



Facial Red Vein Removal/Décolletage

Patient Advice Sheet



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What causes Facial Red Veins?

Facial Red Veins or 'broken veins' are fine visible veins appearing near the surface of the skin.

They tend to become larger and more intensive over time appearing in clusters.

Exposure to the sun's ultra-violet rays, wind or extreme temperatures, steroid creams, hormonal changes during pregnancy and radiotherapy have all been recognised as causes of red veins.

Facial Red Veins can also be associated with Rosacea, a common condition of an unknown cause affecting the facial skin.

How does the treatment work?

Treatment with various lasers, particularly the ND YAG 1064 nm laser system works effectively on these conditions by matching the laser light to the colour of the lesion, eliminating the vessels by heat.

Through a technical process called photothermolysis, the laser only interacts with the unwanted red vein – completely bypassing normal vein free skin.

As each laser pulse is extremely brief there is no build-up of heat on the skin, minimising interference with the skin structure with virtually no risk of side effects.

Is it safe?

Yes.
Our state-of-the-art lasers are operated by fully qualified Doctors and Laser Nurses and are regularly checked to the very highest standards by our own in-house team of laser engineers.

As our clinic is registered with the Healthcare Commission, we adhere to the highest standards of health and safety carrying out audits on a regular basis.

How many treatments will I need?

This depends on the individual and seriousness of the condition but on average 4-5 treatment sessions can achieve removal of unsightly Facial Red Veins/Décolletage.

Following treatment there may be redness, localised swelling, darkening or blanching of the vessels treated.

Some tenderness may also be apparent which usually settles within a few days.

Possible side effects

Pigmentary changes, infection, blistering and scar formation (very rare).

Questions?

If you have any problems or questions please call the **Laser Clinic** on **0114 263 2101**