Role of a phlebologist within the multidisciplinary approach

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### DIAGNOSIS TREATMENT AND PREVENTION IN CHRONIC VENOUS DISORDERS

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### To recognize the disorders

#### CEAP classification

Eklöf B, Rutherford RB, Bergan JJ, Carpentier PH, Gloviczki P, Kistner RL, et αl. Revision of the CEAP classification for chronic venous disorders: consensus statement. J Vasc Surg 2004;40(6):1248-52.

Со	No visible or palpable sign of venous disease
C1	Telangiectasia or/and reticular veins < 3 mm
C2	Varicose veins
C <sub>3</sub>	Edema
C4	Trophic lesions (pigmentation, stasis dermatitis,
	lipodermatosclerosis, atrophie blanche
C <sub>5</sub>	•

### To recognize the disorders

CoS





### To recognize the disorders

- Chronic venous disorders from Cos to C6
- Chronic venous insufficiency (C<sub>3</sub> to C<sub>6</sub>)



### Prevalence of chronic venous disorders

- France 64 millions inhabitants
  - CVD 11.7%
  - C2 Varicosities 1.069.000 patients
  - C3 to C6 CVI 1.150.000 patients

CEAP	Patients	%	
Cos+C1	5 226 593	70.2%	
C <sub>2</sub>	1 069 311	14.4%	
C <sub>3</sub>	760 806	10.2%	
C <sub>4</sub>	163 202	2.2%	5.4%
C5+C6	225 892	3%	
Total	7 445 804	100%	

Cegedim Thalès data 2008

#### COS

• Are the symptoms of venous origin?

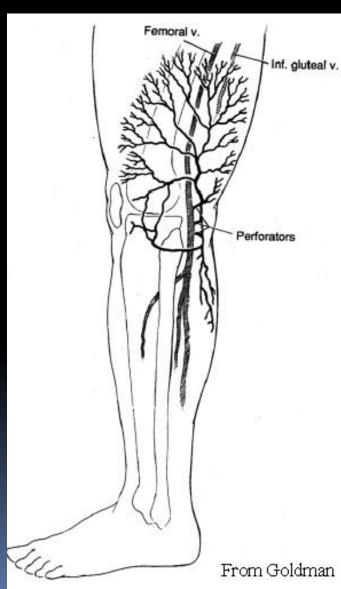


A scoring system (P. Carpentier) a combination of four criteria:

- . sensation of heavy or swollen legs
- . itching,
- . restless legs,
- . phlebalgia worsened by a hot environment or improved by a cold environment .

**- C**1

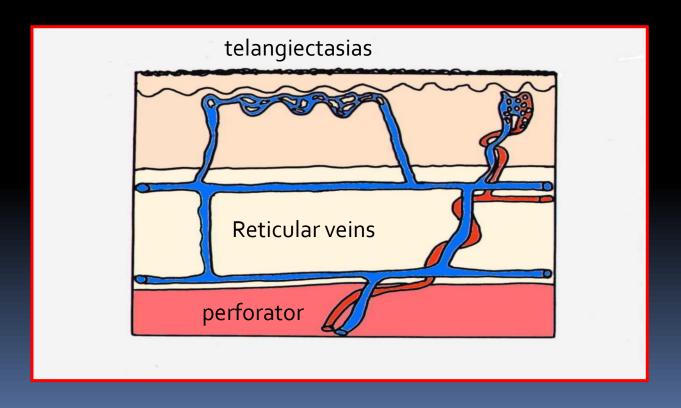
Identifying relationships between telangiectasias and underlying venous network



C1
Numeric mapping of reticular veins



Relation telangiectasia / reticular veins







A duplex should be mandatory



**C**1

Transillumination



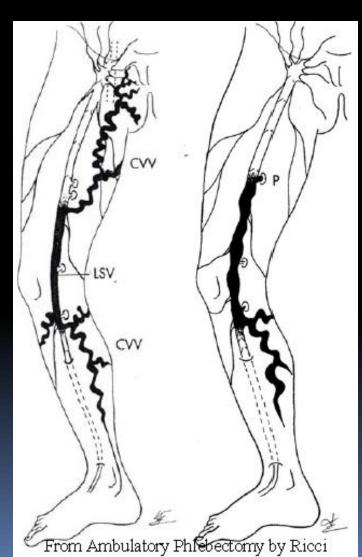
### **- C2**



Duplex and Mapping before treatment



- C2
  - Saphenous trunks
  - Tributaries
  - Perforators
  - Non saphenous veins
  - Deep venous system



