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Welcome to The Vein Center, at Portland Surgical Associates

We understand the pain, discomfort and embarrassment associated with varicose and spider veins. We also understand that you are making a difficult and important decision regarding not just your appearance but also your health. We may understand the importance of these issues; however, your insurance company may feel differently.

Chronic venous disease has a spectrum of clinical presentations from cosmetically undesirable spider and varicose veins to recurrent venous stasis ulcers. The symptoms can range from a mild discomfort or a dull ache or heaviness to severe debilitating leg pain. A thorough evaluation including a detailed medical history and physical examination and possibly non-invasive testing such as ultrasonography may be necessary; not only to document the severity of your venous insufficiency but also as a means to develop a proper and successful treatment strategy for your long term satisfaction.

When medically indicated and after the appropriate work-up and documentation many of the insurance companies including Medicare cover varicose vein surgery and Laser Ablation of the Greater and Lesser Saphenous veins. Your insurance may even cover Sclerotherapy upon documentation of the following:

- More than one episode of minor hemorrhage from rupture of superficial varicosities;
- Active ulcer secondary to venous stasis;
- A single but severe episode of hemorrhage from a ruptured vessel, especially if transfusion of blood is required;
- Unsuccessful conservative management such as analgesic medication, and compression hose for a minimum of 6 months;
- Recurrent episodes of superficial phlebitis.

If your clinical situation does not fit these requirements, your insurance company may not cover the cost of your treatment. If you choose to accept our recommendations and begin treatment for your varicose and spider veins under these circumstances, then you will be responsible for the charges at the time of your visit unless other arrangements have been made.

As a reminder, your appointment is with Dr. Rogers / Dr. Russell on _____ at _____.

We look forward to meeting you in person to answer any and all of your questions. For more information visit our website at www.TheVeinCenteratPortlandSurgical.com or feel free to contact our coordinator at The Vein Center, Ms. Martha King, CMA, at 207-878-3177.