangiomas (red dots) and spider hemangiomas are found on women and men on arms, legs, and upper chest.

Q. *I am embarrassed about my veins. May I come in without anybody knowing that I do this?*

A. Our staff keeps all information very confidential. We never share names of our clients or any information regarding them.

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