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## Sclerotherapy: Varicose Vein Treatment

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# Look better and feel great with Varicose Vein Therapy

Varicose veins are the most common vascular disorder in humans. They can be painful, unsightly and embarrassing. Fortunately, through technology, varicose veins have become easier to treat.

Dr. Deanna Huntwork provides fast, professional, confidential sclerotherapy services at her offices in the Lincoln Medical Center Building and Lincoln Hospital in Davenport. A board certified General Surgeon, Dr. Huntwork listens to her patients to find solutions to both medical and cosmetic problems.

## What are Varicose Veins?

Any dilated (big), long, tortuous vein most often found in the leg and thigh areas. They are often red or purple in color and bulging. Symptoms you may recognize include leg heaviness or aching due to pooling of blood in larger veins.

## What causes Varicose Veins?

Mostly seen in women, varicose veins are often caused by female sex hormones, having babies, standing in one place for prolonged periods (especially on hard surfaces) and genetics.
The good news is, these veins are generally not being used by the venous system to carry blood, so they can often collapse permanently through a simple procedure called Sclerotherapy.

## How does Sclerotherapy work?

Dr. Huntwork will inject the varicose vein with a solution which causes it to scar within itself, collapse and gradually disappear. A microneedle, which causes very little pain, is used during this convenient out-patient procedure.

## How many treatments will I need?

Although this is an effective treatment, complete correction of the vein does not always happen with the first injection and a second treatment may be needed for optimal results. Most veins disappear within two weeks to two months after treatment.

## How do I get ready for my Sclerotherapy treatment?

Prior to your treatment, Dr. Huntwork will help you decide if you are a candidate for this therapy. She will assess your complete medical history and determine if Sclerotherapy is best for you. If you have spider veins, you may be a candidate for Intensed Pulse Light Treatment (PhotoDerm) which is also available at Dr. Huntwork's office.

## What is treatment like?

Using a tiny syringe fitted with a microneedle, Dr. Huntwork injects veins with small amounts of sclerosing solution. When the vein begins to collapse, the needle is withdrawn and immediate pressure is applied to the area. Most patients report little or no discomfort, however some report a mild burning sensation when the solution is injected. The feeling goes away in just a few seconds.

## What is recovery like?

Patients are generally encouraged to resume normal activities within 24-hours and walking is helpful to increase blood flow and stimulate healing. To keep pressure on the area, you will be required to wear special heavy duty stockings or Ace Bandages. This reduces bruising and helps keep the treated veins closed. Bruising usually disappears after one week while brownish pigments in the area may be evident for up to eight weeks. Dr. Huntwork encourages all patients to ask questions and keep in contact during recovery.

## What about cost?

Cost depends on the number of treatments. Most insurances do not cover Sclerotherapy, but our office manager will be happy to explore all options for payment with you including talking with your insurance carrier.

***Most patients experience a 60-80 percent improvement after Injection Sclerotherapy.***