

SCLEROTHERAPY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FAQs	Sclerotherapy
What is it?	A concentrated salt and sugar solution is injected into the veins. This solution irritates the vessel walls causing them to collapse over 1-2 months.
How is the procedure done?	A salt and sugar solution is injected into the veins using a very fine gauge needle.
What are the side effects?	Swelling and redness of the treated vessels lasts 2-4 days. There is a small risk of scarring at the injection site, as well as hyperpigmentation lasting several months.
How long does it last?	60%-90% resolution of vessels following 2-4 treatments. This treatment does not prevent new vessels from forming.
Does the treatment hurt?	There is a slight pinching or burning sensation on injection.
How much down time is there after treatment?	None.
What is the after-care following treatment?	Patients should avoid aspirin products, alcohol, hot baths and heavy exercise for 2 days.
How Long does the procedure take?	30 - 45 minutes