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## FAQ

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### WHAT ARE VARICOSE VEINS?

Varicose veins are enlarged veins that can be blue, red or flesh-colored. They are often raised above the skin on legs and look like twisted, bulging chords.

Varicose veins occur when the valves in the leg veins no longer function, causing blood to pool in the legs.

### WHAT IS VENOUS DISEASE?

Venous disease refers to conditions related to or caused by veins that become diseased or abnormal. The disease occurs when vein walls become weak, damaged, stretched or injured and veins stop working normally, causing the blood to begin to flow backward as the muscles relax.

Venous disease includes conditions such as varicose veins and CVI. If left untreated, varicose veins can progress to CVI, which is a more serious form of venous disease.

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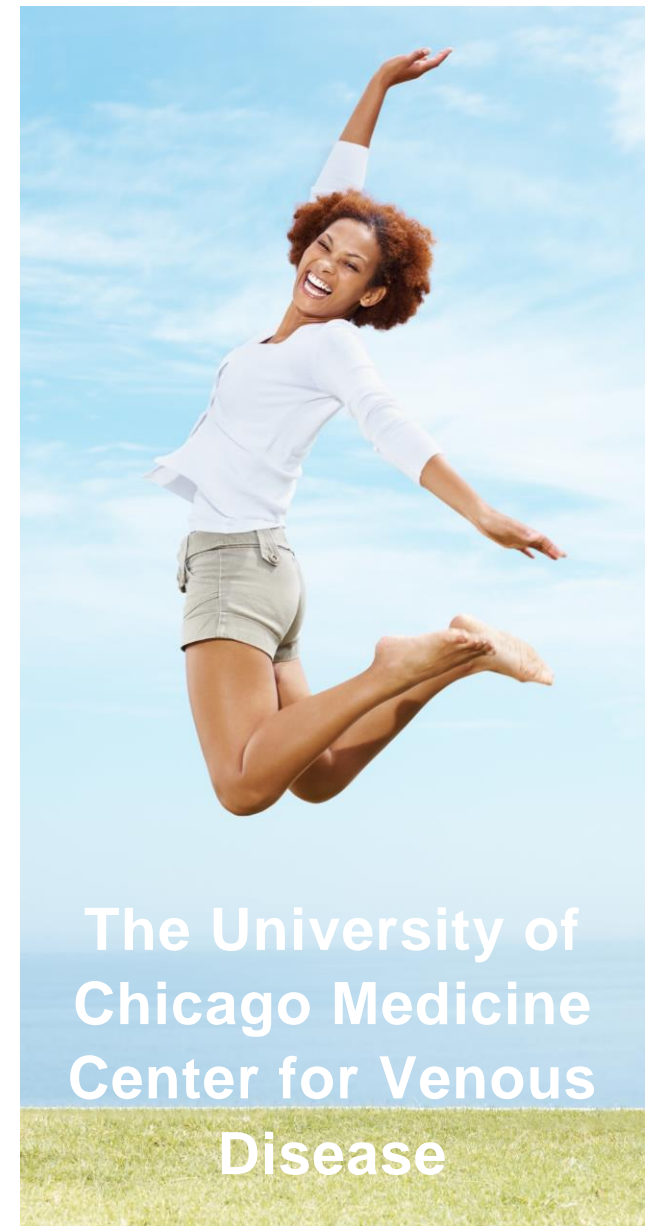
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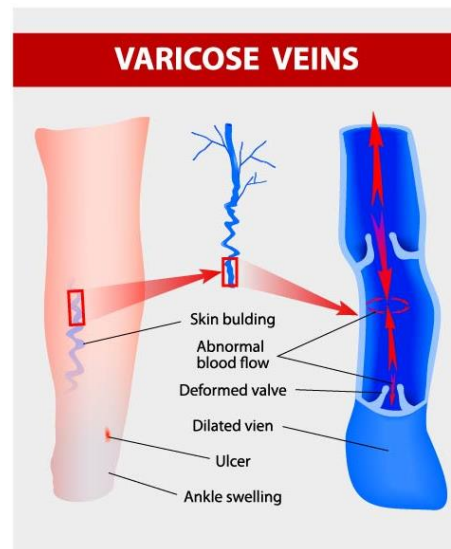
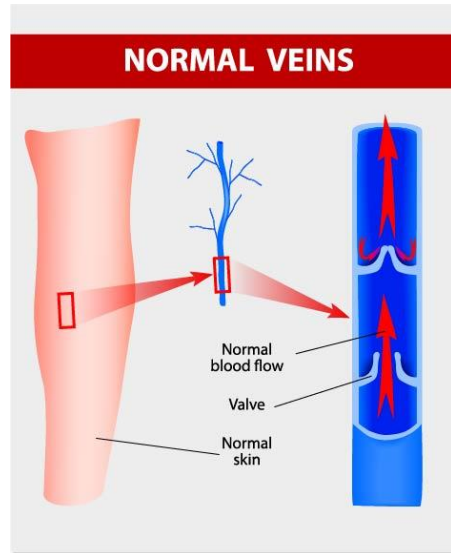
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## Our Services

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At the Center, patients are offered state-of-the-art evaluation and treatment for the full spectrum of venous disorders including varicose veins, reticular or spider veins, deep venous thrombosis and the complications of chronic venous insufficiency, including venous stasis ulcers and chronic leg swelling.

Our team of physicians, nurse specialists and ultrasound technologists provide a broad spectrum of treatment options including medical management, minimally invasive outpatient procedures and surgical treatment of venous disease. Services provided include sclerotherapy, microphlebectomy, percutaneous venous ablation, surgical vein ligation and stripping, wound care and surgical reconstruction to restore patency and function to the venous system. Our program's fully accredited vascular lab provides ultrasound evaluation to quickly and painlessly diagnose disorders of the venous system.



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## Our Team

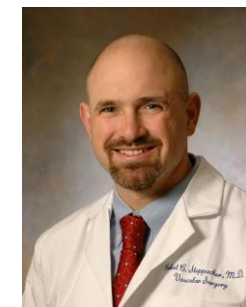
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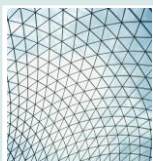
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**VENOUS DISEASE**  
Impacts more than 30 million Americans.

**2.5 million**

Dangerous blood clots form in the leg veins of Americans each year.



**VARICOSE VEINS**  
Can be more than a cosmetic issue, if left untreated they can progress to a more serious condition.