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RADIOFREQUENCY ABLATION (CLOSUREFAST) PROCEDURE DAY

After check in you will be taken to your room, the nurse will review your history, measure your vital signs and complete the consent forms. You will be given a hospital gown to wear. After that you may be given a mild oral sedative such as Ativan or Valium. In some cases, Intravenous sedation may be given. An IV will be placed in your arm if IV sedation is planned.

The Sonographer under your physician's guidance will then map the vein to be treated. The affected limb will be painted with an antiseptic such as iodine or chlorhexidine and draped.

After administering a local anesthetic, your physician will insert a small needle at an appropriate spot and place a catheter in the vein to be treated. Under ultrasound a tumescent solution of saline with an anesthetic and epinephrine is injected at multiple spots along and around the vein. Radiofrequency is then applied using the catheter along the entire length of the vein. Typically, this is not painful.

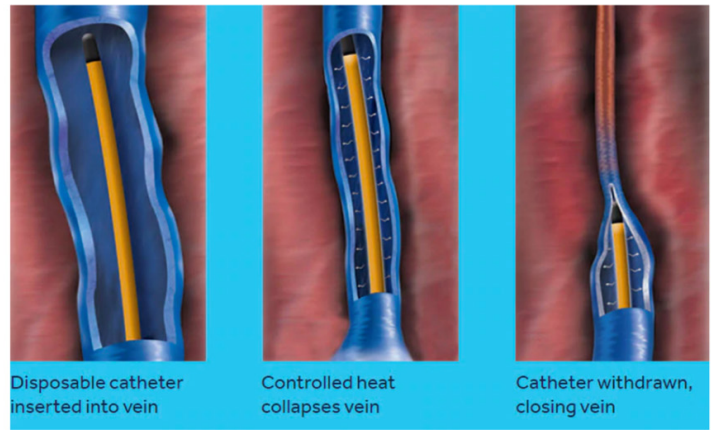
After the ablation, the treated limb is wrapped with gauze and elastic bandage.

The entire procedure takes around one hour.

HOW IT WORKS

The ClosureFast procedure is performed on an outpatient basis.

- Using ultrasound, your physician will position the catheter into the diseased vein through a small opening in the skin.
- The small catheter delivers heat to the vein wall, causing it to shrink and the vein to seal closed.
- Once the diseased vein is closed, blood will reroute itself to other healthy veins.



Following the procedure, a simple bandage is placed over the insertion site, and additional compression may be provided to aid healing. Your doctor may encourage you to walk, and to refrain from extended standing and strenuous activities for a period of time. The average patient typically resumes normal activities within a few days.¹

Notes and Additional Orders:
