



Vein Treatment Institute

of Bucks County

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Insurance Coverage for Treatment of Veins

1. Most insurance companies will “cover” treatment of veins (varicose veins, vein reflux) **ONLY** if the condition is causing symptoms (such as pain, burning, aching, bleeding, leg swelling), and if “conservative” treatment has been tried unsuccessfully for a period of time.

Often the insurance companies require a 6 month period of use of compression stockings, without complete symptom relief, before they will approve coverage for treatment of veins.

Often they require documentation of use of analgesics (pain medications including ibuprofen, Ultram, narcotics) to support a claim of pain symptoms.

2. Most insurance companies will **NOT** cover treatment of cosmetic problems, and therefore will **NOT** cover treatment of varicose veins that are not causing symptoms. Most insurance companies will **NOT** cover vein injections at all (sclerotherapy) even though sometimes it is recommended for treatment of a truly medical problem.
3. Most insurance companies will **NOT** cover any treatment of “spider veins” including injection sclerotherapy, laser treatments etc., as these veins are considered “cosmetic” problems only.
4. If your insurance company does not cover treatment provided, due to “lack of medical necessity,” you will be responsible for the fees for the treatments.
5. Our office will “pre-certify” all procedures that we believe will or may be covered. This will include providing your insurance company with the information that you provide to us regarding symptoms, prior treatments, etc. However, even with “approval,” most insurance companies maintain the “right” to retroactively “deny” coverage for medical/surgical procedures (believe it or not!). Of course, we will appeal all such denials, but sometimes this proves unsuccessful. For this reason you will be asked to sign an Advanced Beneficiary Notice, acknowledging that you will be responsible for uncovered fees should this unlikely situation arise.
6. You can contact your insurance company to inquire as the specifics of your particular situation. You should request any responses in writing if possible.