



Getting to the Heart of Your Varicose Vein Problem

Trust your legs to the specialist with the most experience in evaluating and treating the blood vessels of the body.



Michael L. Metzger, MD, FACC, is board certified and fellowship trained in cardiovascular disease and interventional cardiology.

Venous Insufficiency is a condition in which veins, particularly leg veins, do not adequately transport blood back to the heart. Instead, blood tends to pool in the legs, which can cause a wide spectrum of problems such as spider veins, swelling and discoloration of the legs, and progression to large, painful varicose veins (pictured here). When symptomatic, this condition is often extremely debilitating in addition to being cosmetically unappealing.

Today, many complex cardiac and vascular conditions can be treated with minimally invasive approaches known as endovascular treatments. In contrast to invasive surgical procedures, which have historically been the standard of care, endovascular treatments are low-risk and have few side effects.

Interventional Cardiologists are specifically trained to provide endovascular treatments, which often use catheters and wires in a minimally invasive approach with very low associated risks. Endovascular treatments are used for both elective procedures and acute emergencies such as heart attacks. With extensive endovascular knowledge and training, Interventional Cardiologists are exceptionally qualified to use these skills in other vascular systems—such as the venous system—to treat Venous Insufficiency. Dr. Metzger is a board-certified Interventional Cardiologist and the perfect choice for varicose and spider vein treatment.

Restoring Healthier Circulation

Dr. Michael Metzger is a board-certified Interventional Cardiologist who also specializes in advanced treatments for patients with Venous Insufficiency. Dr. Metzger's patients come in for a comprehensive evaluation, typically followed by a Venous Doppler Ultrasound in order to confirm and document the Venous Insufficiency and determine the necessary treatment. After the ultrasound, Dr. Metzger reviews the results with the patient and presents a carefully structured treatment plan unique to each patient's needs. All procedures are performed on an outpatient basis in his office.

"Varicose veins affect quality of life for so many people—both men and women. Treating venous disease in the convenience and comfort of my office gives me an opportunity to make positive changes in my patients' lives," says Dr. Metzger.



Introducing VeinGogh™ to South Florida

Dr. Metzger continually evaluates emerging treatment protocols and invests in new technology when he believes it will raise the standard of care for his patients.

He recently acquired the VeinGogh Ohmic Thermolysis System, which provides a superior way to erase unsightly spider veins. A hair-thin, insulated probe quickly and efficiently thermocoagulates the targeted veins.

"The VeinGogh system provides a new, minimally invasive approach to treat a more diverse spectrum of spider veins while potentially minimizing ongoing needs for chemical sclerotherapy injections," explains Dr. Metzger.



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