

Varicose vein treatment

We provide coverage for this procedure for adult members who meet medical necessity criteria. Submit authorization requests through the e-referral system.

The submitter will receive a prompt to complete a questionnaire to determine the appropriateness of the requested service. The questions are listed below.

If all questions are answered, e-referral will either approve or pend the case. If the case pends and we cannot authorize it, we will contact the provider for additional clinical information. Authorization is not a guarantee of payment.

Payment is based on established claim edits. We may retrospectively monitor compliance with authorization requirements.

Applicable procedure codes: *36465, *36466, *36470, *36471, *36475, *36476, *36478, *36479, *37718, *37700, *37722, *37780, *37785, S2202

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See below for the questions you'll encounter in the e-referral system.

Q Does the patient have itching or discomfort or heaviness in legs and varicosity by physical exam with ALL of the following (A-C)? A. Symptoms that interfere with activities of daily living which continue after activity modification for at least 6 weeks. B. An endovenous thermal ablation procedure NOT feasible. C. Superficial venous reflux of at least 500 milliseconds by duplex ultrasound. NOTE: Activity modification includes weight loss, light to moderate physical activity, leg elevation when at rest and avoidance of factors that make symptoms worse.

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A

Q Does the patient have an initial episode of superficial thrombophlebitis, and endovenous thermal ablation is not feasible and ONE of the following (A-C)? A. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications or acetaminophen for at least 3 weeks. B. Low molecular weight heparin for at least 6 weeks. C. Fondaparinux for at least 6 weeks. NOTE: Symptoms may include warmth, tenderness, redness, swelling, itching, tingling and tenderness or pain in the affected area.

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A



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Q Does the patient have recurrent episode of superficial thrombophlebitis and endovenous thermal ablation is not feasible? NOTE: Symptoms may include warmth, tenderness, redness, swelling, itching, tingling and tenderness or pain in the affected area.

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A

Q Does the patient have a significant hemorrhage (defined as substantial blood loss requiring blood transfusion) or recurrent bleeding from a superficial varicosity?

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A

Q Does the patient have active venous ulcer WITH superficial or perforator venous reflux of at least 500 milliseconds by duplex ultrasound and findings continue after treatment with BOTH (A-B)? A. Wound care with dressing for at least 6 weeks. B. Compression hose for at least 6 weeks.

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A

Q Does the patient have a healed venous ulcer with superficial or perforator venous reflux of at least 500 milliseconds by duplex ultrasound?

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A

Q Does the patient have lipodermatosclerosis (indurated skin that may have brown-red pigmentation) with SAPHENOUS vein reflux of at least 500 milliseconds by duplex ultrasound and continued findings after at least 6 weeks of compression hose use?

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A

Q Does the patient have lipodermatosclerosis (indurated skin that may have brown-red pigmentation) with PREFORATOR vein reflux of at least 500 milliseconds by duplex ultrasound and planned saphenous reflux procedure?

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A



Q Does the patient have leg or ankle edema (swelling) with superficial vein reflux of at least 500 milliseconds by duplex ultrasound AND findings continue after treatment with ALL of the following (A-C)? A. Compression hose for at least 6 weeks. B. Physical therapy or home exercise for at least 6 weeks. C. Leg elevation for at least 6 weeks.

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A

Q Does the patient have pigmentation or eczema of the skin with superficial vein reflux of at least 500 milliseconds by duplex ultrasound AND findings continue after treatment with ALL of the following (A-C)? A. Compression hose for at least 6 weeks. B. Physical therapy or home exercise for at least 6 weeks. C. Leg elevation for at least 6 weeks.

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A

Q Does the patient have a superficial or perforator venous reflux of at least 500 milliseconds by duplex ultrasound AFTER a previous varicose vein surgery?

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A

Q Does the patient have a prior saphenous vein procedure and varicose tributary (branch vein of a main vein usually either the great saphenous vein or small saphenous vein)?

A

Possible answers: Yes No N/A