

A remedy to unsightly and painful veins

Leading vascular surgeon Michael Gaunt discusses the treatment of varicose veins and threadveins

HAVE you spent years putting up with painful and unsightly varicose veins? Have you dreaded showing your legs off this summer because you have been too embarrassed? Well, help is at hand thanks to the dedicated expertise of vascular surgeon Michael Gaunt who explains that the problems are very common.

“With an estimated 20% of the population suffering from varicose veins, there is no need to feel embarrassment,” said Mr Gaunt.

“And you shouldn’t delay, as ignoring the problems will only make them far worse.” Award-winning Mr Gaunt performs hundreds of procedures a year, on both varicose veins and thread veins, often caused by wear and tear on the skin.

He is also a pioneer of the Endovenous Laser technique at the BMI St. Edmunds Hospital. In his 25 years practising, he has seen first-hand the effects of ignoring varicose veins, listing venous eczema and venous ulceration as problems that can occur if left untreated. He has also seen medical advances which make treatment of troublesome veins much more straightforward. Mr. Gaunt reflects and says, “Where once it required major surgery and a hospital stay, this is no longer the case. Modern techniques can be performed under local anaesthetic, with pin-hole incisions, a four-hour stay in hospital and a return to work within one or two days rather than weeks. If you go to the right person, you can be back on your feet in no time, the difference to someone’s life is amazing.” A former patient of Mr Gaunt, Mrs C said: “I would highly recommend anyone suffering with problems - be they cosmetic or physical - as a result of damaged veins to talk through the options with Mr Gaunt. The improvement to my health and fitness has been phenomenal and is difficult



Vascular surgeon Michael Gaunt

to put into words. My only regret is not having known about or having had the operation sooner.”

Last year Mr Gaunt became one of the first surgeons in the UK to offer the Clarivein treatment which further simplifies the procedure of treating varicose veins. He explained: “As well as needing less local anaesthetic, it is even less invasive than current treatments due to the use of a special catheter which combines mechanical and chemical energy to seal off the problem vein.”

If you decide to have treatment, Mr. Gaunt invites you to make an appointment for a free 15 minute mini consultation, where he can look at the diagnosis and discuss potential treatment and steps forward. These no obligation consultations are offered by Mr. Gaunt at the BMI St Edmunds Hospital, the Spire Cambridge Lea, the Spire Norwich Hospital and Cambridge Lea. What better way to go forward than by feeling younger, healthier and more confident again.

■ More information is available from www.michaelgaunt.com or by calling his private secretary on 01223 305858.

Further information

- Mr Gaunt is experienced in treating varicose veins with the Endovenous Laser technique and has performed over 3000 of these procedures in the private sector and was delighted to be one of the first surgeons to offer ClariVein treatment in the UK.
- Varicose veins are often considered a cosmetic condition but if neglected can result in complications.
- Minimally invasive local anaesthetic procedures can be used to treat varicose veins.
- Thread veins and spider veins can be treated effectively in the clinic but proper assessment is necessary prior to treatment to exclude any underlying conditions.
- Consultant vascular surgeon Mr Gaunt specialises in endovascular and minimally invasive techniques for the treatment of varicose veins.
- Mr Gaunt was the first UK surgeon to use the latest radial fibre technique.