

When your patient has leg heaviness and fatigue or swelling, itching and pain, you need a vascular specialist who can evaluate the condition and offer solutions. Patients with varicose veins often are most concerned about the twisted and bulging appearance of their veins. However, this condition called venous insufficiency can be very serious, leading to skin ulcers and blood clots.

The board-certified interventional radiologists consult with each patient and diagnose the severity of the condition with ultrasound. One of these minimally invasive interventional procedures may be indicated:

## **VARICOSE VEIN**

ABLATION, an imageguided treatment that uses laser energy, is delivered through a catheter to cauterize and close problematic veins

## **SCLEROTHERAPY** is

the primary treatment for small varicose veins in the legs. A solution injected through a very thin needle causes the veins to shrink and eventually disappear

#### PHLEBECTOMY,

performed under local anesthesia, uses a small scalpel or needle and phlebectomy hook to make very small incisions and remove varicose veins near the skin's surface

# **OUTPATIENT PROCEDURES**

Venous procedures are performed in a comfortable outpatient setting. Patients go home the same day.



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