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Abstract

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Titel:

Is there a single method able to treat all kinds of varicose veins or not?

Summary:

We are able to treat any form of varicose veins by endoluminal means. But there is no single technique enabling us to treat all different veins by it.

Only the combination of different catheter approaches is capable to treat cases where not only stem veins are insufficient.

While RFA ablation (esp. CLOSURE FAST®) has been widely established as treatment for insufficient GSV and SSV it is unsuitable for the ablation of sidebranches and perforators. Steam ablation seems slowly being establishing itself for the treatment of sidebranches while it isn't suitable to treat larger perforators. ELVeS Radial Slim® catheter treatment with 1470 nm is doing this very well, while it is causing more postoperative bruises, pain and periphlebitis being used on stem veins.

A combination of techniques seems to be the appropriate way to treat more complex cases of varicose veins in a single procedure.

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