

Varicose Veins Guideline – Review questions (ordered by appearance in the guideline).

Question number	Review Question
1	What are the perceptions and expectations of people with varicose veins (e.g. natural history, treatment) and how can they be addressed?
2	<p>a) In people with leg varicose veins at CEAP class C2 which signs, symptoms and/or patient characteristics are associated with disease progression to i) C3, ii) C4*, iii) C6?</p> <p>b) In people with leg varicose veins at CEAP class C3 which signs, symptoms and/or patient characteristics are associated with disease progression to i) C4*, ii) C6?</p> <p>c) In people with leg varicose veins at CEAP class C4* which signs, symptoms and/or patient characteristics are associated with disease progression to C6?</p>
3	In people with leg varicose veins are there any factors (clinical signs and symptoms or patient reported outcomes) that would predict increased benefits or harms from varicose veins interventional treatments?
4	Does the use of duplex ultrasound during assessment improve outcome after interventional treatment compared to no duplex scanning in people with leg varicose veins?
5	What is the diagnostic accuracy of hand held Doppler (HHD) compared to the gold standard of duplex scanning when used in patients with varicose veins?
6	What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of <b>compression therapy</b> compared with <b>no treatment or lifestyle advice</b> in people with leg varicose veins?
7	What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of <b>compression therapy</b> compared with <b>foam sclerotherapy</b> in people with leg varicose veins?
8	What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of <b>compression therapy</b> compared with <b>stripping surgery</b> in people with leg varicose veins?
9	What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of <b>compression therapy</b> compared with <b>endothermal ablation</b> in people with leg varicose veins?
10	What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of <b>stripping surgery</b> compared with <b>sclerotherapy</b> in people with <b>truncal</b> leg varicose veins?
11	What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of <b>stripping surgery</b> compared with <b>endothermal ablation</b> in people with <b>truncal</b> leg varicose veins?
12	What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of <b>sclerotherapy</b> compared with <b>endothermal ablation</b> in people with <b>truncal</b> leg varicose veins?
13	What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of <b>avulsion surgery</b> compared with <b>sclerotherapy</b> in people with <b>tributary</b> leg varicose veins?
14	What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of <b>truncal treatment accompanied by tributary treatment (avulsion or sclerotherapy)</b> compared with <b>truncal</b> treatment alone in people with leg varicose veins?

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15	What is the clinical and cost effectiveness of <b>interventional treatment followed by compression</b> compared with <b>interventional treatment alone</b> in people with leg varicose veins, and, if so, what type of compression, pressure of compression and/or duration of compression is optimal?

Special population groups considered separately: pregnant women