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# LOCAL SURGEON REMOVES PAIN AND RESTORES BEAUTY

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Most people view varicose veins as simply an unsightly condition, but sufferers know that they are more than that: varicose veins can cause physical problems that can range from mild discomfort to extreme pain.

Local surgeon, Dr. Philip LoPresti, has been treating patients with varicose veins and other vein-related issues since 2002 and has become an expert in many of the procedures offered by Continental Medical, located at 108-10 72nd St. in Forest Hills, phone 718 261 1471.

"Leg varicose veins" is a catch-all phrase that covers a number of conditions, including spider veins (mild telangiectasias), visible individual or cluster bulging (varicose veins), local infection within the vein and in the surrounding tissue (thrombophlebitis), leg ulcers and leg discomfort accompanied by a tired or weak sensation.

There are a range of treatments available from Continental Medical for these conditions including sclerotherapy and microsclerotherapy for varicose and spider veins. This is a technique Dr. LoPresti uses to seal the vein, which should then fade. This procedure is undertaken in the doctor's office and doesn't require anesthesia.

Laser therapy for telangiectasias or spider veins is also available. This uses a pulsed light to treat the affected area. A 1086 mm laser is used in conjunction with sclerotherapy for very superficial veins.

Endovenous laser techniques are among the treatments performed by Dr. LoPresti at Continental Medical and has largely replaced surgical treatment for varicosities. In this technique Dr. LoPresti has become an expert, performing over

1000 treatments to date.

This technique is state of the art for treatments of bulging varicose veins. It entails using sonography to locate the main offending vein and to thermally seal the vein using the laser. This can be done in the office without the need for hospitalization and results are cosmetically excellent. The Endovenous laser also has applications for patients with venous stasis ulcers and leg discomfort well. For these patients the treatment has helped them considerably.



**Dr. Philip LoPresti in his Forest Hills office. He has been treating varicose veins and other related conditions since 2000.** (Regina Rogers)

Patients are seen on consultation and depending on the nature of the patient's complaints and condition a Doppler ultrasound is then performed. This is to assess the level and severity of the condition. The patients then discuss the treatment options depending on the conditions and diagnosis that is found. "Not all cases of varicose veins are the same," Dr. LoPresti said.

Dr. LoPresti is a Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery. He attended Hofstra University and medical school at the University of Bologna in Bologna, Italy, completing his

schooling at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. He then attended the Brooklyn Hospital Center in General Surgery and in 2000 he was trained in the diagnosis and treatment of venous conditions. He has been active in this field since that time.

A Board Certified Surgeon, Dr. LoPresti is a member in good standing of the American College of Phlebology. Dr. LoPresti is Director of Ambulatory Surgery at Caritas St. Johns Queens Hospital in Elmhurst, NY, where he is presently developing a vein treatment clinic in addition to Continental Medical. He is a member of MSSNY and Assistant Secretary of Queens County Medical Society.