



## Provider Checklist-Outpatient -Varicose Veins

**CPT Code:** Branch Excision, Varicose Veins (37785); Endovenous Ablations, Varicose Veins (36475, 36476, 36478, 36479); Ligation and Stripping, Varicose Veins (37718, 37722); Subfascial Ligation-Perforating Veins (37500, 37735, 37760)

### **If requesting procedure for Branch Excision, Varicose Veins (37785)**

Describe Symptomatic varicose veins indication **ALL** of the following, where applicable:

Aching legs **WITH** Varicosities by PE; Continued symptoms after compressive hose Rx  $\geq$  6 wks **AND** Interferes with ADLs;

Superficial thrombophlebitis  $\geq$  2 episodes;

Continued superficial thrombophlebitis after NSAID INDICATING Rx  $\geq$  4 wks **OR** Contraindicated/not tolerated; **AND**

Bleeding from a varix INDICATING  $\geq$  2 episodes, Varicose vein in exposed location **OR** Bleeding from vein with multiple adjacent veins

### **If requesting procedure for Endovenous Ablation, Varicose Veins (36475, 36476, 36478, 36479)**

Describe Symptomatic varicose veins amenable to endovenous intervention indicating **BOTH** of the following:

Findings by US **WITH** Greater saphenous vein/lesser saphenous vein reflux **AND** Greater saphenous vein/lesser saphenous vein amenable to endoluminal catheterization; **AND**

Symptomatic varicose veins **AND** the following, where applicable:

Aching legs **WITH** Varicosities by PE; Continued symptoms after compressive hose Rx  $\geq$  6 wks **AND** Interferes with ADLs;

Superficial thrombophlebitis  $\geq$  2 episodes;

Continued superficial thrombophlebitis after NSAID INDICATING Rx  $\geq$  4 wks **OR** Contraindicated/not tolerated; **AND**



Bleeding from a varix **INDICATING**  $\geq 2$  episodes, Varicose vein in exposed location **OR** Bleeding from vein with multiple adjacent veins

**If requesting procedure for Ligation and Stripping, Varicose Veins (37718, 37722)**

Describe Symptomatic varicose veins indication **ALL** of the following, where applicable:

Aching legs **WITH** Varicosities by PE; Continued symptoms after compressive hose Rx  $\geq 6$  wks **AND** Interferes with ADLs;

Superficial thrombophlebitis  $\geq 2$  episodes;

Continued superficial thrombophlebitis after NSAID **INDICATING** Rx  $\geq 4$  wks **OR** Contraindicated/not tolerated; **AND**

Bleeding from a varix **INDICATING**  $\geq 2$  episodes, Varicose vein in exposed location **OR** Bleeding from vein with multiple adjacent veins

**If requesting procedure for Subfascial Ligation, Perforating Veins (37500, 37735, 37760)**

Describe Chronic venous insufficiency by duplex US **INDICATING BOTH** of the following:

Findings **WITH** Stasis dermatitis, Stasis pigmentation and lipodermoid sclerosis, Leg/ankle edema/swelling **AND/OR** Ulcerations of leg/foot; **AND**

Continued findings after Rx **WITH** Edema unimproved after Rx **WITH BOTH** Compressive hose  $\geq 12$  wks **AND** Leg elevation  $\geq 12$  wks; **OR** Ulcerations unimproved after Rx **WITH BOTH** Compressive hose  $\geq 12$  **AND** Wound care with dressings  $\geq 12$  wks