



Frequently Asked Questions

1. Will treating my veins compromise my circulation?

Treating your veins will not compromise your circulation. If you are in need of vein treatment, your veins and vein valves are likely not functioning properly. Treating your veins will help improve your circulation and also help alleviate any bothersome symptoms you may be experiencing.

2. Will treating my veins be painful?

Most patients feel relaxed and little to no pain during their vein treatments. We strive to make sure your experience is as painless, comfortable, and pleasant as possible. We are aware that everyone has different tolerance levels for pain. During most vein procedures, we will use numbing medicines to ensure your maximum comfort. During any procedure that you have at our clinic, we will continually make sure that you are as comfortable as possible.

3. What if I need my veins for heart surgery?

Any veins that we are treating are diseased. These veins would not be utilized for any type of heart bypass surgery.

4. Can my legs be cured of vein disease forever?

Vein disease is a chronic condition. We can help treat your symptoms now and give you tools to maintain your leg health. It is important you use measures for leg health long-term to keep vein disease manageable and maintain your comfort.

5. Will insurance cover my treatment?

Most insurance companies will cover therapies for your veins after a period of time of utilizing conservative therapies such as compression. Ask for a handout on Billings Clinic Vein Center recommendations for healthy leg measures today! Sclerotherapy; however, is considered cosmetic and not payable by insurance.

Please know that we welcome and encourage you to be an active participant in your health. If you have any additional questions that you did not ask during your office visit, please phone our office and speak with one of our nurses. We would be more than happy to discuss any concerns you may have.

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6. What happens to the vein that is closed after treatment?

After vein therapy, the body will automatically re-route blood through healthy veins. Think about driving in a car: You can take the highway, frontage roads, or connecting roads to arrive at your destination. Your veins function much like this. When we shut down a poorly functioning superficial vein in your leg (the frontage road), blood will be re-routed to deep veins (the highway) or connecting roads (smaller veins) to get back to your heart. Any vein that is treated and closed down during your procedure will turn into scar tissue that will over time be absorbed by your body.

7. What causes vein disease?

Varicose veins and other vein disease can be caused or become worsened by a number of issues. These include but are not limited to:

- Genetics
- Excessive body weight
- Pregnancy
- Prolonged sitting or standing
- Advancing age
- Lack of exercise

8. What procedures are offered at Billings Clinic Vein Center?

We offer a wide variety of vein treatment options and strive to provide individualized care. Treatment options that we provide include but are not limited to:

- Radiofrequency Ablation (RFA)
- Vein Stripping
- ClariVein
- Sclerotherapy
- Ambulatory Microphlebectomy

Please schedule a new patient examination today by calling and speaking to one of our nurses at **406-435-VASC (8272)**. During your new patient exam, we will thoroughly examine your legs with both ultrasound and physical examination, talk about your symptoms, and develop a treatment plan that will best suit your needs and best achieve your individualized treatment goals.