

Do I Need a Test for CVI?

Chronic Venous Insufficiency (CVI) is a serious circulatory problem in which the leg veins cannot pump enough blood back to your heart. It affects over 2.5 million Americans, most over the age of 40.

Symptoms of CVI include varicose veins, skin problems, leg and ankle swelling, tight calves, and legs that feel heavy, tired, restless, or achy. Factors that can increase the risk of CVI include pregnancy, obesity, smoking, standing or sitting for long periods of time and not getting enough exercise.

Answers to these questions will help determine if you are at risk for CVI and if a vascular exam will help us better assess your vascular health status.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Please circle either Yes or No

1. Are your legs swollen, painful, red or warm to the touch? _____ Yes / No
2. Have you had a blood clot in a vein that caused inflammation, pain or irritation? _____ Yes / No
3. Do you have varicose veins (veins that are enlarged or swollen and raised above the surface of the skin) in the legs? _____ Yes / No
4. Have you had a Deep Vein Thrombosis (DVT) in the past and are experiencing pain, swelling, changes in skin color, cellulites, or non-healing ulcers? _____ Yes / No
5. Do your legs feel heavy, tired, restless or achy? _____ Yes / No
6. If you push on your swollen foot, ankle or leg for 10 seconds and release, does your fingerprint leave a dimple? _____ Yes / No
7. If your feet, ankles and legs are swollen, does the skin look stretched or shiny? _____ Yes / No
8. Do you have an ulcer on the inside of your ankle? _____ Yes / No
9. Are you presently employed? _____ Yes / No
Type of Work _____
10. Is there prolonged sitting or standing? _____ Yes / No

Have you been treated with any of the following:

1. Support/Compression Hose? _____ Yes / No
If yes, type, strength and how long? _____

2. Injections/sclerotherapy _____ Yes / No
3. Vein stripping _____ Yes / No
4. Stab phlebectomy _____ Yes / No
5. EVLT or RFA _____ Yes / No

Have you had a venous duplex scan of the legs? _____ Yes / No
if so, where and when _____