



venous vascular surgery

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Thomas F. Wright, MD, is a board-certified phlebologist, a certified vascular sonographer, and the medical director of the Laser Lipo and Vein Center. He is a graduate of Duke University and the University of Missouri-Columbia. Dr. Wright was among the first 248 surgeons in the nation to be board-certified in phlebology, which is a specialty dedicated to treating vein disease comprehensively.

Vein disease affects more than 25 percent of the population and can be much more than just a cosmetic issue. Symptoms can include swelling, tenderness, restlessness, and fatigue in the legs. Many people with these symptoms are unaware they're caused by venous circulation problems.

Until five years ago, most varicose veins were treated with surgical stripping. Now varicose veins can be treated with a laser inside the vein, called endovenous laser ablation, without the trauma associated with vein stripping. The procedure is done in the office under local anesthesia with no scarring. Patients undergoing this procedure can return to their regular activities within one to two days.

Untreated vein disease can lead to leg ulcers and blood clots. Most medical insurance plans will pay for the diagnosis and treatment of symptomatic vein disease.

Dr. Wright is the only board-certified vein specialist who is a preferred provider with all major insurance plans in the St. Louis area.

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