

Facial Red Veins

Short Wave Diathermy

The Treatment:

A tiny hair like needle is applied to the skin and conducts an electrical current to heat up the blood in the vein. The blood clots and is broken down and reabsorbed by the body.

The treatment is uncomfortable, but bearable, and usually takes about 15 minutes.

After the treatment:

You may see an immediate improvement in the veins' appearance, but generally you can expect them to fade over a 4 to 6 week period.

Immediately after the treatment the area will look red from the heat.

Healing after the treatment varies from person to person. For the first couple of days the skin may look scratched as it dries from the inside.

Once the tiny rust spots have diminished there may be a pale redness.

Patients must keep the area clean and moisturised with the recommended after care gel, avoid scratching and protect the treated area from the sun and extremes of heat or cold.

How many treatments will I need?

It is not always possible to achieve 100% clearance. Often more than one treatment 4 weeks apart is necessary, particularly on larger veins and those around the nostrils.

Depending on the cause, the problem may return requiring further treatments in the future.

How safe is this treatment?

This is a heat treatment. Any risks are related to the damage caused to the skin by heating it. These risks include burning, scabbing, infection, pigment changes and scarring.

You are unlikely to have any problems if you follow the aftercare advice.

It is also possible to treat:

- Spider Naevous
- Red Blood Spots
- Skin Tags
- Milia
- Warts