

Royal Berkshire Vein Clinic

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**Specialist treatment of leg and facial veins using
surgery, sclerotherapy and Veinwave**

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Veinwave Therapy

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Veinwave

Veinwave (www.veinwave.com) is a revolutionary technique developed by vascular surgeons specifically for the treatment of fine thread veins. It is a unique in its use of microwaves to heat the vessels utilising a very high frequency energy - a process known as thermo-coagulation. This often results in their immediate disappearance.
www.veinwave.com

Follow this link for press coverage of Veinwave and a video link from "This Morning" television programme http://www.veinwave.com/press_1.html

Micro-injection sclerotherapy is used in conjunction with Veinwave to treat thread veins of varying sizes on the legs. Laser devices, originally designed for hair removal, are used by some beauty therapists to treat thread veins. Laser treatment is painful, offers limited success and is prone to scarring.

Veinwave uses an ultra-fine insulated needle to allow accurate application of the treatment while protecting the skin and surrounding tissues. Spider or thread veins are similar to varicose veins but are a lot smaller and closer to the surface of the skin. Spider veins are usually red or blue in colour and resemble a spider web pattern. They occur most often in women and usually appear on the face and the legs.

The most common causes of spider veins include: Prolonged standing or sitting. Defective valves in the underlying veins. Other factors that may play a role in the development of spider veins include: Heredity, hormonal changes, pregnancy and sun exposure.

Staining and scarring has not been described after Veinwave. The procedure is relatively painless and, unlike other treatments can be applied to all areas of the body.

Facial thread veins

Facial thread veins can be embarrassing and unsightly in both men and women. Veinwave is the only effective treatment for this condition. See my website (<http://www.royalberkshireveinclinic.co.uk/veinwavefacialveins.htm>) for information on facial vein treatment, an information pack download is available.

Veinwave treatments are carried out in twenty minute sessions. Your consultant surgeon will carry out the procedure personally with the aid of a special light source and magnifying glasses. Treatments may be weekly or more widely spaced. The appropriate timing will be explained to you during the initial consultation. It usual to require several treatments of a specific area. Veinwave is highly successful when used for the appropriate thread veins.

Before coming for treatment please do not use an artificial tanning product, foundation or moisturiser on the affected area. Veinwave like all other treatments of thread veins is not advised for pregnant women. If you are epileptic, the treatment

may not be suitable for you. Please tell your surgeon if you may be allergic to nickel (watch back plates, etc)

Immediately after the treatment you can resume everyday activities. Avoid sun on the face for a couple of days or use a sun block. After a few days very small micro-crusts like the marks from a cat scratch will appear where Veinwave has applied. This is normal and no special care is needed. These will disappear on their own. It is best not to retreat an area for 6 weeks. At that time your consultant is best able to see if any small veins remain.

Once a thread vein has been successfully treated it cannot come back. It is possible to make more thread veins but these too can be treated.

This information is general in nature. It is for guidance only, your surgeon can advise you on specific information relating to your condition.

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