

## **Sclerotherapy Care Instructions**

## **Before Your Treatment**

- Purchase compression stockings 15-22 mmhg.
- Avoid blood thinners such as ibuprofen and aspirin 24 hours prior to treatment.
- Avoid sun exposure for two weeks prior to treatment.

## **After Your Treatment**

Proper aftercare is essential in ensuring positive results. The treated area may be itchy, red, swollen, bruised, or tender immediately after treatment. A complete list of possible side effects was provided to you prior to the procedure.

- Following your treatment, we strongly recommend wearing compression stockings for the first three days for 24 hours a day and then during waking hours for one week. Avoid strenuous exercises, hot tubs, hot baths, heat, and sun exposure for the 1<sup>st</sup> week following your treatment.
- You may feel some discomfort, such as muscle aching and/or cramping following your treatment. Frequent walking, flexing feet while sitting, taking ibuprofen or acetaminophen, and applying Arnica gel will help reduce these symptoms.
- After a few days you may notice some dark areas or feel bumps along the treated veins, which is a normal response and can be expelled two weeks after treatment.
- It has taken many years to form these veins so it may take several sessions to obtain your desired results. Each treatment session can be scheduled at 4–6-week intervals and your treated veins will continue to fade over several months, so please be patient.
- Please bring compression hose and shorts with you to your appointment.

**Questions/Concerns.** Post-treatment healing varies from patient to patient. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office at 425-450-0880.