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SCLEROTHERAPY INFORMED CONSENT

Nature and Purpose of Sclerotherapy

I authorize vein specialists at Total Vein Care to inject FDA-cleared sclerosant, Sodium Tetradecyl Sulfate (STS) or Polidocanol, into my veins for the purpose of endovenous chemical ablation (EVCA) in an attempt to improve the symptomatology and/or cosmetic appearance of specifically targeted veins in my body.

Alternatives

I understand that, in addition to doing nothing, alternative treatments for ablation of veins do exist. Conservative treatments such as compression, and surgical procedures including stripping and/or ligation, surface laser treatment, ambulatory phlebectomy, and endovenous laser ablation are options which I have discussed with my treating Vein Specialist at Total Vein Care.

Risks

The nature of the procedure(s) to be performed have been explained to me, and I understand that among the known risks are bruising, pigmentation changes, skin breakdown (wound and scars), local pain, swelling, inflammation, secondary matting or newly formed surface veins, and allergic reactions. I am aware that in addition to the minor risks above described, there are other risks which are very rare which include infection, inflammation, formation of blood clots within the deep venous system, inadvertent intra-arterial injection which could be limb threatening, and local nerve compression or injury.

Proposed Treatment

I understand that the practice of Medicine and Surgery is not an exact science, and therefore, reputable practitioners cannot guarantee results. No guarantee has been given to me by anyone, as to the results that will be obtained by undergoing a sclerotherapy procedure. I have had sufficient opportunity to discuss my condition and proposed treatment(s) _____ MD and Staff at Total Vein Care, and all of my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I believe that I have adequate knowledge for which to base an informed consent to the proposed treatment of endovenous chemical ablation (sclerotherapy).

Photographs

I consent to be photographed before, during, and after the treatment. I understand that these photographs shall be the property of Total Vein Care. By signing below, I consent to allowing these photographs to be published in scientific journals, shown for scientific reason, and/or patient education.

Cosmetic versus Therapeutic (Medically-Indicated) Sclerotherapy

Total Vein Care primarily provides therapeutic vein care. On occasion, cosmetic sclerotherapy may be performed, but only after the completion of therapeutic vein care. My treating Vein Specialist will always tell me when therapeutic (or medically-indicated) vein care is being done versus cosmetic vein care. If you have Medicare, any treatments beyond what was estimated to be medically necessary or determined by your Vein Specialist to be therapeutic vein care will be your responsibility, as this extends into cosmetic vein care which is never covered by insurance. Likewise, if you have private medical insurance, any sclerotherapy sessions considered cosmetic according to your Vein Treatment Policy will be your responsibility. Payment will be due at the time cosmetic vein care services are rendered.

Patient Name

Patient Signature

Date Signed