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SCLEROTHERAPY OF SPIDER AND VARICOSE VEINS POTENTIAL RISKS

Just as there may be risks and hazards in continuing in your present condition without treatment, there are risks and hazards related to the performance of the medical procedures planned. Realize that complications can occur after sclerotherapy and may include, but are not limited to those listed below:

1. No available treatment for spider and varicose veins is successful 1000/0 of the time. Results are not guaranteed. Multiple treatments may be required. Treated veins may fail to close, or may close and then re-open. Additional or alternative treatments may be required. Vein disease is a chronic disorder; new problem veins will likely appear over time.
2. Brownish discoloration can occur after treatment. This is not uncommon but is usually temporary. It could take several weeks to months to resolve. It is uncommon for discoloration to be permanent.
3. New spider veins (telangiectatic matting) may occur around treated areas. These small veins usually resolve spontaneously but can be permanent.
4. Bruising is common and typically resolves over a few days to weeks.
5. Blistering, redness, itching, irritation, swelling or pain can occur. Infection or ulceration and scarring occur rarely.
6. Allergic reactions are rare. They range in severity from mild to life threatening reactions.
7. Inflammation around a vein can occur. It may be tender but generally resolves with treatment. Tenderness, bruising or firmness in the treated area can occur and may be long lasting but rarely permanent.
8. Deep vein thrombosis is very rare. This could permanently damage some of the deep vein valves and contribute to leg vein problems such as swelling, leg pain and ulceration. It could also lead to a pulmonary embolus, a potentially life threatening clot in the lungs.
9. Irritation or injury to a nerve, causing prolonged discomfort, numbness or difficulty walking is very rare.
10. An arterial injection may occur very rarely. Consequences can range from discomfort, scarring of the skin, injury to muscle or nerves or other tissue, of loss of limb.
11. Other side effects are possible although uncommon.

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