

New Advances in Varicose Vein Removal

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Varicose veins are superficial veins in your legs that have enlarged due to increased pressure that builds up while standing. Varicose veins are torturous, often bulging veins. They affect millions of people and cause heaviness, pain, aching, burning, leg swelling and significant social embarrassment. Varicose veins can occur for numerous reasons, and typically occur more frequently in women. This condition is easily diagnosed with a special type of ultrasound performed in the office.

In the past, varicose vein patients had to endure long, painful surgery done in a hospital under general anesthesia. Recovery from this surgery often required several weeks and could be complicated by infection or blood clots. Fortunately, that procedure is obsolete. Revolutionary technological advances have greatly reduced the pain, recovery time and potential complication risks that were associated with previous varicose vein procedures.

Although these modern procedures are much less cumbersome and traumatic than those of the past, they can still leave unsightly and permanent scars. Thanks to a new advanced technique which I recently developed, varicose veins can now be removed through small needle punctures. Performed under local anesthesia, this procedure is practically painless, and can be performed in the office with little interruption of daily activities.

For those suffering from varicose veins, there is no longer a reason to hesitate to get treatment. These advances provide the ideal solution to be permanently rid of this unpleasant and painful condition. Fall is the perfect time to begin getting your legs ready for next summer.

For your convenience, Dr. John Gallagher has offices in both Nassau and Suffolk counties. Call **(516) 986-1972** today to schedule your consultation.

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