

# Vein Care of Brevard LLC

## Informed Consent for Sclerotherapy/UGS/Endofoam

This form is designed to document that you understand the information regarding your vein problem, including the potential risks and benefits of treating and not treating your condition. This information is presented so that you can make an informed decision regarding your condition and your options.

Sclerotherapy is used to treat spider veins, varicose veins, facial veins, hand veins and breast veins. Sclerotherapy involves using an extremely fine and nearly painless needle to inject the veins with a medication. (Most patients compare the needle discomfort to having their blood drawn for a lab test.)

This medication causes the veins to gently dry up and become gradually absorbed by the body's natural healing response. The fading time can take from a few weeks to a few months. Most areas will require 3 to 6 treatments.

We have 3 different medications available to treat veins: Polidocanol, Sotradecol and saline (saltwater). All are approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Polidocanol has been used successfully for over 20 years in Europe, and it is the preferred medication worldwide because of its combined effectiveness, excellent safety record and absence of stinging when injected. Because of this, we too prefer Polidocanol and inform you of its use.

\_\_\_\_ (Please Initial) Both Polidocanol and Polidocanol Foam have been approved by the FDA. We use generic Polidocanol which we Foam in the clinic immediately prior to use, using the prevailing standard of care. The use of Polidocanol Foam greatly enhances the medications ability to close varicose veins.

\_\_\_\_ (Please Initial) **Minor** side effects include: 1) Bruising, 2) Skin discoloration, 3) skin blister or soreness, 4) incomplete elimination of veins. **Serious** side effects are very rare but may include: 1) allergic reaction, 2) blood clot formation and, 3) arterial injection with possible limb ischemia and subsequent amputation.

Possible **complications of not treating** your veins may include a worsening of the condition- usually nothing more than numerous veins or an enlargement of existing veins. Left untreated, varicose veins can cause pain, swelling, inflammation (phlebitis), skin ulcers that will not heal and blood clots.

**Other treatments are available.** Patients with varicose veins can sometimes get relief from support stockings. Large varicose veins can be removed with vein stripping surgery. This procedure is performed in the hospital under general anesthesia. Endolaser Treatment and Ambulatory Phebectomy are minimally-invasive procedures used to treat large varicose veins. These procedures are performed in the office under local anesthesia.

You will be given instruction on what to expect after treatment. If you experience a problem after treatment, or if you have questions, please contact our office.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read the above information and have been informed of the benefits and risks of treatment, the alternate treatment options and risks of not treating my condition. I hereby consent to treatment.

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Patient's Signature

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Date

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Witness' Signature (If a minor)