- C2
  - Venous CT Scan
    - 10% patients
  - Phlebography
    - Pelvic congestion syndrome
  - Plethysmography
    - Venous pump failure

Chronic venous insufficiency C<sub>3</sub> to C<sub>6</sub>



C<sub>3</sub> to C<sub>6</sub>

- Arterial and venous duplex
- Venous CT Scan
- Phlebography
- Plethysmography
- Volumetry



Compression: the basic treatment of CVD from Cos to C6

## Ceap Classification and indications compression

INDICATIONS	10-20 mmHg	MCS 20-30 mmHg	30-40 mmHg	BANDAGE Multi layer	IPC
C0s	<b>1</b> B				
C1s	<b>1B</b>				
C1 after sclero		<b>1</b> B			
C2 a,s		<b>2B</b>			
C2s Pregnancy	<b>1</b> B	<b>1</b> B			
C3 Prevention	<b>1</b> B	<b>2B</b>			
C4b			1B (review)		
C5 Healed ulcer		<b>1A</b>			
C6 Active ulcer			<b>1B</b>	<b>1A</b>	<b>2B</b>

Consensus based on experimental data and scientific evidence Int.Ang. 2008,27,3,193-219



10-20 mmHg Symptoms

20-30 mmHg Compressing the varicose reservoir









- Cos C1s
  - Venoactive drugs
    - Siena consensus group
      - An overview of the venoactive drugs has shown capability to reduce venous symptoms
  - Correction of foot static disorders
    - Improvement of foot pump efficacy during walking



#### C1

- Sclerotherapy of the telangiectasias and feeder reticular veins could result in the resolution of the venous symptoms
- The efficiency of microfoam seems better than the liquid form
- The efficiency of dermal laser is controversial



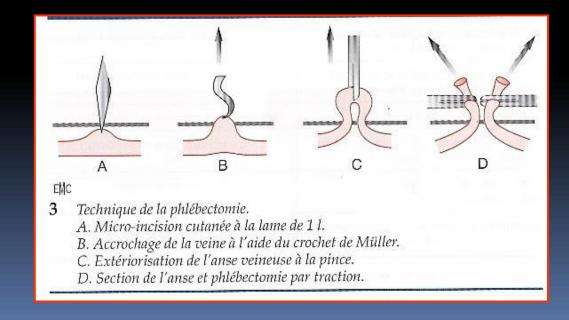
### C2 to C6 Vascular surgeon

- High ligation (controversial) + stripping
- + phlebectomy
- Asval (phlebectomy of venous reservoir)
- Chiva



### C2 to C6 Physician or vascular surgeon

Phlebectomy (also reticular veins)



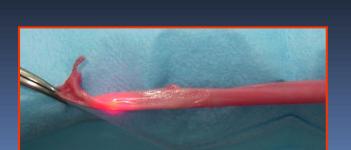
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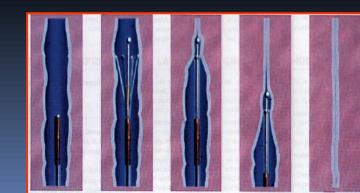
### Endovenous ablation

Foam on catheter, Steam water, Endovenous laser,

Vnus closure

- Long term results
  - Vnus closure > ELV > Micro-foam





### **C2 to C6**

- Micro-foam sclerotherapy > liquid sclerotherapy
- "Gold" indications of micro-foam
  - Small saphenous veins
  - Post surgery recurrence
  - Elderly patients



- Specific treatment for C6
  - Skin Graft
  - Dressings



### Prevention of CVD

### **Physical advice**

- . A proper lifestyle
- . Practice of appropriate level of physical activities
- . Antistasis exercises (sports including swimming, exercises and massage)
- . Evidence of their efficacy : poor or inexistent.

#### The results of Framingham study

- . Increased physical activity and weight control may help prevent varicose veins among adults at high risk patients .
- . Walking prevents dependent edema formation (venous pump action) .

### Role of a phlebologist within the multidisciplinary approach

- Conclusions
  - Overview of a phlebologist role
    - To appreciate the severity of CVD
    - To evaluate
    - To treat or to dirEct the patient
  - Good knowledge of other pathologies
  - Good Initial training