

Vein Ablation FAQs

Q: Why should I or my doctor consider VenaCure laser vein treatment for my varicose veins?

A: There are two reasons to consider laser vein treatment at Greensboro Imaging. First, it might be medically necessary. Varicose veins can be painful and limit your physical activity. In the worst cases, they can lead to eczema, chronic thickening and discoloration of the skin, blood clots, ulceration, or the rupturing of the problem vein. Second, you may choose to have laser vein therapy for purely cosmetic reasons to enhance the appearance of your legs.

Q: How is VenaCure laser vein treatment different from surgery?

A: Surgery involves anesthesia, pain in the affected areas and a lengthy recovery period. VenaCure laser vein treatment eliminates those problems and has a very low risk of infection. VenaCure is minimally invasive, meaning that the entry point for the procedure is very small and doesn't require stitches. There is no recovery period and the treatment isn't painful. In fact, you'll be up and walking as soon as it's over and able to resume normal activities.

Q: How does the laser work? Is it safe?

A: A laser is a highly concentrated beam of light. Medical lasers deliver this light energy to targeted tissue with extreme precision to avoid affecting the surrounding tissue. Medical lasers have been proven safe and effective through years of use in all kinds of medical procedures. In the hands of a skilled physician, laser procedures have much less risk and fewer complications than conventional surgery.

Q: How does a laser treat varicose veins?

A: Veins carry blood back to the heart. In your legs, this means the blood has to flow upward, against gravity. Because of that, these veins have one-way valves to prevent the blood from flowing back down. Over time, these valves can fail to close tightly, allowing blood to pool and causing the bulging and twisting appearance of varicose veins. VenaCure fixes this problem by delivering a precise amount of laser energy to just the right tissue, causing the bad vein to close. Your body will automatically route the blood to other healthy veins to compensate.

Q: What's the procedure like?

A: Your doctor inserts a thin laser fiber into the vein through a sheath and the laser light goes through the fiber. It's done in an outpatient setting like your physician's office or a one-day surgery center. It takes about 45 minutes and requires just local anesthesia. While the treatment may cause an odd sensation, it isn't painful.

Q: How do I prepare?

A: Preparation is easy. You simply avoid eating or drinking two hours before the procedure.

Q: How soon will I see results and will the treatment last?

A: You could start seeing results immediately. There may be some slight swelling right after the procedure. VenaCure has proved to be 97% effective—an outstanding record of success. Therefore, you should not experience a reoccurrence in veins that have been treated. A follow-up might be needed for best aesthetic results.

Q: Will my insurance cover the procedure?

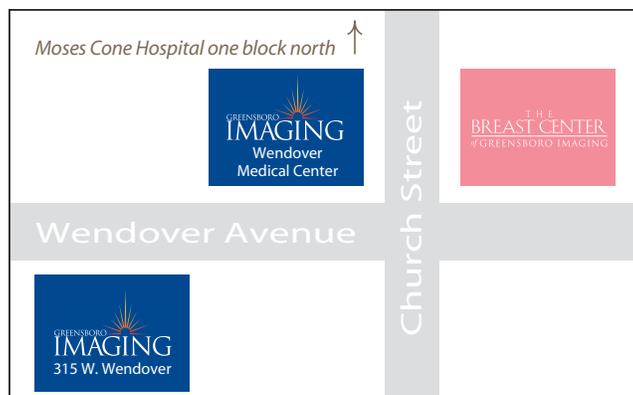
A: Insurance coverage depends on the specific company and policy and whether or not the treatment is viewed as a medically necessary or cosmetic procedure. In many cases, insurance requires a patient to first try compression stockings or other alternative treatments for a few months before covering laser vein therapy. If you would prefer immediate treatment, bypassing insurance restrictions and red tape, or if your treatment is solely for cosmetic purposes, Greensboro Imaging offers Care Credit patient payment plans.

Q: What is Care Credit?

A: Care Credit is a financial solution which allows patients to cover the costs of doctor recommended treatments without waiting on insurance delays and red tape. Care Credit offers no interest plans and extended payment plans which will fit most needs. You can apply for Care Credit at Greensboro Imaging and know if you are eligible within minutes.

Q: How can I get more information about VenaCure?

A: Simply call Greensboro Imaging at 433-5000 to get additional information or to schedule an evaluation with a Greensboro Imaging physician.



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