

# VNUS® ClosureFAST™ Ablation versus Laser for Varicose Veins

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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## Additional identifiers

EudraCT/CTIS number

IRAS number

ClinicalTrials.gov number

**Secondary identifying numbers**  
CRO1037

## Study information

**Scientific Title**

VNUS® ClosureFAST™ Ablation versus Laser for Varicose Veins (VALVV): a randomised clinical trial

**Acronym**

VALVV

**Study objectives**

Radiofrequency ablation using VNUS® ClosureFAST™ will result in significantly less post-operative pain and a greater improvement in quality of life in comparison to laser ablation.

As of 11/08/2009 this record has been updated to indicate that this trial has now closed to recruitment. The end of recruitment date was 30/06/2009. Follow-up will continue until 31/01/2010.

**Ethics approval required**

Old ethics approval format

**Ethics approval(s)**

Charing Cross Research Ethics Committee gave approval on 6th May 2008 (ref: 08/H0711/19)

**Study design**

Prospective randomised single-blind clinical trial, single centre

**Primary study design**

Interventional

**Secondary study design**

Randomised controlled trial

**Study setting(s)**

Hospital

**Study type(s)**

Treatment

**Participant information sheet**

Not available in web format, please use the contact details below to request a patient information sheet

**Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied**

Varicose veins

**Interventions**

1. Endovenous radiofrequency ablation 6-month follow-up duration
2. Endovenous laser ablation 6-month follow-up duration

**Intervention Type**

Other

**Phase**

Not Specified

**Primary outcome measure**

Average pain score at day 3 and day 10 following the procedure measured using an ungraduated visual analogue score (VAS) 0 = no pain, 10 = worst pain imaginable for 10 days following the procedure.

**Secondary outcome measures**

1. Use of analgesia, measured at 10 days
2. Improvement in quality of life using the Aberdeen Varicose Vein Questionnaire (AVVQ), the 12-item Short Form (SF-12) and the Specific Quality of Life and Outcome Response - Venous (SQOR-V) questionnaires pre-operatively and at 6 weeks post-intervention
3. Abolition of reflux at 6 months measured using colour duplex
4. Improvements in venous refill times using digital photoplethysmography, measured at 6 weeks and 6 months
5. Clinical improvement measured using the CEAP, Venous Clinical Severity Score (VCSS) and Venous Disability Score (VDS), measured at 6 weeks and 6 months
6. Return to normal activities and or work
7. Complications, assessed throughout the duration of the patient participation (6 months)

**Overall study start date**

07/07/2008

**Completion date**

31/01/2010

**Eligibility****Key inclusion criteria**

1. Adults aged over 18 years, either sex
2. Venous reflux of the great saphenous vein

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Adult

**Lower age limit**

18 Years

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

170

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Patients unfit for general anaesthesia
2. Current deep vein thrombosis
3. Previous venous surgery
4. Significant peripheral vascular disease/Ankle Brachial Blood Pressure Index (ABPI) less than 0.8

**Date of first enrolment**

07/07/2008

**Date of final enrolment**

31/01/2010

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

England

United Kingdom

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## Sponsor information

**Organisation**

Imperial College London (UK)

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**Sponsor type**

University/education

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**ROR**

<https://ror.org/041kmwe10>

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**

Charity

**Funder Name**

Mason Medical Research Foundation (UK)

## Results and Publications

**Publication and dissemination plan**

Not provided at time of registration

**Intention to publish date**

**Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan**

**IPD sharing plan summary**

Not provided at time of registration

### Study outputs

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/06/2010		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/02/2011		Yes	No