



Frequently Asked Questions: Laser Vein Removal

What is laser vein removal?

Laser therapy is a proven treatment for treating unsightly broken and dilated vessels, as well as other unwanted vascular lesions such as rosacea, port wine stains, and other vascular birthmarks. In fact, the latest advances in laser technology have given us a method for removal that is safer, faster, and more effective than previous methods.

What areas can be treated?

All skin areas can be treated. Popular areas are the face, neck, chest, and legs.

Is there a risk?

There is little risk for the treatment of these benign conditions. Very rarely you may experience pigmentary changes on your skin. Please discuss any concern or question you may have during the consultation.

How long will I take to recover?

Your healing time will depend upon the actual treatment, and you may experience some redness which may last several days. There is virtually no recovery time and you may resume an active lifestyle immediately.

What should I expect after the treatment?

Some temporary redness may be present in the area that has been treated. However, this should subside within a few hours. Your skin will have a pink or red color that will resolve over time. You will need to avoid direct sun exposure, or use a sun block of at least SPF 15 when outdoors.

Will it be uncomfortable?

There is little to no discomfort, depending on your tolerability to pain and the depth of the treatment. Most people describe laser vein treatment as feeling like the snap of a rubber band against the skin. Any discomfort can be eased with the application of cool compresses.

How soon will I see results? Are there any side effects?

Because laser vein treatment works by causing the unwanted vein to break up and dissolve, resolution of the unwanted vein will take place over the course of several weeks. The most common side effect is bruising around the treated area. This will resolve within days of the treatment.

How many treatments are necessary? Is treatment permanent?

Depending on the severity of the condition, multiple treatments may be required. Improvement generally lasts for several years, but over time new veins will develop, requiring touch-up treatments at later dates.

What are the costs involved?

Cost is dependent on time spent treating the vessels within the session. Please consult with Dr. Cheng for details.