

LASER TREATMENT FOR VEIN AND OTHER VASCULAR PROBLEMS

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At Tristram Clinic we use Cutera Laser for treating vascular problems. This refers to the treatment of red facial, neck and chest veins and other vascular lesions like rosacea and spider naevi. The Cutera Laser combines the ideal wavelength with the most flexible parameters to deliver a superior vascular laser system. It treats a broad range of vessels from tiny spider veins to deep blue reticular veins quickly, safely and effectively. Patients with dark, light or even tanned skin can experience outstanding results.

HOW DOES IT WORK:

The Cutera Laser delivers pulses of light energy that cause the blood within the vein to coagulate, eventually destroying the vessel which is later reabsorbed by your body. Blood flow will then be redirected to veins deeper below your skins surface, where it should be.

The Cutera Laser can remove unsightly veins from all parts of the body. Small, facial veins [or telangiectasia] can be treated quickly without bruising or complications. Spider veins and large blue leg veins can also be treated with excellent results. Knotty varicose veins are not good candidates. A careful evaluation with your physician will help you determine which vessels can be treated and the best course of treatment.

AFTER CARE:

Following your treatment, some redness or bruising may occur. Although many patients report few if any side effects, those most commonly noticed are slight reddening and local swelling of the skin. These effects typically last for less than 24 hours. Some patients may experience bruising and, in rare

instances, blistering may occur. Consult with your medical professional for complete information about the benefits and the risks of treatment.

HOW MANY TREATMENTS:

Often, patients find that one or two treatments are sufficient. However, the number of treatments necessary depends on the number, color and size of the vessels being treated. Individual results vary.

COST:

Laser treatments for treating vascular problems are quoted at \$150 - \$400 per session. For small lesions or extremely minor treatments such as spider naevi on children, the cost is at the nurse's discretion. Generally there will be an initial charge and then no further costs after that, but this will be discussed at the time of the first consultation.

SAFETY:

The Tristram Clinic's Cutera Laser is considered a very safe and effective. All therapists are highly qualified professionals. Because extreme heat is involved the possible side effects or complications are those of burning. This will be discussed more fully at the time of consultation and/or first treatment. You will be asked to sign a consent form prior to treatment outlining all the possible side effects and risks. Laser can damage eyesight so you will have shields placed over your eyes. Anyone accompanying you will be given safety goggles. It is therefore not suitable to bring young children with you.