

There's no need to put up with varicose veins or unsightly thread veins and facial veins, especially when the latest treatments are so quick and simple.

There are many conditions affecting the venous system in the legs ranging from cosmetic thread veins to serious medical conditions such as leg ulceration and thrombosis.

On the face many people suffer the embarrassment of red and purple veins on the nose, cheeks and chin.

Some conditions such as varicose veins may be thought of as cosmetic but if neglected can lead to serious complications.

Fortunately experienced consultant vascular surgeon Michael Gaunt is on hand to guide patients through the symptoms and treatments for a whole host of potential problems.

With an easy and caring bedside manner, Michael has built up a reputation of excellence and expertise in treating venous disorders during a 22-year career. He said: "It doesn't matter whether veins have become so problematic that they are causing significant symptoms or that the issue is merely cosmetic. There are various degrees of problems when it comes to the vascular system which can affect almost anyone at any time."

Michael, who consults at both the Spire Lea and Nuffield hospitals in Cambridge, is keen to emphasise the point that anyone can be affected with vein problems, regardless of gender, age or lifestyle, and that ignoring symptoms can only make the situation worse in the long run.

In addition to varicose veins, Michael also treats reticular veins, thread veins and spider veins - smaller veins underneath the skin which can often cause discomfort, itching and irritation. These veins can look unsightly but their presence can indicate an underlying problem with the main veins.

Unless this underlying problem is diagnosed and corrected first the treatment for the thread veins will not be successful. Therefore a full clinical assessment, including ultrasound, is essential before beginning any treatment.

On the face prominent red or blue veins can be socially embarrassing for both men and women. Once again a simple treatment in the outpatient clinic is available.

Michael is also quick to point to a recent revolution in the way vein problems are treated. He is committed to cutting-edge research and keeping up to date with the very latest minimally invasive treatments and techniques.

Gone are the days when patients were put under general anaesthetic for invasive surgery that would have them off work for weeks. He understands people's lives are very busy. Now procedures for varicose veins, such as the Endovenous Laser, are performed under local anaesthetic as a walk-in walk-out procedure with minimal postoperative pain and return to normal activity within days. This means there is no reason to delay treatment of these conditions.

Treating arterial problems, lymphoedema and hernias are also part of Michael's repertoire.

More information is available from www.michaelgaunt.com or by calling 01223 305858

Mr Michael Gaunt

Consultant Vascular Surgeon Treating Varicose and Thread Veins



- Varicose veins are often considered a cosmetic condition but if neglected can result in complications.
- Minimally invasive local anaesthetic procedures can be used to treat varicose veins.
- Thread veins and spider veins can be treated effectively in the clinic but proper assessment is necessary prior to treatment to exclude any underlying conditions.
- Consultant vascular surgeon Michael Gaunt specialises in endovascular and minimally invasive techniques for the treatment of varicose veins.
- Michael is experienced in treating varicose veins with the Endovenous Laser technique and has performed over 2000 of these procedures in the private sector.
- Michael was the first UK surgeon to use the latest radial fibre technique.
- Michael has a busy NHS and private practice in Cambridge. Away from surgery Michael is married with two children and enjoys keeping fit, reading and watching football and rugby.