ELVeS Radial™

Minimally invasive laser therapy of venous insufficiency

- Great and small saphenous vein
- Tributary veins
- Laser treatment of telangiectasia
- Laser valvuloplasty
The ELVeS Radial™ procedure – a unique solution for treatment of venous incompetence

**A brief history of evolution**
Venous reflux disease is a common condition. Up to 55% of women and 45% of men suffer from symptoms such as fatigue, pain and swelling of lower limbs. Primary causes include congenital connective tissue weakness, hormonal changes and long periods of standing and sitting. Impaired veins can be more than just a cosmetic problem. Left untreated, venous reflux disease can progress to skin changes, discoloration, inflammation and even venous ulcer.

As a global pioneer in laser technique, biolitec® introduced the first medical 1470 nm diode laser in 2006 to improve the outcome of endoluminal laser use.
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**Why radial?**

Along with the 1470 nm laser biolitec®’s next remarkable innovation was the ELVeS Radial™ fiber in 2008. This atraumatic radial emitting fiber probe, in conjunction with our 1470 nm laser source for optimized energy control, formed the ideal combination for Endovenous Thermal Ablation and is considered the new state-of-the-art technology allowing for minimally invasive endoluminal treatment of venous reflux disease. The ELVeS Radial™ fiber applies energy safer and more accurately than any other fiber type in the endovenous market.

The patented radial (360°) energy emission ensures homogenous photothermal destruction of the vein wall, allowing immediate closure of the vein. By avoiding perforation of the vein wall and associated thermal irritation of the surrounding tissue, post-operative pain is minimized, as are ecchymosis and other side-effects. A micro-puncture kit is used to insert the ELVeS Radial™ fiber (atraumatic fiber tip) directly into and along the vein in a fast and safe one-step procedure. Optimal monitoring and positioning of the fiber tip is possible thanks to excellent ultrasound visibility.

The ELVeS Radial™ fiber is equipped with safety markings for optimal control of the pullback process in conjunction with our ELVeS® signal software.

> Short and intermediate term results of EVLA of the SSV with the 1470 nm diode laser and Radial fiber appears to be highly safe and effective in the elimination vein reflux. T King MD, Venous Research Foundation, Illinois – USA, IUA World Congress, 2010, Buenos Aires (Argentina)

> No doubt that Endovenous Laser Ablation will lead the thermal techniques in elimination of saphenous reflux. Can treatment outcomes be improved? In medicine nothing can be 100 % effective and we are already at a very high rate of success with saphenous ablation.” John Mauriello MD, FACPh, (USA), IUA World Congress 2010, Buenos Aires (Argentina)
Evolution continues

The presence and the future demand for even more intelligent solutions. Our effort to achieve a unique system in terms of safety and flexibility for the endoluminal treatment of varicose veins has led to our new 2ring™ fiber technology.

ELVeS Radial 2ring™

The 2-phase radiation with ELVeS Radial 2ring™ is the best choice for a perfect outcome, not only for experienced physicians, but also for beginners who ask for an efficient, safe and easy-to-use technique.

Splitting the laser power in two phases leads to an effective closure of the vein with

- Less energy density of each ring
- Perfect centration of the fiber tip by pre-shrinking effect
- Optimal homogenous radiation to the vessel wall even for large diameter >15 mm
- Easier pullback technique

ELVeS Radial slim™

Designed to treat superficial venous reflux on perforator veins and small saphenous veins. More complicated anatomies and recurrences from stripping can also be handled effortlessly with ELVeS Radial slim™ just by placing the ELVeS Radial slim™ fiber via a 16G catheter.

Applications

ELVeS Radial™ procedure*

- Great saphenous vein
- Small saphenous vein
- Accessory veins
- Perforating veins
- Recurrences
- Ulcus cruris

“Technology meets Anatomy”

* Only to be used with 1470 nm
Internal laser valvuloplasty

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Transdermal laser treatment of telangiectasia

- Easy transcutaneous application
- Very low side effects
- Handpiece with different spot sizes according target vessels

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We use ELVeS Radial™ and perform procedures without tumescent anaesthesia and our favourite protocol is the use of the quick Sensory Femoral Nerve Block. This gives a better US image enabling real time visualization of the vein closure, which improves results as we can respond according to the individual anatomy. Patients report none or little discomfort and less post procedure pain and side effects. JHG Ferreira MD, Phlebology Unit at Sao Lucas Hospital, Pontiac Catholic University (PUCRS) – Brazil, IUA World Congress 2010, Buenos Aires (Argentina)

In addition to this the Laser use can be tapped to the full potential by the following two applications:

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Safe and simple – the all-around solution with a built-in safety concept

The ELVeS Radial™ procedure offers the optimum treatment solution for an effective and gentle endovenous laser therapy and is setting new standards for patients and users. Performing an endovenous laser therapy has never been more convenient. Delivering homogenous laser emission based on a unique and patented distal design, ELVeS Radial™ minimizes the risk of vein perforations and assures high echogenic visibility. The 1470 nm laser energy is preferentially absorbed in the intracellular water of the vein wall and in the water content of blood. The irreversible photo-thermal process induced by the laser energy results in a complete occlusion of the treated vein. The ELVeS® signal software mode guides the user throughout the procedure. Individually addressable energy deposition to any length of the vein without having to retreat certain sections as with other products.

The ELVeS Radial™ procedure is ...
- Fast
- Safe
- Homogenous
- Effective
- Evidence-based

With the available results and patient/physician preferences it can be said that conventional high ligation plus stripping of the incompetent saphenous vein is no longer the gold standard treatment choice.

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