Consent for sclerotherapy
(micro injections of leg veins)

Patient: ________________________________       Date: _____________

I am aware of the advantages and disadvantages of sclerotherapy for the treatment of telangietasis (lesions composed of small veins) and larger veins. I understand the nature, goals, limitations, & possible complications of this procedure and have discussed this treatment and alternative forms of treatment with Dr. Mahoney and / or his nurse practitioner, Judie Franks. I have had the opportunity to ask questions about the procedure, its limitations, and possible complications (see below).

I clearly understand and accept the following:

1. The goal of sclerotherapy as a cosmetic procedure is improvement, not perfection. I understand my result will not be perfect.
2. The final result may not be apparent for several weeks. In order to achieve the best possible result, more than one procedure may be necessary depending on my particular condition. The doctor or his assistant will give me an estimate as to the number of procedures it will take to reach my goal.
3. The treatment fee is paid for the treatment itself. There may be an additional fee for follow-up visits if needed. There is no guarantee that the expected or anticipated results will be achieved.
4. I authorize the use of any photographs for teaching and other viewing purposes.
5. The treated areas will be red and may have brown freckling. You will have bandages on when you leave the office.
6. Larger veins, 1mm and greater may take longer to resolve than those that are less than 1mm.
7. There will be a warm, prickly feeling with the sclero-treatment.
8. There may be some redness and brown freckling in the treated areas, which will gradually fade.

Although complications following sclerotherapy are infrequent I understand the following may occur:

1. Slight swelling will occur in the treated areas, which will resolve in a matter of hours.
2. Treatment of leg veins result in some brown freckling of the skin, which will fade over time. Use of emollient will hasten the healing.
3. Lightening (hypopigmentation) or darkening (hyperpigmentation) of the skin may occur in the treated areas although this is not common. You are likely to have temporary lightening of the skin if your skin color is normally dark or if you are tan.
4. The parameters for the use of sclerotherapy have been carefully determined. However, bruising, ulceration, or scarring is possible, as in any invasive treatment, but uncommon.

5. Leg veins in a small percentage of patients do not resolve despite sclerotherapy treatment, meaning my condition may not improve with treatment.

My signature certifies that I understand the goals, limitations, and possible complications of sclerotherapy for leg veins and that I wish to proceed with the procedure. **I understand a nonrefundable deposit of $100.00 is required to secure my appointment.**

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Patient                                                                 Physician

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Witness

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Date