

## EXPECTATIONS FOR THE CLOSURE PROCEDURE

The CLOSURE Procedure is an excellent, minimally invasive procedure to treat your venous insufficiency. There is a time commitment for the scheduling of each patient that is necessary on your behalf as well as my office staff. The following are expectations that I have for patients who wish to have the CLOSURE Procedure:

1. I expect all patients to have been fitted for compression stockings beforehand. This is necessary to maximize the results of the procedure.
2. Patients must have proper **venous insufficiency Doppler** studies prior to being considered a candidate for the procedure.
3. A Doppler **vein mapping** is done a few days prior to the procedure.
4. I will see all patients the day of the procedure to discuss any questions, and possibly obtain a picture of their leg to document before and after photos.
5. I expect all patients to have a follow up Doppler of their leg(s) at three (3) separate time intervals **after** the procedure. These are at **one week**, at **one month**, and at **3-4 months** after the procedure. This documents that the treated vein remains closed and that you have no deep clot.
6. You may notice over the **first week** mild improvement in the sense of pressure on the leg and the veins. Over the **first month** more significant decrease in leg pressure and vein engorgement. After **three months** consideration may be given for additional treatment for residual veins. Not all veins magically disappear. Once you have venous disease you **always** have it. This is a process primarily to alleviate discomfort. Cosmetic benefit occurs, but is secondary.
7. I expect all patients to work with my scheduler, to choose a date that they wish to have the procedure performed and to **STICK TO THAT DATE**. Due to the involved scheduling and timing, it is very difficult to re-schedule the procedure.

In return you may expect from me *the very best that I can do*. We have tremendous experience with the Closure Procedure. Our results are published in the *Journal of Vascular Surgery*. I am very pleased to offer this leading-edge technology to you and hope that you are pleased with your results. I make myself available for questions or concerns to address your needs.

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