

# Exeter Vascular

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## Microsclerotherapy

### What is microsclerotherapy?

This treatment involves multiple injections in and around the tiny thread veins using a very fine needle and syringe. The aim is to scar up the feeding vein and therefore clear the thread vein.

The treatment takes around half an hour (depending in the extent of your veins) and can easily be repeated.

### What should I expect?

Mr Birchley will ask you to lie on a tilting table and the table will be angled so your legs are down. He will then scan the leg to be treated and insert one or more fine needles into the veins, injecting a liquid to close the veins off.

After your injections, the treated sites will be covered with a dental swab and tape. Your leg will then be bandaged.

### What anaesthetic is required for microsclerotherapy?

No anaesthetic is required.

## What are the risks of microsclerotherapy?

Injection microsclerotherapy carries the small risk of:

- Bleeding
- Bruising
- Staining (thread veins can take 2-3 months to disappear)
- Infection
- Recurrent thread veins

## What aftercare is required?

You will be able to walk and drive immediately after the treatment and the bandages can be removed after 48 hours.

Mr Birchley will see you for a review after 6-8 weeks. At that time, further top-up injections can be provided if required.