

# **South Miami Vein Center**

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### **Vein Injections (Sclerotherapy)**

**What does the procedure entail?**

Medicine will be directly injected into the vein using a small needle. This will damage the inner lining of the vein and will eventually cause it to seal. This does not harm the circulation. It improves it by eliminating the abnormal, unnecessary vessel. Several injections may be needed to eliminate the veins.

**Where do I go for the procedure?**

The vein injections are done in our office, Suite 505. For this procedure, simply enter through the door labeled “**South Miami Vein Center**”. This door is located before the door you came in for your follow-up visits, on the right.

**How long is the procedure?**

It is half an hour long.

**How early should I arrive for my appointment?**

Please come 15 minutes before your given appointment time. The appointment time you are told is the time you will be in the actual procedure room. The extra 15 minutes allows us to explain the procedure to you and have you fill out a few forms. If you are late for your appointment the surgery will be rescheduled.

**Will it hurt?**

No. This procedure is virtually painless.

**How much does it cost?**

Cosmetic vein injections are \$300 per half hour session. Medically necessary vein injections will be submitted to your insurance company and subject to your benefits. You will be notified ahead of time whether your case is cosmetic or medically necessary.

**How long will it take for the vein to fade?**

This is a slow process that can take 1 to 6 months. The goal is to produce a 75% to 90% improvement in both appearance and symptoms.

**Do I have to wear stockings after the injections?**

Yes. You will need to wear a light compression stocking for 1-2 weeks. If you do not have compression stockings we offer a variety here at the office. Please speak to one of the medical assistants for any questions regarding stockings.

**How many times do vein injections have to be done?**

This depends on the number of areas that have to be injected, the number of veins, their size, as well as their response to the injections. During the half hour the doctor will inject as many veins as he can.

**When can I schedule another set of vein injections?**

In 4 to 6 weeks.

**What should I do before my appointment?**

- Do not use lotion
- Wear anything that is comfortable for you
- You can drive yourself

**What are the side effects of injection treatments?**

- Stinging or burning may occur right when the vein is injected.
- Swelling over the injection site may rarely occur.
- Around 10% to 30% of patients develop a small freckle-like tan to brown spot around the injected vessel. This usually resolves in 80% of these patients within 3 to 6 months. A few patients will have persistent discoloration for up to a year
- Occasionally the body replaces the injected vein with a “mat” of very fine vessels causing an apparent darkened area. This may need follow-up injections.
- Itchiness at the site of the injection may occur. This can be relieved with Benadryl.
- Small red bumps on the injection may site may occur.
- The injected sites will definitely look worse for a few weeks before they look better.

**What to do after the procedure:**

- Keep legs moving, even on the car ride home. Tense up and relax your muscles.
- Resume normal activity
- No sun for 1 to 3 months. Consult your doctor for an exact time limit.

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Please contact our office if you have any further questions or concerns.